

How Effective Are Reading Comprehension Interventions for Children with ASD? A Meta-Analysis of Single-Case Design Studies

Generalized Multilevel Modeling: Logitudinal Logistic Regression

Supplemental Materials

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1 Preparation

1.1 Packages

1.1.1 General

```
library(tidyverse)      # Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse'
library(broom)          # Convert Statistical Analysis Objects into Tidy Tibbles
library(purrr)          # Functional Programming Tools
library(readxl)         # Read Excel Files
library(glue)           # Interpreted String Literals
library(xtable)         # Export Tables to LaTeX or HTML
library(pander)         # Tables
library(texreg)         # Conversion of R Regression Output to LaTeX or HTML

# library(devtools)
# devtools::install_github("SarBearSchwartz/texreghelper")
library(texreghelper)   # Extract Generalized REgression Output for Use in `texreg` tables

options(xtable.comment = FALSE,
        caption.placement = "top")
```

1.1.2 Specific

```
library(lme4)           # Linear Mixed-Effects Models
library(lmerTest)       # Tests in Linear Mixed Effects Models
library(effects)        # Effect Displays for Linear, Generalized Linear, and Other Models
```

1.2 Dataset

1.2.1 Import

```
data_raw <- readxl::read_excel("Data Collection and Organization/SCD_MetaA_MLM_data (1).xlsx")
```


2 Exploratory Data Analysis

2.1 Person-Profile Plots - Raw Data

2.1.1 Study 5: (Solis et. al., 2016) A-B-A-B-A-B-A-B-A

Exclude all time points

```
data_clean %>%  
  dplyr::filter(study == "5") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = session_day,  
            y = score_per,  
            group = personID)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = status),  
            size = 2) +  
  geom_line() +  
  theme_bw()
```

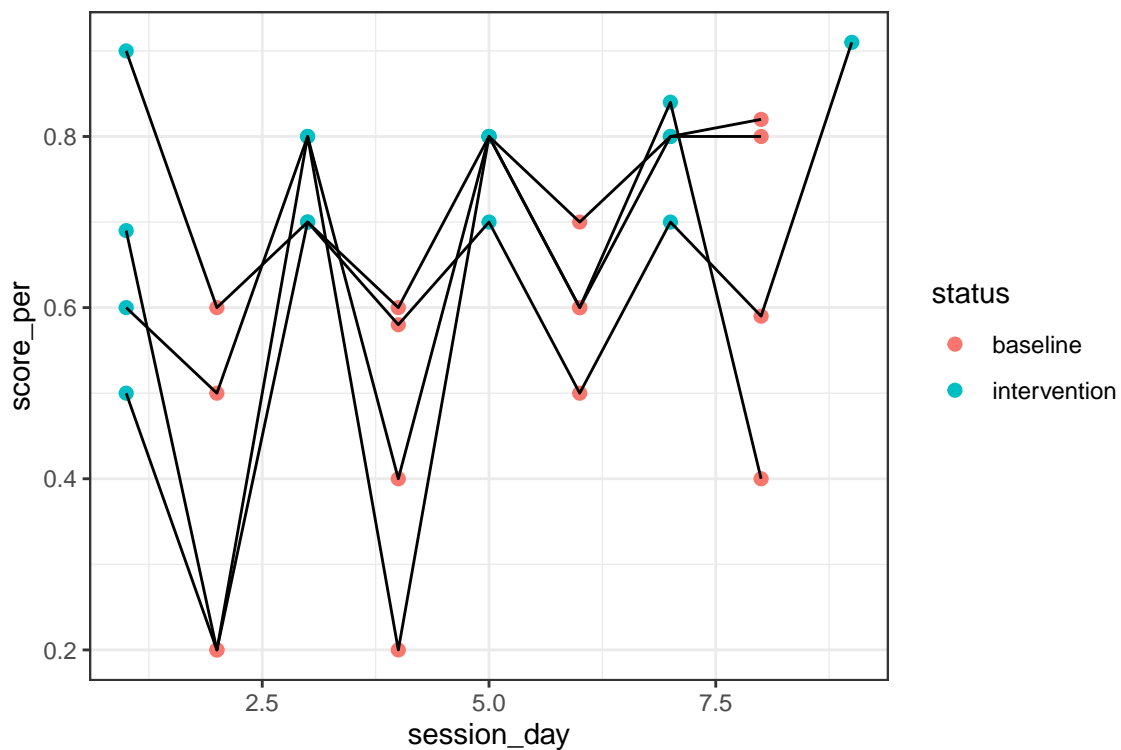


Figure 1: Raw Data: Study 5 only, repeating A-B (excluded entirely)

2.1.2 Study 7: (Carnahan and Williamson, 2014) A-B-A-B-C

Only include the first set of A-B point points

```
data_clean %>%  
  dplyr::filter(study == "7") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = session_day,  
            y = score_per,  
            group = personID)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = status),  
            size = 2) +  
  geom_line() +  
  theme_bw()
```

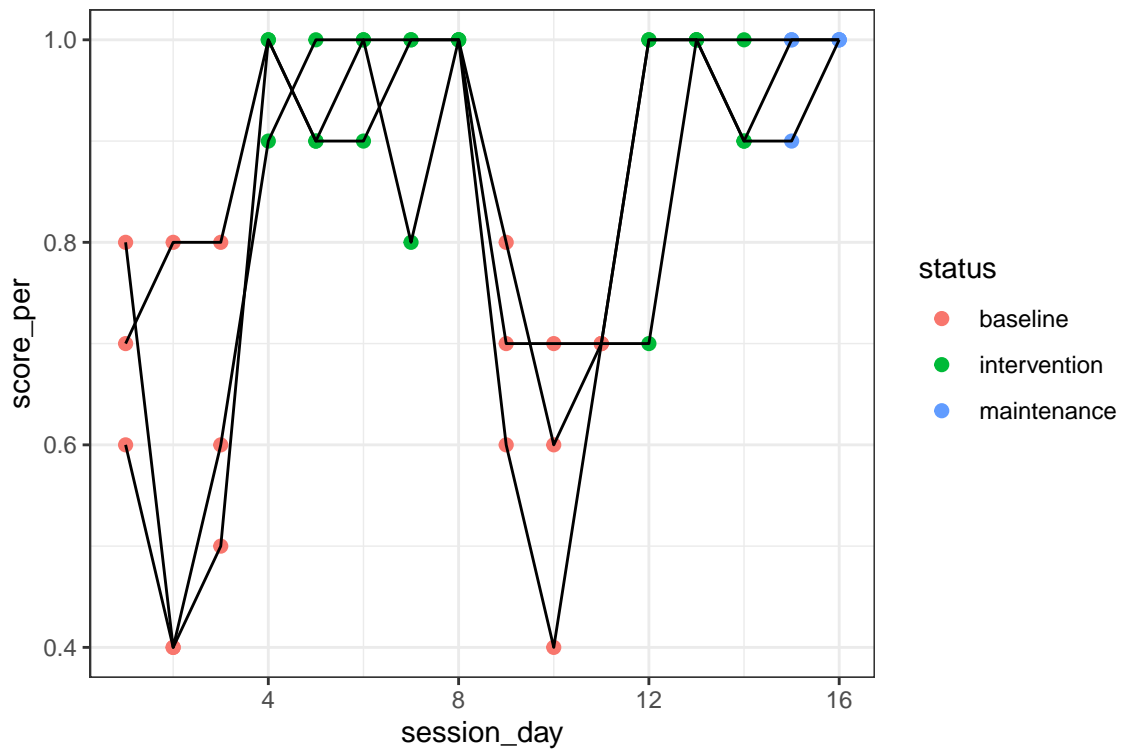


Figure 2: Raw Data: Study 7 only, A-B-A-B-C (use only first cycle)

