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Dear Editor J Appleford-Cook,

I am writing for resubmission of the revised manuscript entitled “The Box-Cox power transformation on nursing sensitive indicators: Does it matter if structural effects are omitted during the estimation of the transformation parameter?” for consideration for publication.

This work used simulation and example from the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI®), which at present has over 1,200 participating hospitals primarily from the United States, along with some hospitals from other parts of the world.

This manuscript has been written, edited, revised, and approved by all coauthors, which was originally submitted to the BMC Medical Research Methodology on April 18, 2011.

We appreciate the reviewers for their review and helpful comments and the editors for their detailed instruction, which, we believe, greatly improved the quality and clarity of the manuscript.

All changes in the revised manuscript are marked in red. A detailed point by point response to the concerns is as in the attached file.

We look forward to hearing from you and would be willing to address any further question.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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