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SELF CORRECTING SCIENCE – AN EMPTY PROMISE?

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An important link to thenewstatistics.com

I saw a talk by David Allison about his efforts to correct simple statistical mistakes in the published literature. He would notice a clear and obvious error, like a claimed interaction that wasn't actually tested properly. He would then send a polite email to the authors to explain the situation so it could be corrected. If the authors didn't respond, he'd move on to the editors. He went through case after case that he had pursued, and the result was almost always the same: indifference.

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