2.1.3 Study 11: (Cadette, 2015)

Multiple baseline across the same subject

```
data_clean %>%  
  dplyr::filter(study == "11") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = session_day,  
            y = score_per,  
            group = personID)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = status),  
            size = 2) +  
  geom_line() +  
  theme_bw()
```

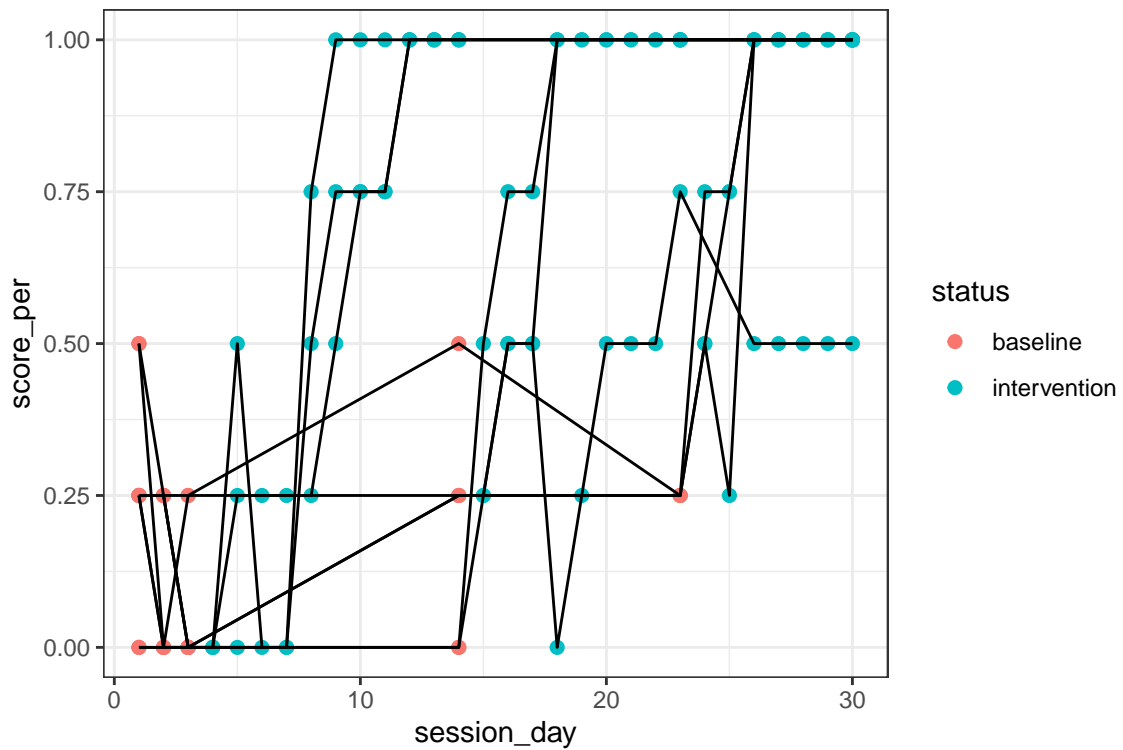


Figure 3: Raw Data: Study 11 only

2.1.4 Study 12: (Chovanec, 2018) only 1 of the 3 participants had an ASD diagnosis

Two of the participants did NOT have an ASD diagnosis.

- No ASD dx: 12_1 and 12_2 (data should not have been entered)
- Has ASD dx: 12_3

```
data_clean %>%  
  dplyr::filter(study == "12") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = session_day,  
            y = score_per,  
            linetype = personID,  
            group = personID)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = status),  
            size = 2) +  
  geom_line() +  
  theme_bw()
```

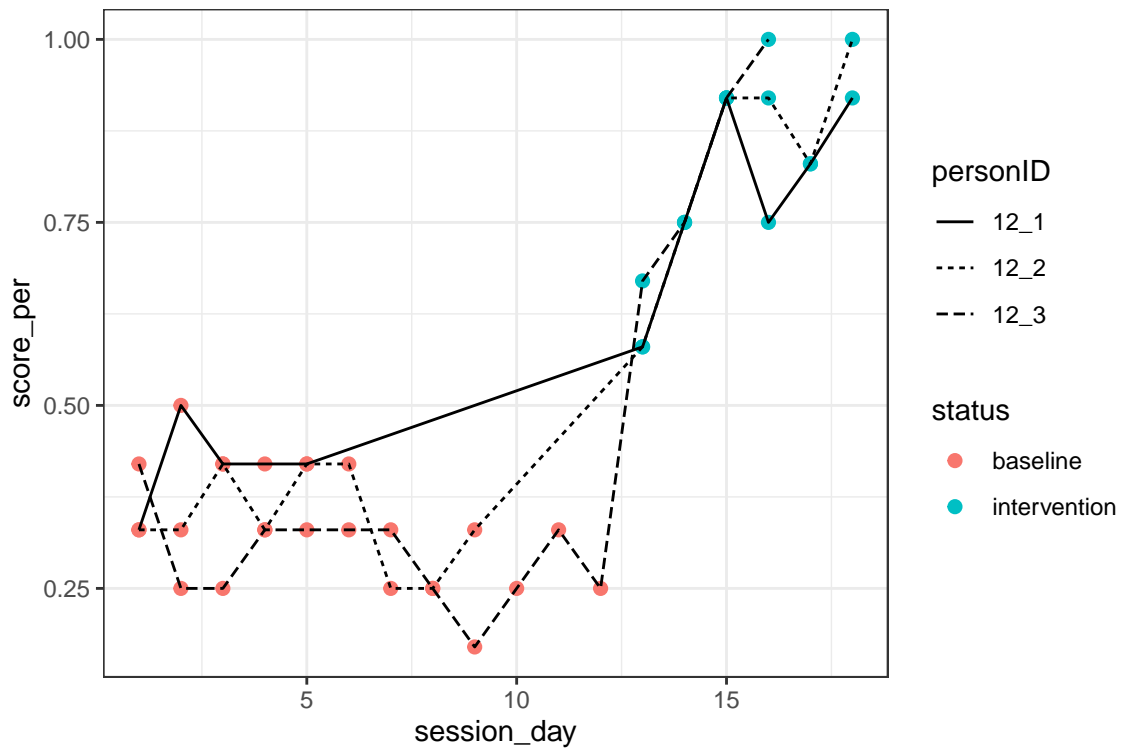


Figure 4: Raw Data: Study 12 only, only 1 of the 3 participants had an ASD diagnosis

