

**Online Supplementary Appendix for  
Dziak, Nahum-Shani and Collins (2012),  
“Multilevel Factorial Experiments for Developing Behavioral Interventions:  
Power, Sample Size, and Resource Considerations”**

## Appendix D

### Resources for Implementing Power Calculations

#### Within-Clusters Macro

The following is a copy of a SAS macro which computes power for between-clusters factorial experiments. The current version of this macro is also found at <http://methodology.psu.edu/multilevelfactorial/> . The arguments “PretestICC,” “ChangeICC,” “PretestPosttestCorr,” “NumFactors,” “NumClusters,” “MeanNumMembers,” “StandardizedEffectSize,” “AlphaLevel” and “ModelOrder” provide the input and settings for how the macro will work.

```
%MACRO WithinClustersPower(PretestICC=,
                           ChangeICC=,
                           PretestPosttestCorr=,
                           NumFactors=,
                           NumClusters=,
                           MeanNumMembers=,
                           StandardizedEffectSize=,
                           AlphaLevel=.05,
                           ModelOrder=2);

/*

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First of two SAS Macros to accompany Dziak, Nahum-Shani and
Collins, "Multilevel Factorial Experiments for Developing
Behavioral Interventions: Power, Sample Size and Resource
Considerations". Finds power per component given effect
size for multisite individually-randomized factorial designs.
*/
PROC IML;

  /* Initial Calculations of Design Options and Parameters; */
  PretestICC = &PretestICC;
  ChangeIcc = &ChangeICC;
  PretestPosttestCorr = &PretestPosttestCorr;
  NumFactors = &NumFactors;
  NumClusters = &NumClusters;
  MeanNumMembers = &MeanNumMembers;
  PretestICC = &PretestICC;
  ChangeICC = &ChangeICC;
  PretestPosttestCorr = &PretestPosttestCorr;
  AlphaLevel = &AlphaLevel;
  StandardizedEffectSize = &StandardizedEffectSize;
  N = NumClusters*MeanNumMembers;

  /* Here the variance components are calculated using the results
  in Appendix B, assuming sigma2 total=1. This assumption is
  without loss of generality because the input effect size is
  assumed to be relative to sigma total. The effect-coded
  regression coefficient is half the standardized effect
  size (see Appendix A). */
  SigmaSqd = (1-PretestPosttestCorr)*(1-PretestICC);
  TauSqdPi0 = PretestPosttestCorr*(1-PretestICC);
  TauSqdBeta1 = 2*SigmaSqd*(ChangeICC)/(1-ChangeICC);
  TauSqdBeta0 = 1 - .25*TauSqdBeta1 - TauSqdPi0 - SigmaSqd;
  Gamma = StandardizedEffectSize/2;
  N = MeanNumMembers*NumClusters;

  /* The following input checking code is for detecting errors

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and input which the macro would not be able to process.

If the input checking code determines that the power
calculations would not be meaningful or trustworthy with this
input, the variable "try" is set to zero, in which case the
power calculations will not be done. */

try = 1;
Message1 = "";
IF ((&PretestICC < 0) | (&PretestICC >= 1)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The posttest ICC estimate must be greater than
                or equal to zero and less than one.";

    try = 0;
END;

IF ((&ChangeIcc < 0) | (&ChangeIcc >= 1)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The change-score ICC estimate must be greater than
                or equal to zero and less than one.";

    try = 0;
END;

IF ((&PretestPosttestCorr < 0) | (&PretestPosttestCorr >= 1)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The pretest-posttest correlation must be greater than
                or equal to zero and less than one.";

    try = 0;
END;

IF ((&NumFactors < 1) | (&NumFactors > 10)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The number of factors should be between 1 and 10.";

    try = 0;
END;

IF ((&MeanNumMembers < 1) | (&MeanNumMembers > 10000)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The mean cluster size should be between 1 and 10000.";

    try = 0;
END;

IF ((&StandardizedEffectSize < 0) | (&StandardizedEffectSize > 2)) THEN DO;

    Message1 = "The standardized effect size should be between 0 and 2.";

    try = 0;

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END;
IF ((&alphaLevel <= 0) | (&alphaLevel > .25)) THEN DO;
  Message1= "The alpha level should be above 0 and below .25";
  try = 0;
END;
/* Check model order (1=fit main effects only, */
/* 2=fit main effects and two-way interactions)*/
