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In the October 2003 issue, the commentary by Bowden et al, titled "Underwater Birth: Missing the Evidence or Missing the Point?" (*Pediatrics*. 2003;112:972-973) contains an incorrect sentence. On page 973, left column (second full paragraph), the second sentence currently reads: "Alderdice et al,³ for example, reported on 4494 women who gave birth underwater, with 12 neonatal deaths (no reported reasons for death) and 51 infants with morbidities (again, no diagnoses given). We consider the mortality rate to be above expected." The authors offer this clarification, with additions in italics: "Alderdice et al,³ for example, reported on 8255 *women who had labored in water and got out for the birth*, and 4494 women who gave birth underwater, with 12 neonatal deaths (no reported reasons for death) and 51 infants with morbidities (again, no diagnoses given). We consider the mortality rate to be above expected. *We assume that only the lowest-risk patients would be offered the tub as an appropriate place to deliver, and therefore those delivering their babies underwater should have a lower mortality rate than the population at large.*"

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