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Generally covered points, but two outstanding.

The phrase on p. 10 ‘objective is only to understand determinants at the aggregated level’ still seems to suggest a causal relationship is being analysed and should be softened.

Point 7. ‘The way corrections (P8, L2) are undertaken is unclear. Such manipulations will tend to increase standard errors, had this been allowed for?’ As far I can see, they still assume that the standard statistical assumptions (which are problematic with small samples in any case, given the normality of the distributions is not tested). The fact that these significance levels are over-estimated should be noted.