ModelOrder = %EVAL(&ModelOrder)+0;
IF ((ModelOrder=1) | (ModelOrder=2)) THEN; ELSE DO;
Message1 = "The model order should be 1 or 2.";
try = 0;
END;
/* Determine the error df.
The number of parameters in the model are determined here. It
is assumed that the factors are all dichotomous and that either
a first order (main effects only) or second order model will be fit.
*/
IF ModelOrder=1 THEN DO;
  NumParams = 1 + INT(&NumFactors);
  ErrorDF = N - NumParams;
  END;
IF ModelOrder=2 THEN DO;
  NumParams = 1 + INT(&NumFactors) +
              INT(&NumFactors)*(INT(&NumFactors) - 1)/2;
  ErrorDF = N - NumParams;
END;
/* Calculate the power requested. The power for detecting a main
effect of size d is computed here under the two-level
covariate-adjusted model. The work is done by the SAS functions
PROBF and FINV. */
IF Try = 1 THEN DO;
Noncentrality = N * Gamma * Gamma / (2*SigmaSqd);
CritVal = FINV(1 - AlphaLevel,1,ErrorDF);

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PowerForMain = 1 - PROBF(CritVal, 1, ErrorDF, Noncentrality);
/* The corresponding calculation for an interaction of size d
is performed, if the model is second order. */
PowerForInteraction = 1 - PROBF(CritVal,
    1,
    ErrorDF,
    (Noncentrality)/4);
IF ModelOrder = 1 THEN PowerForInteraction = 0;
/*Here the results of the computation are output to the screen.*/
DesignParameters = PretestICC //
    ChangeIcc //
    PretestPosttestCorr //
    StandardizedEffectSize //
    NumFactors //
    NumParams //
    MeanNumMembers //
    NumClusters;
r = "Posttest ICC" //
    "Change ICC" //
    "Pretest-Posttest Corr." //
    "Effect Size" //
    "# Factors in Experiment" //
    "# Parameters in Regression Model" //
    "Mean # Members / Cluster" //
    "# Clusters" ;
c = "";
Message2="";
IF (ModelOrder=1) THEN
    Message2="Assuming a model without interactions," //
        "and a two-sided test for each main effect.";
IF (ModelOrder=2) THEN
    Message2="Assuming a model with 2-way interactions," //
        "and a two-sided test for each main effect and interaction.";

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PRINT DesignParameters[rowname=r colname=c format=12.4
      label="Design Parameters specified by user:"], Message2[label=""];
VarianceParameters = TauSqdPi0 //
                    TauSqdBeta0 //
                    TauSqdBeta1 //
                    SigmaSqd;
r = "Tau^2[pi,0] (Individual)" // "Tau^2[beta,0] (Cluster)" //
    "Tau^2[beta,1] (Cluster * Time)" // "Sigma^2 (Error)" ;
PRINT VarianceParameters[rowname=r colname=c format=12.4
      label="Variance Components:"] " " ;
PRINT("Variance components above have been scaled " //
      "so that total posttest variance is " //
      "Tau^2[pi,0]+Tau^2[beta,0]+Sigma^2+.25*Tau^2[beta,1]=1") ;
PRINT("Estimated Power for a Main Effect of" //
      "Standardized Size &StandardizedEffectSize at alpha=&AlphaLevel: ");
PRINT PowerForMain[label="" format=6.4];
PRINT("Estimated Power for an Interaction of" //
      "Standardized Size &StandardizedEffectSize at alpha=&AlphaLevel:");
PRINT PowerForInteraction[label="" format=6.4 ];
/* Here a power table is displayed, showing the power that would be obtained
   with different numbers of clusters of the same size. */
PRINT "Please see next page for a power table ..." / ;
NumClustersForTable = ( 4+2*(0:11) );
NoncentralityForTable = MeanNumMembers * NumClustersForTable *
                        Gamma * Gamma / (2*SigmaSqd);
ErrorDFForTable = NumClustersForTable*MeanNumMembers - NumParams;
PowerForMainForTable = J(12,1,0);
PowerForInteractionForTable = J(12,1,0);
DO i = 1 TO 12;
  /* This is basically the same power calculation as before, but
     repeated for several possible values for the sample size
     in terms of number of clusters. */
  PowerForMainForTable[i] = 1 - PROBF(

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        FINV(1 - AlphaLevel,1>ErrorDFForTable[i]),
        1,
        ErrorDFForTable[i],
        NoncentralityForTable[i]);
PowerForInteractionForTable[i] = 1 - PROBF(
        FINV(1-AlphaLevel,1>ErrorDFForTable[i]),
        1,
        ErrorDFForTable[i],
        NoncentralityForTable[i]/4);
END;
r = CHAR(NumClustersForTable);
PRINT "Power for Main Effects by # Clusters:"
        PowerForMainForTable[r=r c="Power" label=" " format=10.4];
IF ModelOrder=2 THEN DO;
        PRINT "Power for Interactions by # Clusters:"
                PowerForInteractionForTable[r=r c="Power" label=" " format=10.4];
END;
