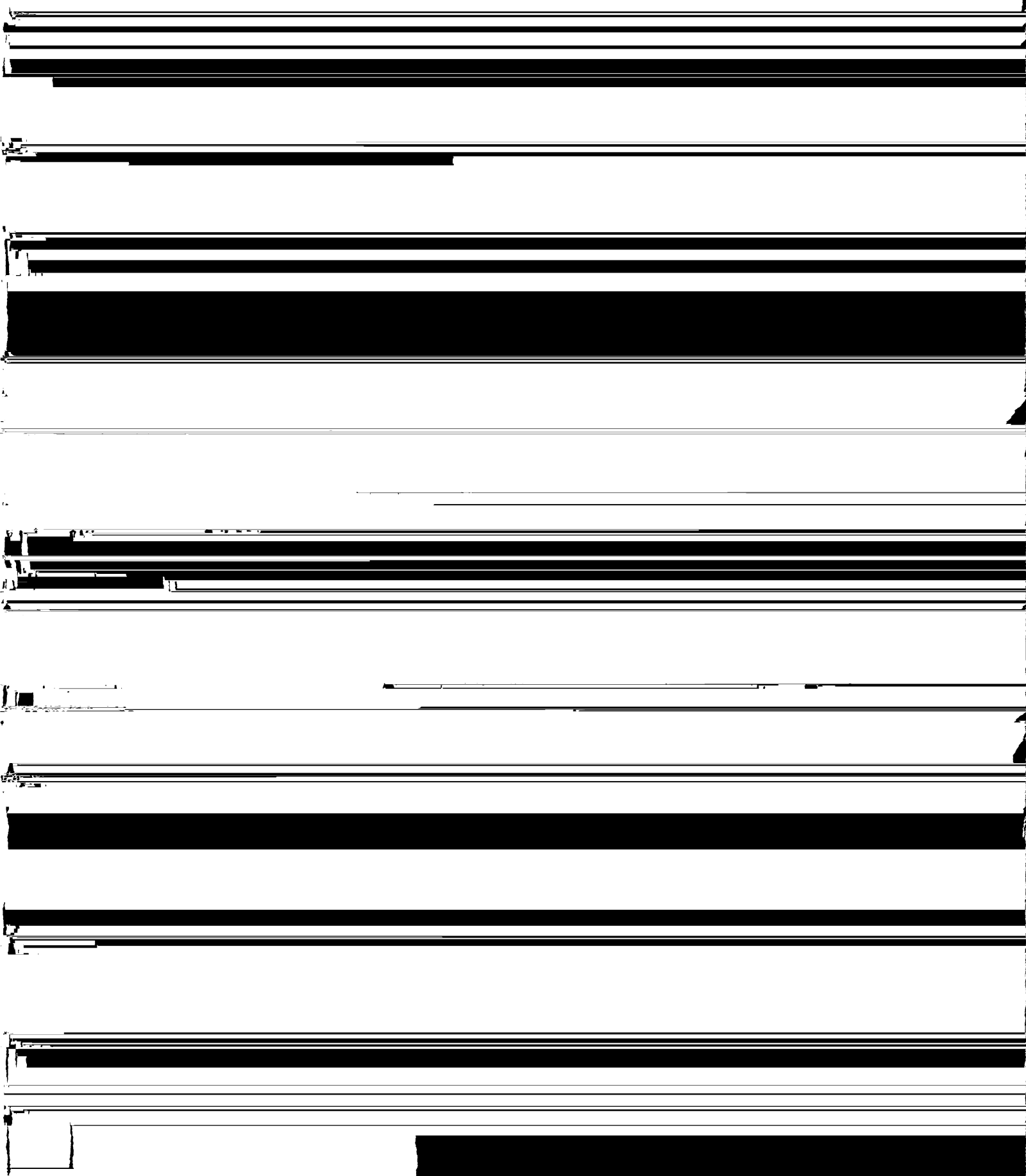


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academic difficulty with the medical course rather than being used as a competitive discriminant.

Many problems of assessing motivation and ability would be resolved if a greater proportion of entrants applied after a first degree course (in a manner akin to US graduate school), or after

Addendum

We have found (see table) that the ratio of applicants to places varies substantially over the United Kingdom. While it would be a gross oversimplification to assume that it was necessarily easier to gain admission to a university with relatively few applications—such as Cambridge—than to a medical school with a relatively large number—such as University College—nevertheless, when both the minimum target and the relative number of applications are taken

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