Reviewer's report


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Reviewer: Charlie Goldsmith

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Comments to authors:
1. P(age) 2, l(ine) 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, p(aragraph) 4, l 1 and 2.
2. P 8, p 1, l 10. Suggest replacing [nine] by [9] to be consistent with the number of visits listed as 10 in the same l.
3. P 8, p 2, l 6. Suggest replacing [significant] by [clinically important].
5. P 11, p 1, l 5. Suggest replacing [ranging] by [varying].
6. P 13, p 3, l 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.
7. P 14, p 1, l 1. Suggest providing a reference for notation [(2,1)] since this is not standard in the variance component literature.
8. P 18, p 2, l 8. Suggest including a reference to multiple imputation as this is still not common in this literature.
9. P 24, Reference 39, l 1. The authors should be listed before the title.