/* Here the results are written to a SAS dataset.*/
CREATE WithinClustersPowerFormulaOut
    VAR {      PretestICC
              ChangeIcc
              PretestPosttestCorr
              NumFactors
              MeanNumMembers
              NumClusters
              AlphaLevel
              StandardizedEffectSize
              ModelOrder
              NumParams
              SigmaSqd
              TauSqdPi0
              TauSqdBeta1
              TauSqdBeta0

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        Noncentrality
        ErrorDF
        PowerForMain
        PowerForInteraction
        CritVal
        Gamma };

APPEND;

CLOSE WithinClustersPowerFormulaOut;

    END;

ELSE DO;

PRINT "The macro encountered a problem:";

PRINT Message1;

END;

QUIT;

%MEND;

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The syntax and information required by the macro is as follows.

- `PretestICC` is the researcher's guess at the value of the intraclass correlation (ICC) of the pretest response ( $Y_{\text{pre}}$ ) within clusters. It is assumed to be the same as the ICC of the posttest  $Y_{\text{post}}$  within clusters, holding treatment condition constant, i.e., the same as  $ICC(Y_{\text{post}}|\mathbf{X})$ . The values used in the simulations in the article for low, medium and high are .05, .15, and .30.
- `ChangeICC` is the researcher's guess, based on the literature, at the ICC of the change scores defined by  $Y_{\text{post}} - Y_{\text{pre}}$ . In the simulations in the article it was set to be .50 times `PretestICC`, i.e., .025, .075, or .15.
- `PretestPosttestCorr` is the researcher's guess at the correlation between  $Y_{\text{pre}}$  and  $Y_{\text{post}}$  after adjusting for cluster effects and treatment effects. This is something like pretest-posttest reliability and could also be thought of as a kind of within-subject ICC. For the simulations in the article it was set to be .65.

- NumFactors is the number ( $K$ ) of factors or components included in the study. It is assumed that all factors are dichotomous. Thus, the complete factorial has  $2^K$  cells, and a  $1/2^f$  factorial has  $2^{K-f+1}$  nonempty cells. We assume that it does not matter for power whether a complete or fractional factorial is being used (i.e., we ignore aliasing in this macro).
- NumClusters is the number  $J$  of clusters (e.g., clinics or schools) assumed to be available in the sample.
- MeanNumMembers is the mean number  $\bar{n}$  of members assumed to be available within any given cluster (e.g., number of patients per clinic or students per school).
- StandardizedEffectSize is the standardized effect size for one factor, expressed as a scaled difference  $d$  relative to the overall error standard deviation  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ . This should be the minimum effect size the researcher hopes to be able to detect with adequate testwise (per-effect) power for any given factor.  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  is the standard deviation of  $Y_{\text{post}}$  in a naïve model adjusting for treatment effects but not adjusting for clustering or for posttest, i.e.,  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_{\text{post}}|\mathbf{X})}$ . Also,  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  is equal to  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_{\text{pre}})}$  if time is centered in Model (8) or (9). For the simulations in the article the standardized effect size was approximately .20. Estimated power will be calculated both for a main effect of this size and for an interaction of this size.
- AlphaLevel is the Type I error rate of the test, set to .05 by default.
- ModelOrder is 1 if only main effects are to be estimated in the model, or 2 if main effects and two-way interactions are to be estimated. In the article we essentially used option 2.

Here is an example of calling the within-clusters power formula macro. Suppose a factorial experiment is planned, which will have 5 factors, 5 clusters, 50 members per cluster, a pretest ICC within clusters of .05, a change-score ICC within clusters of .025, a pretest-posttest

correlation (within-subject ICC) of .65, and a standardized effect size of .2306 relative to  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ . (This scenario corresponds to the condition in the first row of Table 5 in the paper). Suppose the macro file is saved in a folder named `c:\Documents`. Then use the code

