# Adjusting power for a baseline covariate in linear models

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#### SUMMARY

The analysis of covariance provides a common approach to adjusting for a baseline covariate in medical research. With Gaussian errors, adding random covariates does not change either the theory or the computations of general linear model data analysis. However, adding random covariates does change the theory and computation of power analysis. Many data analysts fail to fully account for this complication in planning a study. We present our results in five parts. (i) A review of published results helps document the importance of the problem and the limitations of available methods. (ii) A taxonomy for general linear multivariate models and hypotheses allows identifying a particular problem. (iii) We describe how random covariates introduce the need to consider quantiles and conditional values of power. (iv) We provide new exact and approximate methods for power analysis of a range of multivariate models with a Gaussian baseline covariate, for both small and large samples. The new results apply to the Hotelling-Lawley test and the four tests in the "univariate" approach to repeated measures (unadjusted, Huynh-Feldt, Geisser-Greenhouse, Box). The techniques allow rapid calculation and an interactive, graphical approach to sample size choice. (v) Calculating power for a clinical trial of a treatment for increasing bone density illustrates the new methods. We particularly recommend using quantile power with a new Satterthwaite-style approximation. Copyright © 2003 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Motivation

Medical studies often use a random baseline covariate to increase precision and statistical power. Although of no consequence in data analysis, including any random predictors

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substantially complicates the theory and computation of power. Failing to account for randomness of predictors may distort power analysis and lead to a poor choice of sample size.

Regression and analysis of variance (ANOVA) models express a random response as a function of one or more predictors. Describing each predictor as fixed or random requires careful consideration of the study design. A scientist decides what values fixed predictors have before the study begins. For example, dose levels of a drug are usually *fixed*. In contrast, a scientist discovers values of *random* predictors only after collecting the data. Although errors in measurement could introduce additional randomness in both fixed and random predictors, we assume that the scientist measures all predictors without appreciable error.

In general, random predictors require more complex theory than do fixed predictors [1]. Optimal parameter estimates and hypothesis tests result from treating all of the predictors fixed. However, power analysis used to plan future studies must account for the random distribution of predictors. Computing the average power over all possible realizations of a particular study design [1] leads to what may be called *unconditional* power. Power calculated for a particular set of predictor values is described as (a particular) *conditional* power. With random predictors, the non-centrality parameter is a random variable. *Quantile* power equals the conditional power value that corresponds to a non-centrality value of specified probability. Each non-centrality value typically encompasses many predictor configurations.

# 1.2. Literature review

Power analysis with a baseline covariate, or any other type of random predictor, has received little attention. Univariate linear models of Gaussian responses and random discrete predictors have been popular in genetics [2] Soller and Genizi [3, 4] suggested large sample power approximations for such studies. Sampson [1] reviewed the relationships between correlation theory and regression models with multivariate Gaussian responses and predictors, defined unconditional power, and provided expressions for power in the univariate case. Gatsonis and Sampson [5] provided computational formulae and tables for exact (small sample) power of the test of zero multiple correlation with Gaussian predictors and response.

Many authors have studied the power of tests of independence between two sets of Gaussian variables. Most results involve asymptotic properties and use zonal polynomial forms [6–16].

Muller *et al.* [17] reviewed power calculations for the general linear multivariate model (GLMM) with fixed predictors. They recommended approximations due to Muller and Peterson [18] and Muller and Barton [19]. O'Brien and Shieh (Pragmatic, unifying algorithm gives power probabilities for common F tests of the multivariate general linear hypothesis, unpublished manuscript, University of Florida, 1992) suggested some modifications. The various approximations achieve roughly two decimal places of accuracy [19] (O'Brien and Shieh, unpublished manuscript as before).

# 1.3. Why not run a simulation?

Computer simulations provide a general tool for power analysis. However, the approach has many disadvantages, including programming time and the burden of certifying the accuracy of the results. Power analysis simulation can never be easier than data analysis. Equally importantly, power analysis typically involves considering an extensive range of design variations. Each change requires a new simulation. The common desire for the hundreds or thousands of power values needed for plots makes simulations troublesome at best. Although we use simulations for power analysis on occasion, it stands as our last resort.

