Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr Mongin-Bulewski,

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 October 2001 concerning our submission viz. ‘Does Council Tax Valuation Band (CTVB) Correlate With Under-Privileged Area 8 (UPA8) Score And Could It Be A Better ‘Jarman Index’? which, subject to suggested revision you would be willing to publish. We have therefore amended the paper according to your formatting checklist and in the following particulars reference the hints by Professor George Davey-Smith:

1. We have given background information to both the Jarman score and the history of Council Tax Valuation Banding;
2. We now give a 95% confidence interval for the correlation coefficient itself;
3. We discuss with further clarity the issue of comparisons for resource allocation purposes within and beyond specific geographic areas;
4. We have corrected the spelling of Ben-Shlomo.

We hope we may now see our paper in its published format in the very near future. Thank you for all your help.

Yours sincerely,

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