**Table S2. Instructions to authors about decimal places for percents from the selected journals.**

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| **Journal** | **Instructions to authors** |
| BMJ | None |
| BMJ Open | None |
| Environmental Health Perspectives | None |
| F1000Research | None |
| JAMA | “Do not use decimal places (ie, xx%, not xx.xx%) if the sample size is less than 100.” |
| Nature | None |
| PLOS Medicine | None |
| PLOS ONE | None |
| The Lancet\* | None |
| The Medical Journal of Australia | “Do not use percentages if the denominator is < 100, and round up percentages to one decimal place for denominators of 100–1000, or two decimal places for denominators greater than 1000.” |
| The New England Journal of Medicine | None |

\* All Lancet journals in the sample referred to the same author guidelines.

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