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Title: Comparison of Generalized Estimating Equations and Quadratic Inference Functions Using Data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY) Database

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Dear Dr Puebla:

Re: Reviewers’ reports on “Comparison of Generalized Estimating Equations and Quadratic Inference Functions in Longitudinal Analysis of Data from the ‘National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY)’ Database”

We thank the editorial team for tentatively accepting our manuscript to the *BMC Medical Research Methodology*. We also thank the reviewers for their comments. The manuscript has been revised to conform to the formatting requirements of the Journal. With this re-submission, we have also provided point-by-point descriptions of the changes made to the manuscript, including the minor revisions suggested by the reviewers.

We hope the paper is in an acceptable form for publication in the *BMC Medical Research Methodology*.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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(A) Re: Reviewer’s report 1

Reviewer: Jos Twisk
The authors wish to thank the reviewer for the helpful comments and suggestions.

Minor Essential Revisions:
   1. Please see page 15, par 3 for revision.

(B) Re: Reviewer’s report 2

Reviewer: Rollin Brant
The authors wish to thank the reviewer for the helpful comments and suggestions.

Minor Essential Revisions:
   1. The label for Figure 2 has been revised.

(C) Abstract
The abstract has been shortened to 343 words.

(D) Highlighting/Tracking
Highlighting/tracking has been removed.

(E) Figures
The figures have been formatted and uploaded as recommended.