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The penultimate sentence should have read, “Pervasive use of a ‘deficit model,’ which implies that all public and professional scepticism of science is unfounded and that corrective communication by experts is necessary, is unhelpful” [not “Pervasive discussion of the ‘deficit model,’ which implies that all public and professional scepticism of science is unfounded and that corrective communication by experts is necessary, is unhelpful,” as published].