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Dear Dr Todd,

Thank you very much for accepting our manuscript entitled: ‘Incorporating natural variation into IVF clinic league tables: The Expected Rank’ for publication in BMC Research Methodology.

would again like to thank the reviewers for the care and attention they put into the review of our paper. Only one of the reviewers had remaining comments:

“Minor revisions: I’m afraid the mix of statistical philosophies is still rather a mess. Bayesian statements are made about the parameters, based on classical analyses and standard errors. At a minimum the authors should add a comment that they are interpreting the classical empirical Bayes analysis within a fully Bayesian framework, just to clarify that there is a distinction.”

We followed the suggestion of the reviewer by adding a sentence about the Bayesian framework to the method section.

Furthermore in this next revision we have made the format changes requested by the editor.

We hope you will find the revision appropriate, and thank you very much again for the opportunity to publish our work in BMC research methodology.

Sincerely yours,

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