### 1.4. Why worry about random predictors?

The following example illustrates the many concerns that may arise with random predictors. Cystic fibrosis typically decreases bone mineral density (BMD). Ontjes (unpublished proposal, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1994) planned to measure spine BMD at baseline, six months, and one year. Stratified by gender, patients were randomly assigned to treatment with a drug designed to increase bone density. Clearly baseline BMD has great appeal as a covariate. Without knowing exactly what values of BMD will occur, how can power be calculated? Is knowing the distribution sufficient? What if the study involves a few tens of subjects, as typically happens in phase I and II clinical trials? What impact do covariates have on the power of tests of fixed effects, such as drug dose? Do repeated measures or multivariate tests change the conclusions? Are there important interactions between two or more such complications? The new results allow answering these questions for many situations.

Although many other choices have practical value, we restrict attention to continuous predictors with Gaussian distributions. The restriction reflects particular interest in models with a baseline covariate.

# 2. A TAXONOMY OF MODELS AND HYPOTHESES

# 2.1. The GLMM(F, G, D)

We introduce a taxonomy in order to simplify discussion and separate known power results from those remaining to be discovered. Write the GLMM(F, G, D) as

in which  $q_F$ ,  $q_G$  and  $q_D$  are the number of columns of fixed, Gaussian and random discrete variables, respectively. Here  $q_F + q_G + q_D = q$ . The *N* rows of *Y*, *X* and  $\mathbb{E}$  correspond to independent sampling units, referred to as subjects, for convenience. We assume that *X* and each of its submatrices, *F*, *G* and *D*, have full rank, that *B* contains fixed parameters (which are known for power analysis), and that  $\mathscr{E}([Y \ G \ \mathbb{E}]) = [FB_F \ 0 \ 0]$ . Rows of *G* and  $\mathbb{E}$  are assumed to independently follow non-singular (finite) Gaussian distributions. As in [1],  $B_G = \Sigma_G^{-1} \Sigma_{GY}$  and  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} = \Sigma_Y - \Sigma_{YG} \Sigma_G^{-1} \Sigma_{GY}$  imply  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} = \Sigma_Y - B'_G \Sigma_G B_G$ . Also

$$\mathscr{V}\{\operatorname{row}_{i}([Y \ G \ \mathbb{E}])'\} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{Y} & \Sigma_{YG} & \Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} \\ \Sigma_{GY} & \Sigma_{G} & \mathbf{0} \\ \Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} & \mathbf{0} & \Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

For fixed  $\Sigma_G$  and  $\Sigma_Y$ , diagonal elements of  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{E}}$  decrease with increasing correlation between the outcomes and the predictors. If  $q_G = 1$ , then write g and  $\sigma_g^2$  rather than G and  $\Sigma_G$ .

Depending on the choice of predictors and distributional assumptions, several different simplifications of the full model arise. The classical GLMM has only fixed predictors, and in our notation is called the GLMM(F). Similarly, we call a model with fixed and multivariate Gaussian predictors a GLMM(F, G), and so on.

For the BMD example, both gender and drug treatment represent fixed effects, while the baseline BMD measure serves as a random predictor. Let  $d_j$  indicate a vector of bone mineral density measurements at month  $j \in \{0, 6, 12\}$ . With m for male, f for female, t for treatment, and p for placebo, a reference cell coding allows writing the model as

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_{6} & d_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{0,mp} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & d_{0,mp} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & d_{0,fp} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & d_{0,ft} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{0,6} & \beta_{0,12} \\ \beta_{f,6} & \beta_{f,12} \\ \beta_{t,6} & \beta_{t,12} \\ \beta_{f,6} & \beta_{f,12} \\ \beta_{f,6} & \beta_{f,12} \\ \beta_{1,6} & \beta_{f,12} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbb{E}$$
(3)

In this design there are no random categorical predictors (D does not exist) and

$$FB_{F} + gB_{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{0,6} & \beta_{0,12} \\ \beta_{f,6} & \beta_{f,12} \\ \beta_{t,6} & \beta_{t,12} \\ \beta_{1,6} & \beta_{1,12} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_{0,mp} \\ d_{0,mt} \\ d_{0,fp} \\ d_{0,ft} \end{bmatrix} [\beta_{1,6} & \beta_{1,12}]$$
(4)

#### 2.2. The General Linear Hypothesis (GLH)

With both fixed and random predictors, hypothesis tests may involve only random, only fixed, or both fixed and random predictors. Assume C, U and  $\Theta_0$  are fixed and known, with C of full row rank and U of full column rank. With  $\Theta = CBU$ , an  $a \times b$  matrix, every general linear hypothesis may be stated as  $\mathbf{H}_0: \Theta = \Theta_0$ . For the GLMM(F, G), a GLH(F) has  $C = [C_F \ 0]$ , with  $C_F \ a \times q_F$ . The GLH(G) has  $C = [0 \ C_G]$  with  $C_G \ a \times q_G$ . A test of both random and fixed predictors, the GLH(F, G), has  $C = [C_F \ C_G]$ .

