Author's response to reviews

Title: Fitting multilevel models in complex survey data with design weights: Recommendations

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Re: MS: 6698644172274584

Melissa Norton, MD Editor-In-Chief
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Dear Dr. Norton,

I am delighted to read that peer review of my manuscript entitled “Fitting multilevel models in complex survey data with design weights: Recommendations” has completed and that you have accepted the manuscript for publication in BMC Medical Research Methodology. At your request, I believe that my responses and changes fully address the reviewers’ concerns. Let me detail these changes:

**Editor’s Requests:**
1) We request that you go through the manuscript formatting checklist and ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to all of the points.
   
   I have done this and made some small formatting changes (e.g., placing tables at end of manuscript). None of these changes resulted in changes to the manuscript’s text.

**Reviewer: Alastair H Leyland**
1) P33 Appendix C Section C.3: The covariance term should be sigma_01 and not sigma_01 squared. This also applies to the tables.
   
   I have corrected this typo.

I believe these changes address your and the reviewer’s concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me at adam.carle@unf.edu or 904-620-3573. I look forward to the manuscript’s publication.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Carle, PhD