```
%INCLUDE "C:\Documents\WithinClustersPower.sas";
%WithinClustersPower( PretestICC=.05,
                      ChangeICC=.025,
                      PretestPosttestCorr=.65,
                      NumFactors=5,
                      NumClusters=5,
                      MeanNumMembers=50,
                      StandardizedEffectSize=.2306,
                      AlphaLevel=.05,
                      ModelOrder=2);
```

The following results are obtained:

Posttest ICC	0.0500
Change ICC	0.0250
Pretest-Posttest Corr.	0.6500
Effect Size	0.2306
# Factors in Experiment	5.0000
# Parameters in Regression Model	16.0000
Mean # Members / Cluster	50.0000
# Clusters	5.0000

Assuming a model with 2-way interactions,  
and a two-sided test for each main effect and interaction.

Variance Components:

$\tau^2[\pi,0]$ (Individual)	0.6175
$\tau^2[\beta,0]$ (Cluster)	0.0457
$\tau^2[\beta,1]$ (Cluster * Time)	0.0171

Sigma<sup>2</sup> (Error) 0.3325

Variance components above have been scaled

so that total posttest variance is

$\text{Tau}^2[\text{pi},0] + \text{Tau}^2[\text{beta},0] + \text{Sigma}^2 + .25 * \text{Tau}^2[\text{beta},1] = 1$

Estimated Power for a Main Effect of  
Standardized Size .2306 at alpha=.05:

0.6051

Estimated Power for an Interaction of  
Standardized Size .2306 at alpha=.05:

0.1996

		Power
Power for Main Effects by # Clusters:	4	0.5117
	6	0.6846
	8	0.8053
	10	0.8840
	12	0.9329
	14	0.9621
	16	0.9790
	18	0.9886
	20	0.9939
	22	0.9968
	24	0.9983
	26	0.9991
		Power

Power for Interactions by # Clusters:	4	0.1687
	6	0.2305
	8	0.2917
	10	0.3513
	12	0.4087
	14	0.4633
	16	0.5149
	18	0.5630
	20	0.6078
	22	0.6490
	24	0.6869
	26	0.7214

The predicted value in Table 5 differs very slightly due to rounding. A dataset called WithinClustersPowerFormulaOut is also created, with the following contents.

PRETESTICC	CHANGEICC	PRETEST POSTTESTCORR	NUMFACTORS	MEANNUM MEMBERS
0.05	0.025	0.65	5	50
NUMCLUSTERS	ALPHALEVEL	STANDARDIZED EFFECTSIZE	MODELORDER	NUMPARAMS
5	0.05	0.2306	2	16
SIGMASQD 0.3325	TAUSQDPI0 0.6175	TAUSQDBETA1 0.017051	TAUSQDBETA0 0.045737	NONCENTRALITY 4.99778
ERRORDF	POWERFOR MAIN	POWERFOR INTERACTION	CRITVAL	GAMMA
234	0.60506	0.19962	3.88151	0.1153

The most important entries above are POWERFORMAIN and POWERFORINTERACTION, containing the calculated power estimates for a main effect of the given size and for a two-way interaction of the given size. Intermediary results calculated during the computation of power are also included.

The macro's calculations are done using the appropriate formula from Table 2. In the given example, assuming Model (8), the noncentrality parameter can be calculated as  $\frac{N\gamma^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{5 \times 50 \times \left(\frac{0.2306}{2}\right)^2}{2 \times 0.3325} = 4.9978$  (left column of Table 2) or equivalently  $\frac{Nd^2}{8 \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2}} = \frac{5 \times 50 \times 0.2306^2}{8 \times 0.3325} = 4.9978$

(right column of Table 2). The numerator degrees of freedom for testing a single effect here is 1. The number of regression parameters in the model is 16, for 1 intercept, 5 main effects, and  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$  interactions. The overall sample size is expected to be about  $N = 5 \times 50 = 250$ . The denominator (error) degrees of freedom are then  $250 - 16 = 234$ . The critical value for a  $\alpha = .05$  test under the null hypothesis is the constant  $f_0$  such that  $P(F_{1,234} > f_0) = .05$  for a central  $F$  distribution, and SAS's FINV function finds that this value is 3.8815. The power of the test under the alternative hypothesis is then the probability that a noncentral  $F$  distribution with degrees of freedom 1 and 234 and noncentrality parameter 4.9978 will exceed 3.8815. SAS's PROBF function determines that this is  $1 - \text{PROBF}(3.8815, 1, 234, 4.9978) = 0.605$ .

### Between-Clusters Macro

The following is a copy of a similar macro which computes power for *between*-clusters factorial experiments. The current version of this macro is also found at <http://methodology.psu.edu/multilevelfactorial/>. The arguments (inputs) to this macro are the same as those for WithinClustersPower with one addition: StdDevMembers, the anticipated standard deviation of the number of members per cluster. To specify a mean cluster size of approximately  $\bar{n}$  and a coefficient of variation of cluster sizes  $CV_n$ , specify  $\bar{n}$  for MeanNumMembers and  $\bar{n}CV_n$  for StdDevMembers. The variability of cluster sizes was not as important in the WithinClustersPower macro because it was assumed that treatments were assigned at the individual rather than cluster level. However, for between-clusters power the distribution of the cluster sizes is more important.