2.1.5 All Observations for Modeling

Center time at the last day of baseline.

```
data_mod %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = time,  
             y = score_per,  
             group = personID)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_line() +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0,  
            color = "red",  
            linetype = "longdash") +  
  theme_bw()
```

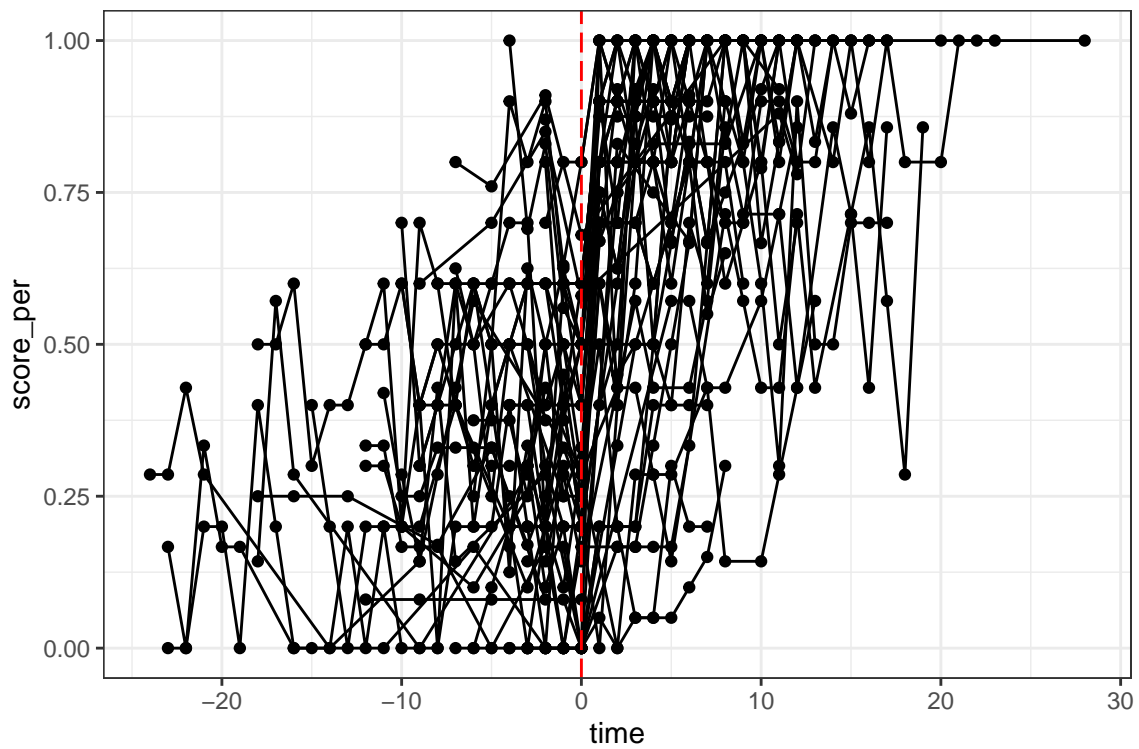


Figure 5: Raw Data: All Studies Baseline-Intervention, time centered at last baseline

2.1.5.1 All Studies Together

```

data_mod %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time,
             y = score_per,
             group = personID)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0,
            color = "red",
            linetype = "longdash") +
  facet_wrap(~ study,
            labeller = label_both,
            nrow = 3) +
  theme_bw()

```

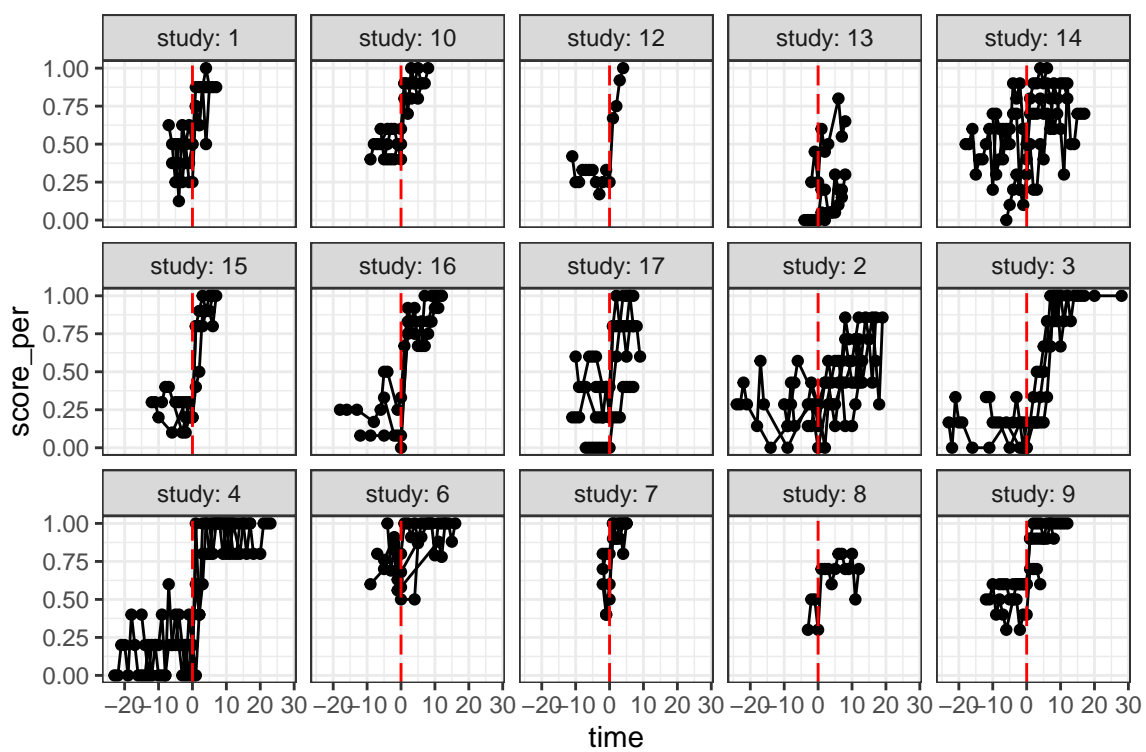


Figure 6: Raw Data: All Studies Baseline-Intervention, time centered at last baseline, BY STUDY

2.1.5.2 Panel by Study

2.2 Person-Profile Plots - Loess Smoothed

Loess = moving window smoothing function

Used to get an idea of what the pattern is like (wrap our brain around the situation); not a true “statistical model”