Power may be computed in terms of a small collection of intermediate expressions, especially

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-1}\boldsymbol{C}' \tag{5}$$

$$\boldsymbol{H} = (\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0)' \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0)$$
(6)

$$\Sigma_* = U' \Sigma_{\mathbb{E}} U \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = H \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*^{-1} \tag{8}$$

 $s = \min(a, b)$ , and  $s_* = \operatorname{rank}(\Omega) \leq s$ . Also define  $\varepsilon = [\operatorname{tr}(\Sigma_*)]^2 / [b\operatorname{tr}(\Sigma_*^2)]$ , a measure of discrepancy from sphericity used for repeated measures tests. See reference [17] for more details. For power analysis, assume that  $C, B, U, \Theta_0, \Sigma_G$  and  $\Sigma_Y$  are known constants. If any component of X is random, then so are M, H and  $\Omega$ .

The cystic fibrosis study focused on the test of gender-by-treatment interaction. Using a MANOVA approach asks if the interaction predicts any linear combination of the BMD at

six or twelve months, adjusting for baseline. Define  $C = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$ ,  $U = I_2$ ,  $\Theta_0 = 0$ . This is a GLH(F), which is often the most interesting sort of test in a clinical trial.

# 3. SMALL SAMPLE POWER

### 3.1. Known results for fixed predictor power and conditional power

Any method giving power for fixed predictors also gives power for models including a particular realization of random predictors. For example, in the BMD study, consider computing power using baseline values from a previous study. Hence power for fixed predictors equals conditional power, as defined earlier. We consider the multivariate Hotelling-Lawley trace statistic (HLT), as well as the tests for the univariate approach to repeated measures (Geisser-Greenhouse, Huynh-Feldt, Box conservative, and uncorrected). See the Appendix for detailed formulae. All reduce to the usual univariate test if b=1, which requires either only one outcome measure, or a univariate contrast among responses. As an example, for the BMD study, testing only the linear trend across the repeated measures gives b=1.

The O'Brien and Shieh modification of the Muller and Peterson [18] approximation for conditional power of the HLT uses McKeon's [20] *F*-approximation for the null. If  $t_1 = (N-q)^2 - (N-q)(2b+3) + b(b+3)$ ,  $t_2 = (N-q)(a+b+1) - (a+2b+b^2-1)$ , then  $d.f.(H) = 4 + (a+b+2)t_1/t_2$ . Let  $f_{crit,H} = F_F^{-1}[1 - \alpha; ab, d.f.(H)]$ , and  $\omega_H = tr(H\Sigma_*^{-1})$ . Conditional power is approximated by  $1 - F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, d.f.(H), \omega_H]$ .

Muller and Barton [19] described approximations for conditional power of the conservative, Geisser–Greenhouse, Huynh–Feldt and uncorrected tests. The tests estimate  $\varepsilon$  as 1/b,  $\hat{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\tilde{\varepsilon}$  and 1, respectively, with  $\hat{\varepsilon}$  and  $\tilde{\varepsilon}$  the MLE and Huynh–Feldt estimates. For test  $T \in \{C, GG, HF, Un\}$ , define  $f_{crit,T} = F_F^{-1}[1 - \alpha; abm(T), (N - q)bm(T)]$ , with m(T) equal to 1/b, an approximate value of  $\mathscr{E}(\hat{\varepsilon})$ , an approximate value of  $\mathscr{E}(\tilde{\varepsilon})$ , or 1. Conditional power is approximated by  $1 - F_F t[f_{crit,T}; ab\varepsilon, b(N - q)\varepsilon, \omega_U]$ , with  $\omega_U = \varepsilon tr(\boldsymbol{H})/tr(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*)$ . The uncorrected test and power calculations are exact whenever sphericity holds ( $\varepsilon = 1$ ).

Examination of the conditional power approximations allows concluding that they depend on random predictors only through scalar non-centrality values. In particular,  $\omega_{\rm H}$  and  $\omega_{\rm U}$ become random variables as functions of random X. Hence unconditional power may be computed by deriving the density of the random non-centrality parameter and integrating over all possible values.