```
%MACRO BetweenClustersPower(PretestICC=,
                             ChangeICC=,
                             PretestPosttestCorr=,
                             NumFactors=,
                             NumClusters=,
                             MeanNumMembers=,
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        StdDevMembers=,
        StandardizedEffectSize=,
        AlphaLevel=.05,
        ModelOrder=2);

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  and Collins, "Multilevel Factorial Experiments for Developing
  Behavioral Interventions". Finds power per component given
  effect size for cluster-randomized factorial designs.
*/
PROC IML;

  /* Initial Calculations of Design Options and Parameters; */
  PretestICC = &PretestICC;
  ChangeIcc = &ChangeICC;
  PretestPosttestCorr = &PretestPosttestCorr;
  NumFactors = &NumFactors;
  NumClusters = &NumClusters;
  MeanNumMembers = &MeanNumMembers;
  StdDevMembers = &StdDevMembers;
  PretestICC = &PretestICC;
  ChangeICC = &ChangeICC;

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PretestPosttestCorr = &PretestPosttestCorr;
AlphaLevel = &AlphaLevel;
StandardizedEffectSize = &StandardizedEffectSize;
SigmaSqd = (1-PretestPosttestCorr)*(1-PretestICC);
TauSqdPi0 = PretestPosttestCorr*(1-PretestICC);
TauSqdBeta1 = 2*SigmaSqd*(ChangeICC)/(1-ChangeICC);
TauSqdBeta0 = 1 - .25*TauSqdBeta1 - TauSqdPi0 - SigmaSqd;
Gamma = StandardizedEffectSize/2;
N = MeanNumMembers*NumClusters;
CVMembers = StdDevMembers/MeanNumMembers;
/* Input Checking. The conditions are similar to those in
the other macro. It is assumed that the standard deviation
of cluster sizes is not greater than the mean of cluster sizes,
although such a situation is technically possible in unusual
or very skewed distributions. */
try = 1;
Message1 = "";
IF ((&PretestICC < 0) | (&PretestICC >= 1)) THEN DO;
Message1 = "The posttest ICC estimate must be greater than" //
"or equal to zero and less than one.";
try = 0;
END;
IF ((&ChangeIcc < 0) | (&ChangeIcc >= 1)) THEN DO;
Message1 = "The change-score ICC estimate must be greater than" //
"or equal to zero and less than one.";
try = 0;
END;
IF ((&PretestPosttestCorr < 0) | (&PretestPosttestCorr >= 1)) THEN DO;
Message1 = "The pretest-posttest correlation must be greater than" //
"or equal to zero and less than one.";
try = 0;
END;
IF ((&NumFactors < 1) | (&NumFactors > 10)) THEN DO;

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    Message1 = "The number of factors should be between 1 and 10.";
    try = 0;
END;
IF ((&NumClusters < 20) | (&NumClusters > 1000)) THEN DO;
    Message1 = "The number of clusters should be between 20 and 1000.";
    try = 0;
END;
IF ((&MeanNumMembers < 1) | (&MeanNumMembers > 10000)) THEN DO;
    Message1 = "The mean cluster size should be between 1 and 10000.";
    try = 0;
END;
IF ((&StdDevMembers < 0) | (&StdDevMembers > &MeanNumMembers)) THEN DO;
    Message1 = "The standard deviation of cluster size should be " //
        "between 0 and &MeanNumMembers.";
    try = 0;
END;
IF ((&StandardizedEffectSize < 0) | (&StandardizedEffectSize > 2)) THEN DO;
    Message1 = "The standardized effect size should be between 0 and 2.";
    try = 0;
END;
IF ((&alphaLevel <= 0) | (&alphaLevel > .25)) THEN DO;
    Message1= "The alpha level should be above 0 and below .25";
    try = 0;
END;
/* Check model order (1=fit main effects only,
    2=fit main effects and two-way interactions); */
ModelOrder = %EVAL(&ModelOrder)+0;
IF ((ModelOrder=1) | (ModelOrder=2)) THEN; ELSE DO;
    Message1 = "The model order should be 1 or 2.";
    try = 0;
END;
/* Determine the error df; */
IF ModelOrder=1 THEN DO;

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    NumParams = 1 + INT(&NumFactors);
    ErrorDF = NumClusters - NumParams;
END;
IF ModelOrder=2 THEN DO;
NumParams = 1 + INT(&NumFactors) +
            INT(&NumFactors)*(INT(&NumFactors) - 1)/2;
ErrorDF = NumClusters - NumParams;
END;
/* Here the power is calculated, using FINV and PROBF.*/
IF Try = 1 THEN DO;
Noncentrality = N * Gamma * Gamma / (2*SigmaSqd +
            MeanNumMembers*(1+CVMembers**2)*TauSqdBeta1) ;
CritVal = FINV(1 - AlphaLevel,1,ErrorDF);
PowerForMain = 1 - PROBF(CritVal,
    1,
    ErrorDF,
    Noncentrality);
PowerForInteraction = 1 - PROBF(CritVal,
    1,
    ErrorDF,
    (Noncentrality)/4);
IF ModelOrder = 1 THEN PowerForInteraction = 0;
/* Now the output is prepared and presented.*/
DesignParameters = PretestICC //
    ChangeIcc //
    PretestPosttestCorr //
    StandardizedEffectSize //
    NumFactors //
    NumParams //
    MeanNumMembers //
    StdDevMembers //
    NumClusters;
r = "Posttest ICC" //