2.2.1 All Observations for Modeling

```
data_mod %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = time,  
            y = score_per,  
            group = personID,  
            color = id)) +  
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE) +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0,  
            color = "red",  
            linetype = "longdash") +  
  facet_wrap(~ study,  
            labeller = label_both,  
            nrow = 3) +  
  theme_bw()
```

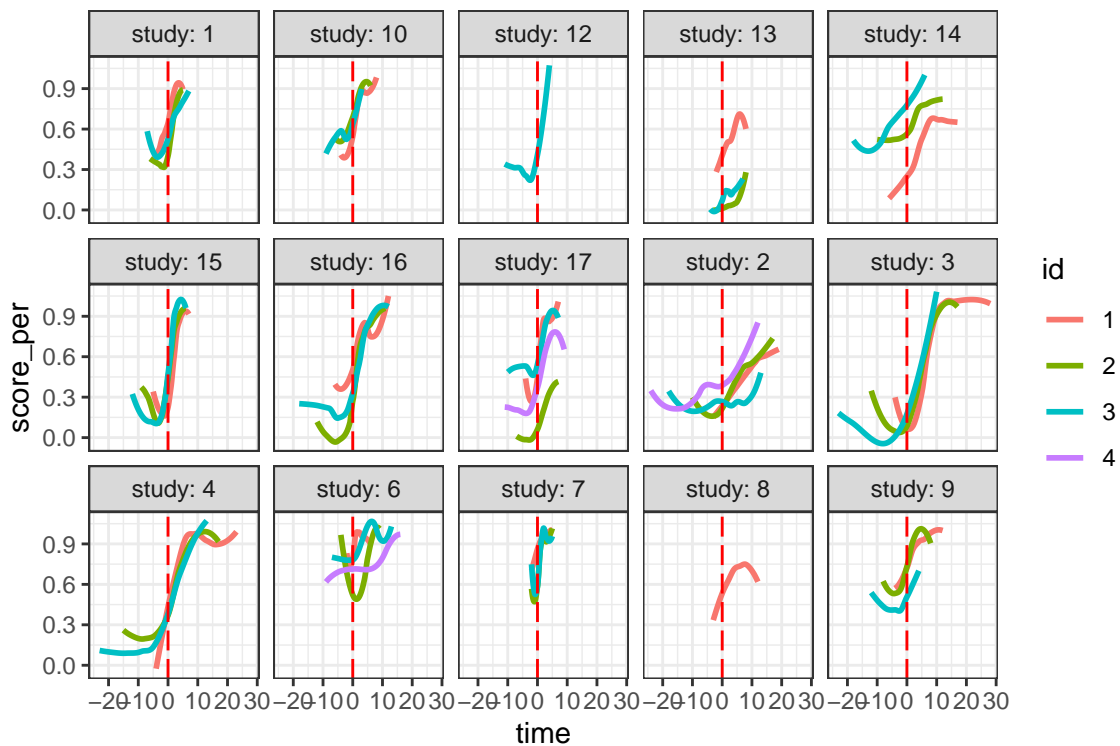


Figure 7: Loess Smoother: Baseline-Intervention, by Study

2.2.1.1 Panel by Study

```

data_mod %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time,
             y = score_per,
             group = personID,
             color = personID)) +
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0,
            color = "red",
            linetype = "longdash") +
  theme_bw()

```

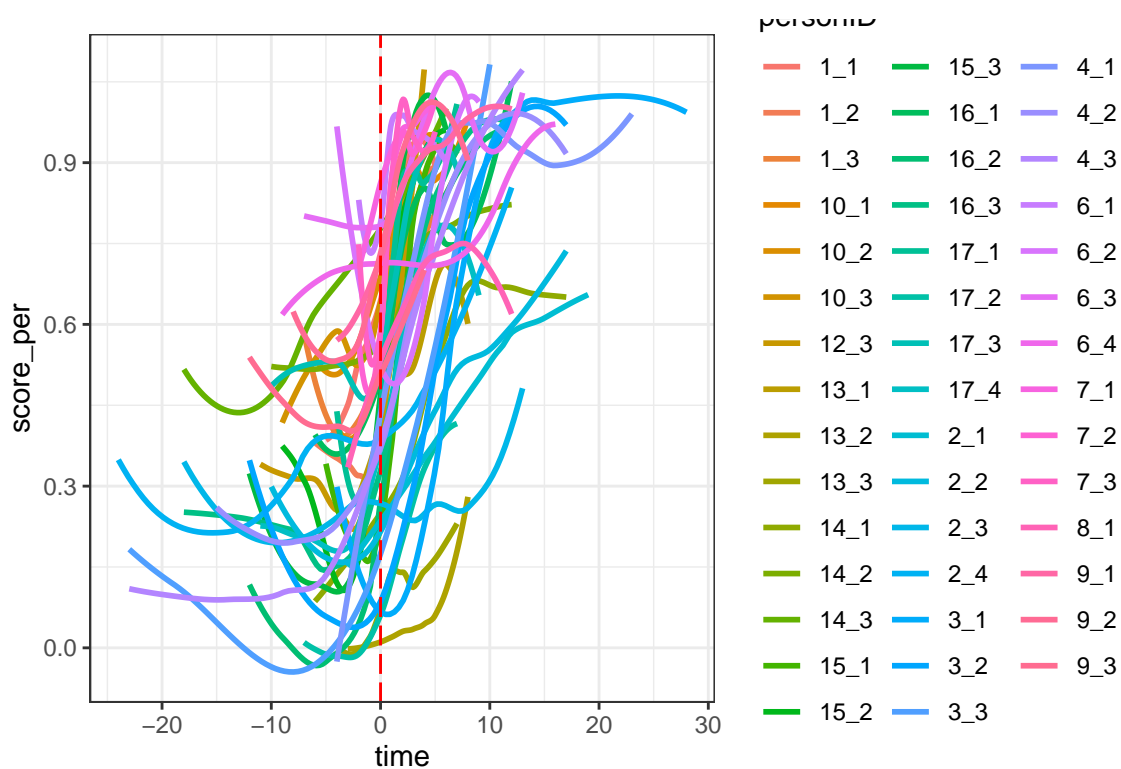


Figure 8: Loess Smoother: Person Profiles, Baseline-Intervention

2.2.1.2 Studies combined

2.3 Person-Profile Plots - Linear Model

This is conducting a linear regression for each participant, independently (ignoring all others), one at a time.

