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Correction: Faculty perceptions of unidentified aerial phenomena

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A minor typographical error was identified in the abstract that could have adversely affected the intended meaning of the text. This has now been corrected.

The original text read:

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