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"Change ICC" //
"Pretest-Posttest Corr." //
"Effect Size" //
"# Factors in Experiment" //
"# Parameters in Regression Model" //
"Mean # Members / Cluster" //
"Std. Dev. of Members / Cluster" //
"# Clusters" ;
c = "";
Message2="";
IF (ModelOrder=1) THEN Message2=
    "Assuming a model without interactions," //
    "and a two-sided test for each main effect.";
IF (ModelOrder=2) THEN Message2=
    "Assuming a model with 2-way interactions," //
    "and a two-sided test for each main effect and interaction.";
PRINT DesignParameters[rowname=r colname=c format=12.4
    label="Design Parameters specified by user:"] , Message2[label=""];
VarianceParameters = TauSqdBeta0 //
    TauSqdBeta0 //
    TauSqdBeta1 //
    SigmaSqdBeta0;
r = "Tau^2[pi,0] (Individual)" // "Tau^2[beta,0] (Cluster)" //
    "Tau^2[beta,1] (Cluster * Time)" // "Sigma^2 (Error)" ;
PRINT VarianceParameters[rowname=r colname=c format=12.4
    label="Variance Components:"] " " ;
PRINT("Variance components above have been scaled " //
    "so that total posttest variance is " //
    "Tau^2[pi,0]+Tau^2[beta,0]+Sigma^2+.25*Tau^2[beta,1]=1") ;
PRINT("Estimated Power for a Main Effect of" //
    "Standardized Size &StandardizedEffectSize at alpha=&AlphaLevel: ");
PRINT PowerForMain[label="" format=6.4];
PRINT("Estimated Power for an Interaction of" //

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    "Standardized Size &StandardizedEffectSize at alpha=&AlphaLevel:");
PRINT PowerForInteraction[label="" format=6.4 ];
/* Here a power table is displayed, showing the power that would be obtained
    with different numbers of clusters of the same size. */
PRINT "Please see next page for a power table ..." / ;
NumClustersForTable = INT(NumParams/5)*5+5*(1:12);
NoncentralityForTable = MeanNumMembers * NumClustersForTable * Gamma * Gamma /
    (2*SigmaSqd + MeanNumMembers*(1+CVMembers**2)*TauSqdBeta1);
ErrorDFForTable = NumClustersForTable - NumParams;
PowerForMainForTable = J(12,1,0);
PowerForInteractionForTable = J(12,1,0);
DO i = 1 TO 12;
/* This is basically the same power calculation as before, but
    repeated for several possible values for the sample size in
    terms of number of clusters. */
PowerForMainForTable[i] = 1 - PROBF(
    FINV(1 - AlphaLevel,1,ErrorDFForTable[i]),
    1,
    ErrorDF,
    NoncentralityForTable[i]);
PowerForInteractionForTable[i] = 1 - PROBF(
    FINV(1 - AlphaLevel,1,ErrorDFForTable[i]),
    1,
    ErrorDF,
    NoncentralityForTable[i]/4);
END;
r = CHAR(NumClustersForTable);
PRINT "Power for Main Effects by # Clusters:"
    PowerForMainForTable[r=r c="Power" label=" " format=10.4];
IF ModelOrder=2 THEN DO;
    PRINT "Power for Interactions by # Clusters:"
        PowerForInteractionForTable[r=r c="Power" label=" " format=10.4];
END;

```

```

CREATE BetweenClustersPowerFormulaOut
  VAR {    PretestICC
          ChangeIcc
          PretestPosttestCorr
          NumFactors
          MeanNumMembers
          StdDevMembers
          NumClusters
          AlphaLevel
          StandardizedEffectSize
          ModelOrder
          NumParams
          SigmaSqd
          TauSqdPi0
          TauSqdBeta1
          TauSqdBeta0
          Noncentrality
          ErrorDF
          PowerForMain
          PowerForInteraction
          CritVal
          Gamma };
  APPEND;
CLOSE BetweenClustersPowerFormulaOut;
  END;
ELSE DO;
  PRINT "The macro encountered a problem:";
  PRINT Message1;
  END;
QUIT;
%MEND;

```

The syntax is similar to that for the previous macro, with one additional input argument: StdDevMembers is the assumed standard deviation of number of members per cluster.

Here is an example of calling the between-clusters power formula macro. Suppose a factorial experiment is planned under the assumptions of 5 factors, 25 clusters, 20 members per cluster, a coefficient of variability of cluster size of about .29, a pretest ICC of .05, a change-score ICC of .025, a pretest-posttest correlation of 0.65, and a standardized effect size of about .2306 relative to  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ . (This scenario corresponds to the condition in the first row of Table 7 in the paper. It is practical only for a fractional factorial since there are fewer than  $2^5$  clusters available so not all of the cells in the complete factorial could be filled) Suppose the macro file is saved in a folder named C:\Documents\ . Then use the code