2.3.1 All Observations for Modeling

```
data_mod %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = time,  
            y = score_per,  
            group = personID)) +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm",  
            se = FALSE) +  
  facet_wrap(~ study,  
            labeller = label_both,  
            nrow = 3) +  
  theme_bw()
```

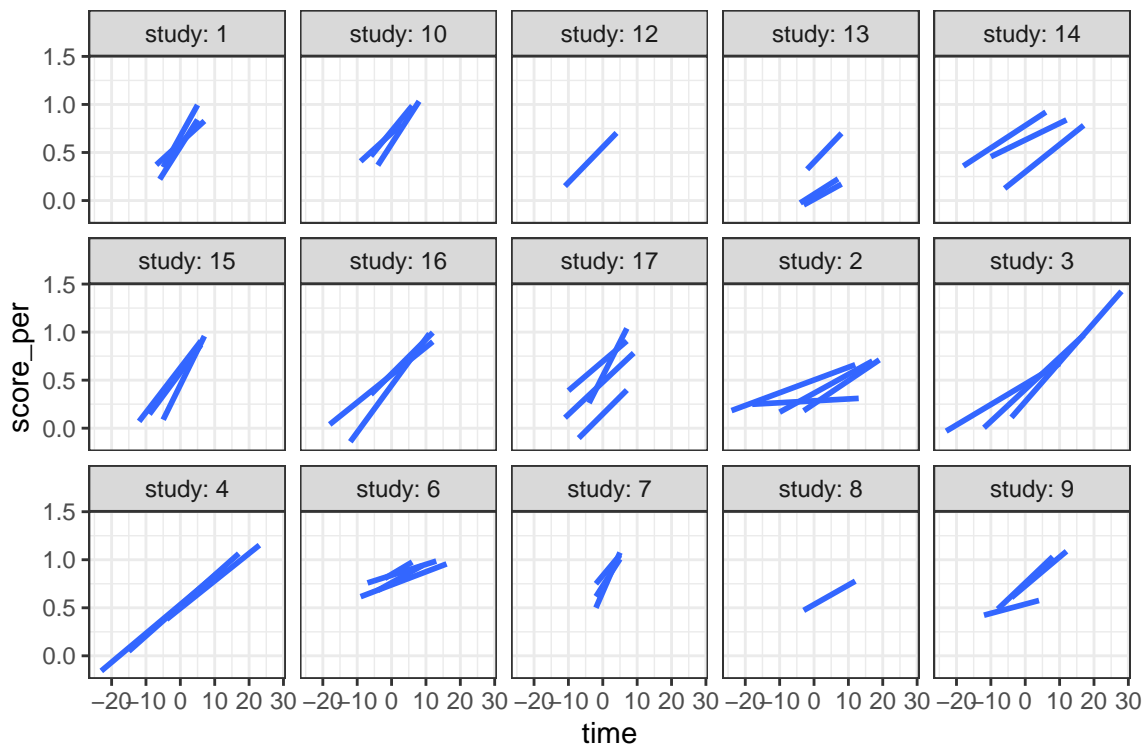


Figure 9: Linear Smoother: Baseline-Intervention, by Study

2.3.1.1 Panel by Study

```
data_mod %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = time,  
             y = score_per,  
             group = personID)) +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm",  
             se = FALSE) +  
  theme_bw()
```

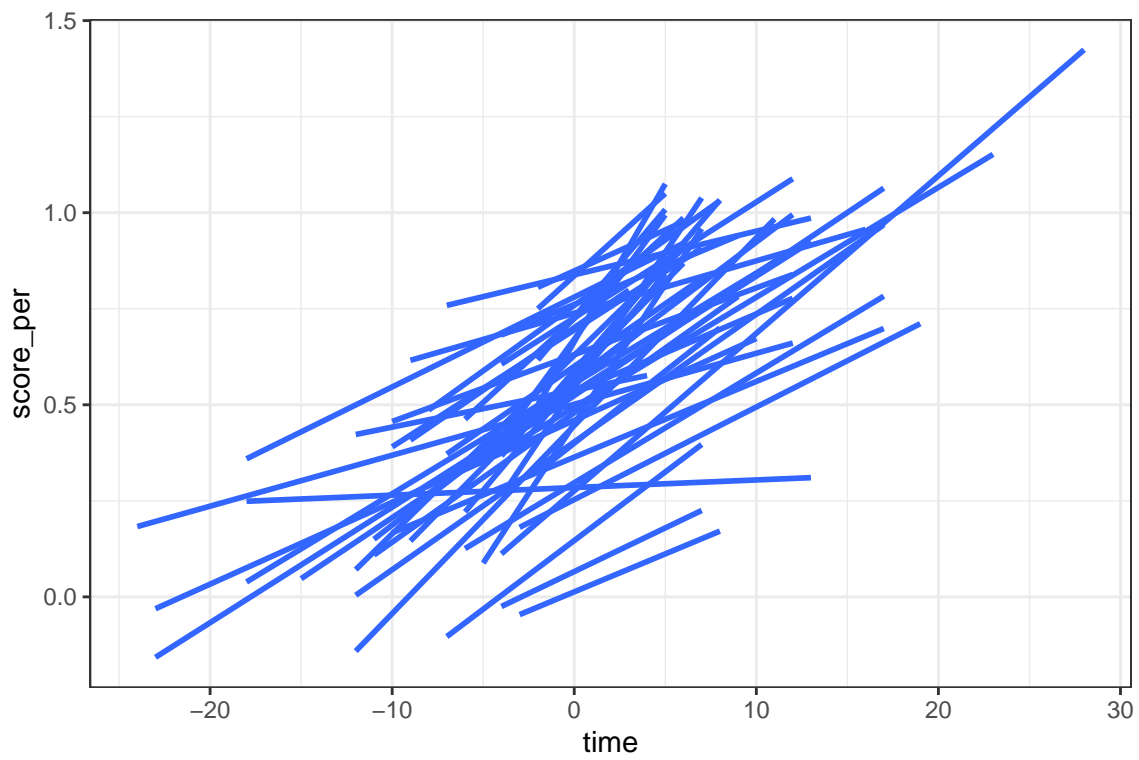


Figure 10: Linear Smoother: Baseline-Intervention

2.3.1.2 Studies combined

3 Generalized Linear Mixed Effects Model (GLMM)

MULTILEVEL LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Correctly models the response, such that:

- (a) each question is allowed to either be correct or incorrect only
- (b) thus restraining the percent correct to be between 0% and 100%

by using a generalization:

- binomial distribution for response, instead of the normal distribution
- link function = logit (log odds ratio), instead of the identity link

3.1 Model 1: Allow for differential slope pre/post intervention onset

Allow the baseline and intervention components to be separate

3.1.1 Fit Model

```
fit_glmm_1 <- lme4::glmer(cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time*I(time>0) +  
                        (1| study/personID),  
                        data = data_mod,  
                        family = binomial(logit))
```

3.1.2 Parameter Estimates

```
texreg::texreg(list(fit_glmm_1),  
                custom.model.names = "Beta (SE)",  
                caption = "GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Model 1",  
                caption.above = TRUE,  
                single.row = TRUE,  
                float.pos = "bh",  
                digits = 4)
```

