

Dear. Dr. Wim Weber,

We are happy to provide a revised manuscript in response to the request to better explain our synthetic variable creation. We have included a clean and marked version that, we believe, better explains the methodology used. In particular, it expands the methods section to describe the specific equation used to derive the association.

We look forward to the publication of our manuscript if accepted. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Best,

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