**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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