Table 1: GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Model 1

	Beta (SE)
(Intercept)	-0.8188 (0.2846)**
time	0.0269 (0.0037)***
time > 0TRUE	1.6959 (0.0426)***
time:time > 0TRUE	0.0921 (0.0063)***
AIC	8143.7521
BIC	8171.0070
Log Likelihood	-4065.8761
Num. obs.	694
Num. groups: personID:study	44
Num. groups: study	15
Var: personID:study (Intercept)	0.5925
Var: study (Intercept)	0.9728

*** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$

3.1.3 Marginal Plot

```
effects::Effect(focal.predictors = c("time"),
                xlevels = list(time = c(seq(from = min(data_mod$time),
                                             to = 0,
                                             by = 0.5),
                                         seq(from = 1,
                                             to = max(data_mod$time),
                                             by = 0.5))),
                mod = fit_glmm_1) %>%
data.frame() %>%
ggplot(aes(x = time,
           y = fit)) +
geom_line() +
geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = lower,
               ymax = upper),
           alpha = .2) +
geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = fit - se,
               ymax = fit + se),
           alpha = .2) +
geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_hline(yintercept = .9, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_vline(xintercept = 0,
           color = "red",
           linetype = "longdash") +
theme_bw() +
labs(x = "Number of Session Days (0 = Start of Intervention)",
     y = "Reading Comprehension\nPredicted Probability of Answering Correctly") +
scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(from = 0, to = 1, by = .25), .9))
```

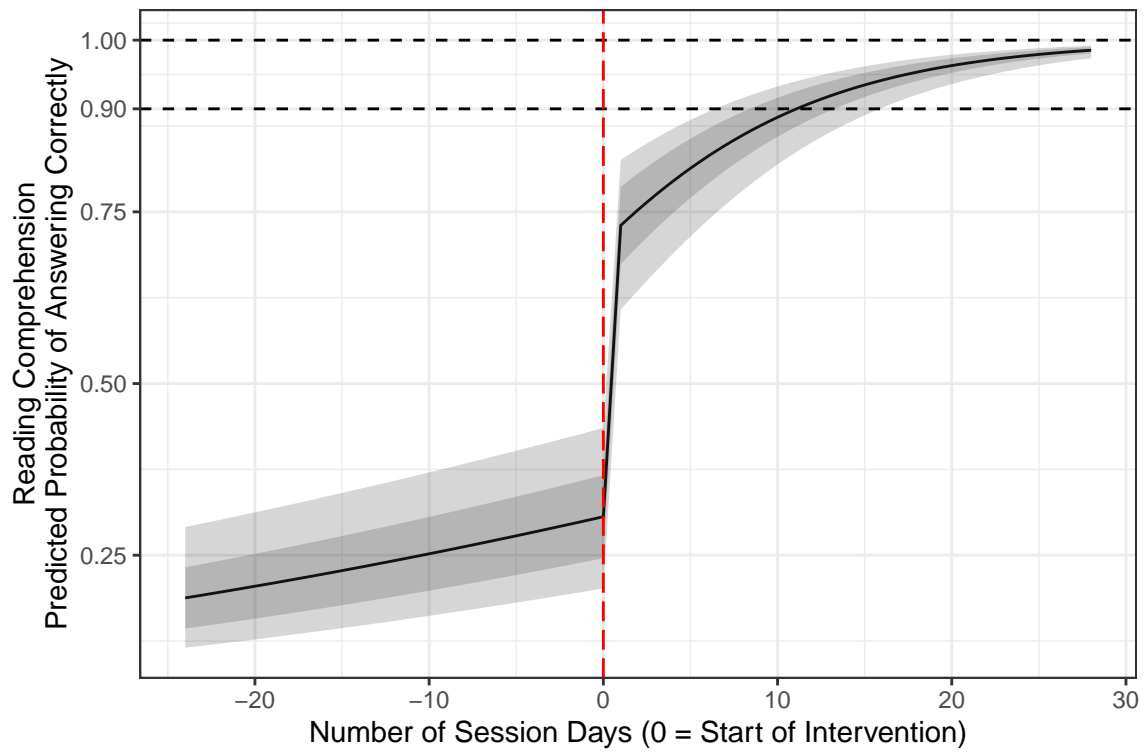


Figure 11: GLMM: Marginal Model - Model 1

3.2 Model 2: Examine Age

Age does in fact moderate slope over time.

3.2.1 Fit Model

```
fit_glmm_2 <- lme4::glmer(cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time*I(time>0)*age_cat +
                          (1| study/personID),
                          data = data_mod ,
                          family = binomial(logit))
```

3.2.2 Model Fit Comparison

Performed: Likelihood Ratio Test between nested models

Model 2 does in fact fit the data better than model 1.

```
anova(fit_glmm_1, fit_glmm_2)
```

Data: data_mod

Models:

```
fit_glmm_1: cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time * I(time > 0) + (1 | study/personID)
```

```
fit_glmm_2: cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time * I(time > 0) * age_cat + (1 |
```

```
fit_glmm_2: study/personID)
```

	npar	AIC	BIC	logLik	deviance	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
fit_glmm_1	6	8143.8	8171.0	-4065.9	8131.8			
fit_glmm_2	10	7759.7	7805.1	-3869.8	7739.7	392.1	4	< 2.2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

3.2.3 Parameter Estimates

```
texreg::texreg(list(fit_glmm_1, fit_glmm_2),
                   custom.model.names = c("Model 1", "Model 2"),
                   caption = "GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 1 and 2",
                   caption.above = TRUE,
                   single.row = TRUE,
                   float.pos = "bh",
                   digits = 4)
```

Table 2: GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 1 and 2

	Model 1	Model 2
(Intercept)	-0.8188 (0.2846)**	-1.2057 (0.3306)***
time	0.0269 (0.0037)***	0.0243 (0.0042)***
time > 0TRUE	1.6959 (0.0426)***	1.7819 (0.0583)***
time:time > 0TRUE	0.0921 (0.0063)***	0.1436 (0.0084)***
age_cat(12,18]		0.7866 (0.4753)
time:age_cat(12,18]		-0.0370 (0.0098)***
time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]		-0.1347 (0.0874)
time:time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]		-0.0867 (0.0143)***
AIC	8143.7521	7759.6562
BIC	8171.0070	7805.0810
Log Likelihood	-4065.8761	-3869.8281
Num. obs.	694	694
Num. groups: personID:study	44	44
Num. groups: study	15	15
Var: personID:study (Intercept)	0.5925	0.6254
Var: study (Intercept)	0.9728	0.9282

*** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$

3.2.4 Marginal Plot

```
effects::Effect(focal.predictors = c("time", "age_cat"),
               xlevels = list(time = seq(from = min(data_mod$time),
                                         to = max(data_mod$time),
                                         by = 0.5)),
               mod = fit_glmm_2) %>%
data.frame() %>%
dplyr::filter((age_cat == "(12,18]" & time < 17) |
              (age_cat == "[6,12]" )) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = time,
           y = fit)) +
geom_line(aes(color = age_cat),
          size = 0.75) +
geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = lower,
              ymax = upper,
              fill = age_cat),
           alpha = .2) +
geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = fit - se,
              ymax = fit + se,
              fill = age_cat),
           alpha = .3) +
geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_hline(yintercept = .9, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_vline(xintercept = 0,
           color = "red",
           linetype = "longdash") +
theme_bw() +
labs(x = "Number of Session Days (0 = Start of Intervention)",
     y = "Reading Comprehension\nPredicted Probability of Answering Correctly") +
scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(from = 0, to = 1, by = .25), .9)) +
theme(legend.position = c(1, 0),
      legend.background = element_rect(color = "black"),
      legend.justification = c(1.1, -0.1))
```

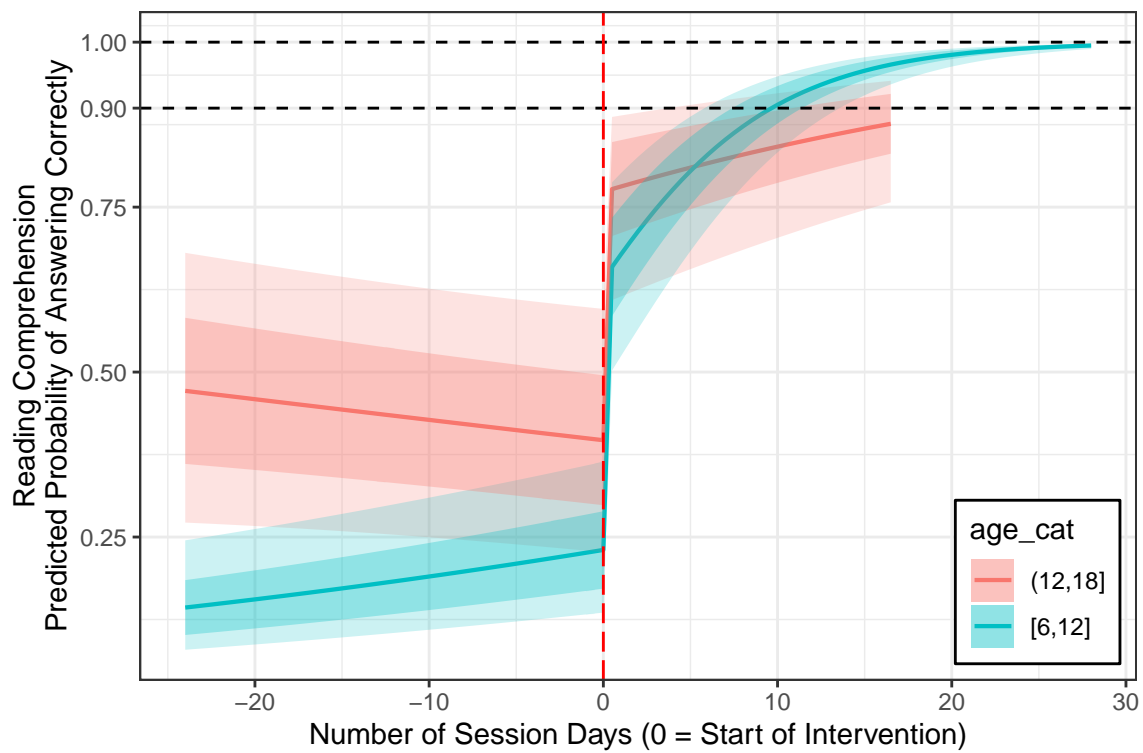


Figure 12: GLMM - Logistic Spline, Age Moderator: Marginal Model

3.3 Model 3: Examine “What Works Clearinghouse” (wwc)

This covariate is NOT significant.

3.3.1 Fit Model

Note: model 2 is re-run on the subset of participants for which the wwc variable is know.

```
fit_glmm_3 <- lme4::glmer(cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time*I(time>0)*age_cat + wwc +
                        (1| study/personID),
                        data = data_mod ,
                        family = binomial(logit))
```

3.3.2 Model Fit Comparison

Performed: Likelihood Ratio Test between nested models

Model 3 does NOT fit better than Model 2.

```
anova(fit_glmm_2, fit_glmm_3)
```

Data: data_mod

Models:

```
fit_glmm_2: cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time * I(time > 0) * age_cat + (1 |
fit_glmm_2:   study/personID)
fit_glmm_3: cbind(num_cor, num_inc) ~ time * I(time > 0) * age_cat + wwc +
fit_glmm_3:   (1 | study/personID)
      npar   AIC   BIC logLik deviance Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
fit_glmm_2   10 7759.7 7805.1 -3869.8   7739.7
fit_glmm_3   11 7759.2 7809.1 -3868.6   7737.2  2.482  1    0.1152
```

3.3.3 Parameter Estimates

```
texreg::texreg(list(fit_glmm_2, fit_glmm_3),
                  custom.model.names = c("Model 2", "Model 3"),
                  caption = "GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2 and 3",
                  caption.above = TRUE,
                  single.row = TRUE,
                  float.pos = "bh",
                  digits = 4)
```

Table 3: GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2 and 3

	Model 2	Model 3
(Intercept)	-1.2057 (0.3306)***	-1.4942 (0.3554)***
time	0.0243 (0.0042)***	0.0243 (0.0042)***
time > 0TRUE	1.7819 (0.0583)***	1.7825 (0.0583)***
age_cat(12,18]	0.7866 (0.4753)	0.5088 (0.4835)
time:time > 0TRUE	0.1436 (0.0084)***	0.1434 (0.0084)***
time:age_cat(12,18]	-0.0370 (0.0098)***	-0.0372 (0.0098)***
time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	-0.1347 (0.0874)	-0.1348 (0.0874)
time:time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	-0.0867 (0.0143)***	-0.0863 (0.0143)***
wwcmet		0.9360 (0.5790)
AIC	7759.6562	7759.1742
BIC	7805.0810	7809.1414
Log Likelihood	-3869.8281	-3868.5871
Num. obs.	694	694
Num. groups: personID:study	44	44
Num. groups: study	15	15
Var: personID:study (Intercept)	0.6254	0.6096
Var: study (Intercept)	0.9282	0.7948

*** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$

3.4 Final Model = Model 2

3.4.1 Parameter Estimates

```
texreg::texreg(list(fit_glmm_2),
  custom.model.names = c("Beta(SE)"),
  caption = "GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2, raw betas",
  caption.above = TRUE,
  single.row = TRUE,
  float.pos = "bh",
  digits = 4)
```

Table 4: GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2, raw betas

	Beta(SE)
(Intercept)	-1.2057 (0.3306)***
time	0.0243 (0.0042)***
time > 0TRUE	1.7819 (0.0583)***
age_cat(12,18]	0.7866 (0.4753)
time:time > 0TRUE	0.1436 (0.0084)***
time:age_cat(12,18]	-0.0370 (0.0098)***
time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	-0.1347 (0.0874)
time:time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	-0.0867 (0.0143)***
AIC	7759.6562
BIC	7805.0810
Log Likelihood	-3869.8281
Num. obs.	694
Num. groups: personID:study	44
Num. groups: study	15
Var: personID:study (Intercept)	0.6254
Var: study (Intercept)	0.9282

*** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$

```

texreg::texreg(list(extract_glmer_exp(fit_glmm_2)),
  custom.model.names = c("exp(Beta) = OR [95 CI]"),
  caption = "GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2, exponentiated to ORs",
  caption.above = TRUE,
  ci.test = 1,
  single.row = TRUE,
  float.pos = "bh",
  digits = 4)

```

Table 5: GLMM: Parameter Estimates - Models 2, exponentiated to ORs

	exp(Beta) = OR [95 CI]
(Intercept)	0.2995 [0.1556; 0.5763]*
time	1.0246 [1.0162; 1.0332]*
time > 0TRUE	5.9413 [5.2938; 6.6680]*
age_cat(12,18]	2.1959 [0.8568; 5.6278]
time:time > 0TRUE	1.1544 [1.1353; 1.1739]*
time:age_cat(12,18]	0.9636 [0.9452; 0.9825]*
time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	0.8740 [0.7352; 1.0390]
time:time > 0TRUE:age_cat(12,18]	0.9170 [0.8915; 0.9432]*
AIC	7759.6562
BIC	7805.0810
Log Likelihood	-3869.8281
Num. obs.	694
Num. groups: personID:study	44
Num. groups: study	15
Var: personID:study (Intercept)	0.6254
Var: study (Intercept)	0.9282

* 1 outside the confidence interval.

3.4.2 Predicted Probabilities

```
effects::Effect(focal.predictors = c("time", "age_cat"),
                xlevels = list(time = c(-15, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, 15)),
                mod = fit_glmm_2) %>%
  data.frame() %>%
  dplyr::select(time, age_cat, fit) %>%
  tidyr::spread(key = time,
                value = fit) %>%
  pander::pander(caption = "GLMM: Estimated Marginal Probabilities - Model 2")
```

Table 6: GLMM: Estimated Marginal Probabilities - Model 2

age_cat	-15	-10	-5	0	5	10	15
(12,18]	0.4431	0.4275	0.412	0.3967	0.8099	0.8416	0.8689
[6,12]	0.1721	0.1902	0.2096	0.2305	0.8047	0.9051	0.9567

3.4.3 Marginal Plot

```
effects::Effect(focal.predictors = c("time", "age_cat"),
               xlevels = list(time = seq(from = min(data_mod$time),
                                         to = max(data_mod$time),
                                         by = 0.5)),
               mod = fit_glm2) %>%
data.frame() %>%
dplyr::mutate(age_cat = forcats::fct_rev(age_cat)) %>%
dplyr::filter((age_cat == "(12,18]" & time < 17) |
              (age_cat == "[6,12]" )) %>%
dplyr::mutate(age_cat = fct_recode(age_cat,
                                   "Age 12 and Under" = "[6,12]",
                                   "Over Age 12" = "(12,18]")) %>%

ggplot(aes(x = time,
           y = fit)) +
geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = lower,
              ymax = upper),
          fill = "gray50",
          alpha = .4) +
geom_line(size = .75) +
geom_hline(yintercept = 1, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_hline(yintercept = 0.9, linetype = "dashed") +
geom_vline(xintercept = 0) +
theme_bw() +
labs(x = "Session Number (0 = End of Baseline)",
     y = "Reading Comprehension\nPredicted Proportion Answered Correctly",
     fill = NULL) +
facet_grid(. ~ age_cat, scale = "free_x", space = "free_x") +
scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(from = 0, to = 1, by = .20))) +
scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(seq(from = -30, to = +30, by = 10))) +
annotate("text", x = -9, y = .075, label = "Baseline") +
annotate("text", x = 10, y = .075, label = "Intervention") +
geom_text(data = data.frame(time = -20,
                           fit = .95,
                           age = "Age 12 and Under"),
          label = "Goal")
```

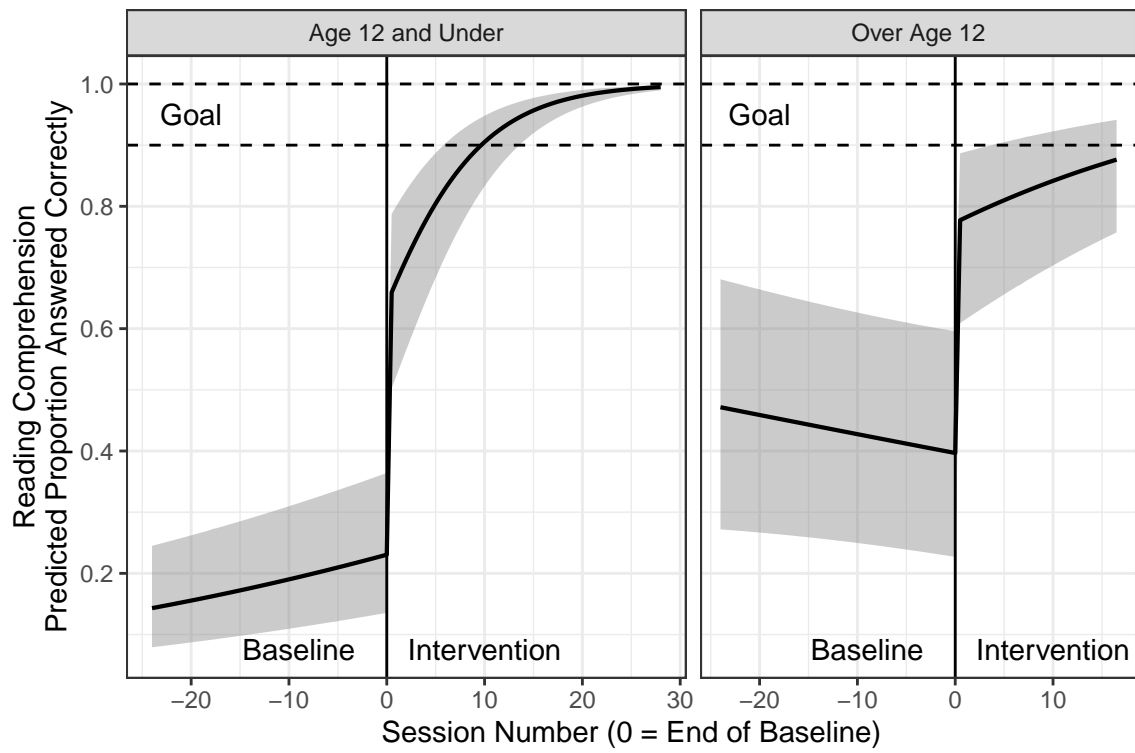


Figure 13: GLMM - Logistic Spline, Age Moderator: Marginal Model