# 3.2. New results for unconditional power: distributions of non-centrality for $q_G = 1$

The special case with  $q_G = 1$  and  $q_D = 0$  reduces the design matrix to

$$\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{g} \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

and also implies

$$\boldsymbol{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C}_F & \boldsymbol{c}_g \end{bmatrix} \tag{10}$$

with C and  $C_F$  assumed to be of rank a and  $c_g$  of rank 0 or 1. For example, the test of treatment effect in the BMD study analysis is a special case. In turn, the presence of random

g in

$$\omega_{\rm H} = \operatorname{tr} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0 \right)' \left( \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C}_F & \boldsymbol{c}_g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}' \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{F}' \boldsymbol{g} \\ \boldsymbol{g}' \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{g}' \boldsymbol{g} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C}_F' \\ \boldsymbol{c}_g' \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0 \right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*^{-1} \right]$$
(11)

and

$$\omega_{\mathrm{U}} = \frac{b\varepsilon}{\mathrm{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{*})} \mathrm{tr} \left[ (\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})' \left( \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C}_{F} & \boldsymbol{c}_{g} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}' \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{F}' \boldsymbol{g} \\ \boldsymbol{g}' \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{g}' \boldsymbol{g} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{C}_{F}' \\ \boldsymbol{c}_{g}' \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0}) \right]$$
(12)

makes both random.

# Lemma 1

Assume  $h_{\rm H,1}$  and  $h_{\rm U,1}$  are constant, and  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_{\rm 3H}$  and  $q_{\rm 3U}$  are scaled  $\chi^2$  random variables. For a GLMM(F, g), and a GLH(F, g) or a GLH(F), the random non-centrality for power approximation for the HLT test is exactly

$$\omega_{\rm H} = h_{\rm H,1} - q_{\rm 3H} / (q_1 + q_2) \tag{13}$$

and for the 'univariate' approach to repeated measures tests is exactly

$$\omega_{\rm U} = h_{\rm U,1} - q_{\rm 3U}/(q_1 + q_2) \tag{14}$$

See the Appendix for details of the notation and a proof. Standard results for quadratic forms allow proving that  $q_1$  is independent of  $q_2$ ,  $q_{3H}$ , and  $q_{3U}$ , while  $q_2$  is not independent of  $q_{3H}$  or  $q_{3U}$ . Also, neither  $q_{3H}$  nor  $q_{3U}$  are independent of  $q_1 + q_2$ .

# Lemma 2

The non-centralities described in Lemma 1 may each be expressed exactly as weighted sums of independent  $\chi^2$  random variables. See the Appendix for a proof.

### 3.3. Unconditional power approximations

#### Theorem 1

For a GLMM(F, g) and a GLH(F, g) or a GLH(F), with C and  $C_F$  of rank a,  $\omega_H$  is absolutely continuous, with  $Pr\{0 \le h_{H,0} \le \omega_H \le h_{H,1}\} = 1$ . Hence the unconditional power for the Hotelling–Lawley trace may be approximated by

$$P_{u,H} = 1 - \int_{h_{H,0}}^{h_{H,1}} F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, df(H), t] f_{\omega_H}(t) dt$$
  

$$= 1 - \left\{ F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, df(H), t] F_{\omega_H}(t) \Big|_{t=h_{H,0}}^{t=h_{H,1}} - \int_{h_{H,0}}^{h_{H,1}} F_{\omega_H}(t) \frac{\partial F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, df(H), t]}{\partial t} dt \right\}$$
  

$$= 1 - F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, df(H), h_{H,1}]$$
  

$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_{h_{H,0}}^{h_{H,1}} F_{\omega_H}(t) \left\{ F_F[f_{crit,H}; ab, df(H), t] - F_F\left[\frac{f_{crit,H}ab}{ab+2}; ab+2, df(H), t\right] \right\} dt \quad (15)$$

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The power may be approximate for three reasons. Conditional power is approximate for  $s = \min(a, b) > 1$ . Numerical calculation of the integral may reduce accuracy. Finally, an approximation (as in Section 3.5) may be preferred to Davies' [21] method for calculating  $F_{\omega_{\rm H}}(t)$  if  $s_* > 1$ . The results are exact (except for inaccuracy due to numerical integration) if s = 1. This special case arises in comparing only two groups, as in many clinical trials. If  $s_* = 1$  then  $F_{\omega_{\rm H}}(t)$  can be expressed exactly in terms of a possibly non-central F CDF, even if s > 1.

