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Validating Vignette Designs with Real-World Data: A Study of Legal Mobilization in Response to Land Grievances in Rural China – CORRIGENDUM

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In a recent effort to replicate the results, the authors discovered an error in the code to produce [Table 3](#) of the article. The corrected table and the accompanying text are below (corrected text is in bold). The authors apologize for the error.

p. 594 corrected paragraph

The data also allow us to identify the specific factors potentially undermining valid descriptive inference. In the real world, the costs of behaviour are highly salient. When taking action over grievances, costs include time, money and political risk, among others. [Table 3](#) presents reasons given by respondents for not taking any given action for both hypothetical and real land grievances.³³ Strikingly, the lack of power (specifically, “the power of the other party is too great”) is the **second single** most important reason (reported by **18 27** per cent of respondents) for not taking action in the context of real-world grievances, while it is a minor factor (reported by only **2 3** per cent of respondents) in the hypothetical vignette. The data show, ~~perhaps surprisingly~~ that lack of knowledge is **equally less** salient for aggrieved households in the real world (**23 9** percent, compared to **21 24** per cent responding to the hypothetical vignette), suggesting that, **for those who do take action**, experiencing a real grievance may drive searches for knowledge and knowledge acquisition, something unanticipated by respondents to the hypothetical vignette. Similarly, time, money and the risk of losing connections are not obstacles to taking action in the context of real-world land disputes. Finally, not surprisingly, **20 21** per cent of respondents to the hypothetical vignette cite the lack of importance (specifically, “too trivial”), while only **6 8** per cent of respondents with real-world grievances cite this reason for taking no action, i.e. “lumping it.”

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Table 3. Reasons for Taking No Action in Hypothetical and Real-world Land Disputes

Reason	Hypothetical			Real-world		
	Frequency	%	Cumulative	Frequency	%	Cumulative
Lack knowledge	77	21	21	14	23	23
Lack time	8	2	23	1	1	24
Lack money	8	2	25	4	6	31
Put <i>guanxi</i> at risk	23	6	31	0	0	31
Lack effectiveness	32	9	40	7	11	42
Lack power	7	2	42	11	18	60
Too trivial	72	20	62	4	6	66
Other	140	38	100	21	34	100
Total	367	100		62	100	

Source: Author's survey.

p. 598 corrected sentence

Yet indeed, Table 3 ~~2~~ shows that in the hypothetical scenario, **2 per cent of some** respondents cite the lack of money as a reason for not taking action, whereas **6 per cent of no** respondents with actual grievances cite the lack of money as a reason for taking no action.

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