```
%INCLUDE "C:\Documents\BetweenClustersPower.sas";
%BetweenClustersPower( PretestICC=.05,
                        ChangeICC=.025,
                        PretestPosttestCorr=.65,
                        NumFactors=5,
                        NumClusters=25,
                        MeanNumMembers=20,
                        StdDevMembers=5.8,
                        StandardizedEffectSize=.2306,
                        AlphaLevel=.05,
                        ModelOrder=2);
```

to obtain the following output:

Posttest ICC	0.0500
Change ICC	0.0250
Pretest-Posttest Corr.	0.6500
Effect Size	0.2306
# Factors in Experiment	5.0000
# Parameters in Regression Model	16.0000
Mean # Members / Cluster	20.0000

Std. Dev. of Members / Cluster	5.8000
# Clusters	25.0000

Assuming a model with 2-way interactions,  
and a two-sided test for each main effect and interaction.

Variance Components:

$\tau^2[\pi,0]$ (Individual)	0.6175
$\tau^2[\beta,0]$ (Cluster)	0.0457
$\tau^2[\beta,1]$ (Cluster * Time)	0.0171
$\sigma^2$ (Error)	0.3325

Variance components above have been scaled  
so that total posttest variance is  
 $\tau^2[\pi,0] + \tau^2[\beta,0] + \sigma^2 + .25 * \tau^2[\beta,1] = 1$

Estimated Power for a Main Effect of  
Standardized Size .2306 at  $\alpha = .05$ :

0.6178

Estimated Power for an Interaction of  
Standardized Size .2306 at  $\alpha = .05$ :

0.2057

Power

Power for Main Effects by # Clusters:	20	0.3600
	25	0.6178
	30	0.7324
	35	0.8071
	40	0.8600
	45	0.8984
	50	0.9265
	55	0.9470
	60	0.9620
	65	0.9728
	70	0.9806
	75	0.9862

		Power
Power for Interactions by # Clusters:	20	0.0936
	25	0.2057
	30	0.2677
	35	0.3164
	40	0.3593
	45	0.3986
	50	0.4353
	55	0.4699
	60	0.5025
	65	0.5335
	70	0.5627
	75	0.5905

The dataset `BetweenClustersPowerFormulaOut` is also created, with the following contents.



PRETEST ICC 0.05	CHANGE ICC 0.025	PRETEST POSTTESTCORR 0.65	NUMFACTORS 5	MEANNUM MEMBERS 20
STDDEV MEMBERS 5.8	NUMCLUSTERS 25	ALPHALEVEL 0.05	STANDARDIZED EFFECTSIZE 0.2306	MODEL ORDER 2
NUMPARAMS 16	SIGMASQD 0.3325	TAUSQDPI0 0.6175	TAUSQDBETA1 0.017051	TAUSQDBETA0 0.045737
NON CENTRALITY 6.42409	ERRORDF 9	POWERFOR MAIN 0.61784	POWERFOR INTERACTION 0.20574	CRITVAL 5.11736
GAMMA 0.1153				

The variance components above, like “SIGMASQD” and “TAUSQDPI0,” are expressed as proportions of  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2$ . Note that  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 = \tau_{\beta 0}^2 + \frac{1}{4}\tau_{\beta 1}^2 + \tau_{\pi 0}^2 + \sigma^2$  so  $\frac{\tau_{\beta 0}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{\tau_{\beta 1}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} + \frac{\tau_{\pi 0}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} = 1$  (see Appendix B). Accordingly, in the above output table,  $\text{TAUSQDBETA0} + \frac{1}{4}\text{TAUSQDBETA1} + \text{TAUSQDPI0} + \text{SIGMASQD} = 1$ .

The macro’s calculations were done using the appropriate formula from Table 2. Consider the first row of Table 7, with 5 factors, 25 clusters, 20 members per cluster, a pretest-posttest correlation of 0.65, a pretest ICC of 0.05, a change score ICC of 0.025, a coefficient of variability of cluster size of about 0.29, and standardized effect size  $d \approx 0.23$ . First, assuming Model (9), the noncentrality parameter is calculated as  $\lambda = \frac{Nd^2}{8\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} + 4\bar{n}(\text{CV}_n^2 + 1)\frac{\tau_{\beta 1}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2}}$ . From Appendix B,  $\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} = (1 - \rho_{\text{pre,post}})(1 - \rho_{\text{pre}})$  where we assumed  $\rho_{\text{pre,post}} = .65$ ,  $\rho_{\text{pre}} = .05$ , so  $\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} = .3325$ . Next, from Appendix B,  $\frac{\tau_{\beta 1}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} = 2\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2}\right)\left(\frac{\rho_{\text{change}}}{1 - \rho_{\text{change}}}\right)$  where we assumed  $\rho_{\text{change}} = .025$ , so  $\frac{\tau_{\beta 1}^2}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2} = 2(0.3325)\left(\frac{0.025}{1 - 0.025}\right) = 0.01705$ . The overall sample size is  $N = 25 \times 20 = 500$ . Then  $\lambda = \frac{500 \times 0.2306^2}{8(0.3325) + 4(20)(0.29^2 + 1)(0.01705)} \approx 6.42$ . The numerator degrees of freedom for testing a single effect here is 1. The number of regression parameters in the model is 16, for 1 intercept, 5 main effects, and  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$  interactions. The number of clusters is 25. The denominator (error) degrees of freedom are then  $25 - 16 = 9$ . The critical value for an  $\alpha = .05$  test under the null hypothesis is the constant  $f_0$  such that  $P(F_{1,9} > f_0) = .05$  for a central  $F$  distribution, and SAS’s FINV function finds that this value is 5.117. The power of the test under the alternative hypothesis is then the probability that a noncentral

F distribution with degrees of freedom 1 and 9 and noncentrality parameter 6.42 will exceed 5.117. SAS's PROBF function determines that this is 0.618.

## SAS Code for Analyzing Simulated Data

We used the following SAS code for the within-clusters adjusted two-level models:

```
PROC MIXED DATA=randomDataWide NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT ;
  CLASS clusterID personID;
  MODEL yPost = yPre F1|F2|F3|F4|F5@2 ;
  RANDOM INT / SUBJECT=clusterID;
  ODS OUTPUT COVPARMS=theseParamsAncova TESTS3=theseTestsAncova;
RUN;
```

For between-clusters scenarios, we replaced the RANDOM command above with REPEATED / SUBJECT=clusterID(condition) TYPE=CS; where condition was a CLASS variable labeled 1 through 16 or 1 through 32 for each cell. Instead of (condition) we could have used (F1\*F2\*F3\*F4\*F5), except that PROC MIXED would not allow nesting within a numerical variable. We did not want to specify the factors as CLASS variables because they might then be internally dummy-coded rather than effect-coded; this would not matter for the ANOVA tests of interest, at least if Type 3 sum squares are being used, but it still seemed better to remain with effect coding.

The corresponding code used for the within-cluster three-level models was:

```
PROC MIXED DATA=randomDataLong NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT ;
  CLASS clusterID personID F1 F2 F3 F4 F5;
  MODEL y = time time*F1 time*F2 time*F3 time*F4 time*F5
           time*F1*F2 time*F1*F3 time*F1*F4 time*F1*F5
           time*F2*F3 time*F2*F4 time*F2*F5
           time*F3*F4 time*F3*F5
           time*F4*F5;
  RANDOM INT time / SUBJECT=clusterID;
```

```

RANDOM INT / SUBJECT=personID(clusterID);
ODS OUTPUT COVPARMS=theseParams TESTS3=theseTests;
RUN;

```

For reasons described above, although it should not matter for the test output shown in the paper, it might be better to exclude F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 from the CLASS statement above if the values of coefficients are to be interpreted.

For between-clusters models, the code used was

```

PROC MIXED DATA=randomDataLong NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT ;
  CLASS clusterID personID condition;
  MODEL y = time time*F1 time*F2 time*F3 time*F4 time*F5
           time*F1*F2 time*F1*F3 time*F1*F4 time*F1*F5
           time*F2*F3 time*F2*F4 time*F2*F5
           time*F3*F4 time*F3*F5
           time*F4*F5 / DDF=&df,&df,&df,&df,&df,
           &df,&df,&df,&df,&df,
           &df,&df,&df,&df,&df,&df ;
  RANDOM INT time / SUBJECT=clusterID(condition) ;
  RANDOM INT / SUBJECT=personID(clusterID);
  ODS OUTPUT COVPARMS=theseParams TESTS3=theseTests;
RUN;

```

where the macro variable &df had previously been defined as the number of clusters minus 16 (the number of effects in the second-order model). Code like

```

PROC MIXED DATA=here.randomDataLong NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT ;
  CLASS clusterID personID F1 F2 F3 F4 F5;
  MODEL y = time time*F1 time*F2 time*F3 time*F4 time*F5
           time*F1*F2 time*F1*F3 time*F1*F4 time*F1*F5
           time*F2*F3 time*F2*F4 time*F2*F5
           time*F3*F4 time*F3*F5
           time*F4*F5 ;

```

```

RANDOM INT time / SUBJECT=clusterID(F1*F2*F3*F4*F5) ;
RANDOM INT / SUBJECT=personID(clusterID);
ODS OUTPUT COVPARMS=theseParams TESTS3=theseTests;

RUN;

```

would give the same Type III significance test results but different estimates and interpretations for the model coefficients because F1 through F5 would be automatically recoded.

These coefficients can be obtained using the `/SOLUTION` option in the `MODEL` statement. The R code (R Development Core Team, 2010; Pinheiro et al., 2010) for the adjusted two-level model, with X variables coded as -1 and +1, was

```

lme( fixed = yPost ~ yPre + f1 + f2 + f3 + f4 + f5 +
      f1*f2 + f1*f3 + f1*f4 + f1*f5 + f2*f3 + f2*f4 + f2*f5 +
      f3*f4 + f3*f5 + f4*f5 , random = ~ 1 | clusterId, data=sim.data)

```

in either the between or within clusters case. In either SAS or R, additional covariates such as gender, and possibly their interactions with the factors, could also be included in the model statements along with the factors. In this case the investigator should check to make sure that the degrees of freedom are being counted correctly (see Murray 1998), i.e., that the software is correctly distinguishing between individual-level and cluster-level covariates.

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