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Authors’ Responses to the Reviewer’s (2nd) Comments


We sincerely thank the Reviewer for the time it took to provide his second round of thorough and thoughtful comments and edits to our manuscript. Please find below our responses to each of these comments. We have included a ‘tracked changes’ version of our manuscript which indicates the changes we made to the manuscript based on the Reviewer’s comments. We have also included a ‘clean copy’ of the manuscript (i.e., changes made and accepted without ‘track changes’ shown).

Best wishes,

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Comments to Authors:

1. Page 2, line 2. The short form for the first authors is [AB] while the person is listed on P 1 as [AMB] to be consistent with the rest of those listed. Also P 20, paragraph 4, | 1 and 2.
   - We have made these 3 corrections.

2. P 8, paragraph 1, | 10. Suggest replacing [nine] by [9] to be consistent with the number of visits listed as 10 in the same l.
   - We have made this suggested replacement.

3. P 8, paragraph 2, | 6. Suggest replacing [significant] by [clinically important].
   - We have replaced this word with the 2 words suggested by the Reviewer.

   - We have edited the sentence, as suggested by the Reviewer.

5. P 11, paragraph 1, | 5. Suggest replacing [ranging] by [varying].
   - We have edited the sentence, as suggested by the Reviewer.

6. P 13, paragraph 3, | 4. Rewrite [>=0.8] using a proper sign and adding [quadratic] between [the] and [weighted] since there are a variety of choices for the weights.
   - We weren’t sure what was meant by ‘a proper sign’ so we replaced [≥0.8] by [at least 0.8] which has the same meaning. We have added [quadratic] as requested by the Reviewer.
7. P 14, p1, |1. Suggest providing a reference for notation [(2,1)] since this is not standard in the variance component literature.
    - We have removed the notation [(2,1)] instead.

8. P 18, p2, |8. Suggest including a reference to multiple imputation as this is still not common in this literature.
    - We have added a reference as suggested by the reviewer [58].

9. P 24, Reference 39, |1. The authors should be listed before the title.
    - This has been corrected.