# Theorem 2

Let T index the conservative, Geisser-Greenhouse or Huynh-Feldt test. For a GLMM(F, g), and a GLH(F, g), with C and  $C_F$  of rank a, the approximate unconditional power for the univariate approach to repeated measures statistics is given by

$$P_{u,U} = 1 - \int_{0}^{\infty} F_{F}[f_{crit;T}; ab\varepsilon, b(N-q)\varepsilon, \omega_{U}] dF_{\omega_{U}}$$
  
$$= 1 - F_{F}[f_{crit,T}; ab\varepsilon, b(N-q)\varepsilon, h_{U,1}]$$
  
$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_{h_{U},0}^{h_{U},1} F_{\omega_{U}}(t) \left\{ F_{F}[f_{crit,T}; ab\varepsilon, b(N-q)\varepsilon, t] - F_{F}\left[\frac{f_{crit,T}ab\varepsilon}{ab\varepsilon+2}; ab\varepsilon+2, b(N-q)\varepsilon, t\right] \right\} dt$$
(16)

The logic and most details of the proof are the same as for theorem 1 (see the Appendix).

The power may be approximate for three reasons. Conditional power is approximate if b > 1. Numerical integration may introduce some inaccuracy. Finally, an approximation (as in Section 3.5) may be preferred for calculating  $F_{\omega_{\rm H}}(t)$  if  $s_* > 1$ . The results are exact (except for inaccuracy due to numerical integration) if b = 1. This case arises with hypotheses involving only one response dimension, such as a linear trend, and any univariate hypothesis. If  $s_* = 1$  then  $F_{\omega_{\rm U}}(t)$  can be expressed exactly in terms of a possibly non-central F CDF, even if s > 1.

#### 3.4. Quantile power approximations

In addition to unconditional power, *quantile* power is of interest. Let  $\omega_{Hq}$  be a number such that  $Pr\{\omega_H < \omega_{Hq}\} = F_{\omega_H}(\omega_{Hq}) = q$ . A non-centrality parameter that small or smaller occurs in only 100q per cent of all realizations of possible experiments. Define quantile power for the Hotelling–Lawley test to be the power obtained conditional on observing a non-centrality parameter of  $\omega_{Hq}$ :

$$p_{q,\mathrm{H}} = 1 - F_F[f_{\mathrm{crit},\mathrm{H}}; ab, \mathrm{d}f(\mathrm{H}), \omega_{\mathrm{H}q}]$$
(17)

Quantile powers for the four tests with the 'univariate' approach to repeated measures are defined similarly.

# 3.5. Computational techniques and approximations

Calculating a numerical value for quantile power will be illustrated by considering the Hotelling-Lawley test:

- 1. Fix q. For example, to find the 25th percentile, q = 0.25.
- 2. Find the *q*th percentile of non-centrality,  $\omega_{Hq} = F_{\omega_H}^{-1}(q)$ , by numerical inversion of the equation  $F_{\omega_H}(\omega_{Hq}) = q$ . A simple bisection method works, with Davies' algorithm for exact calculation of the CDF's of  $\omega_H$  and  $\omega_U$ .
- 3. Compute  $P_{q,H}$  with equation [17]. The QUAD function [22] or algorithm 5.1.2 in Thisted (reference [23], p. 271) were used for integration. Davies' algorithm was used to calculate exact CDF's of  $\omega_{H}$  and  $\omega_{U}$ .

To improve calculation speed, we developed an algorithm based on Satterthwaite approximations. For a GLH(F), equations [A6] and [A9] express  $Pr\{\omega_T \leq w\}$ , the CDF of the (random) non-centrality for test statistic  $T \in \{H, U\}$ , in terms of the CDF of

$$S_{\rm T}(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{a} \lambda_{\rm Tk} \chi_k^2(v_k)$$
(18)

Note that the set of  $\lambda_{Tk}$  are functions of w. Let

$$v_{*T1} = \left(\sum_{\{k:\lambda_{Tk}>0\}} \lambda_{Tk} v_k\right)^2 / \sum_{\{k:\lambda_{Tk}>0\}} \lambda_{Tk} v_k$$
(19)

$$\lambda_{*\mathrm{T}1} = \sum_{\{k:\lambda_{\mathrm{T}k}>0\}} \lambda_{\mathrm{T}k}^2 \nu_k \bigg/ \sum_{\{k:\lambda_{\mathrm{T}k}>0\}} \lambda_{\mathrm{T}k} \nu_k$$
(20)

and define  $v_{*T2}$  and  $\lambda_{*T2}$  as similar sums over the set  $\{k : \lambda_{Tk} < 0\}$ , but with  $\lambda_{Tk}$  replaced by  $|\lambda_{Tk}|$ . Note that  $v_{*T1}$ ,  $v_{*T2}$ ,  $\lambda_{*T1}$  and  $\lambda_{*T2}$  all depend on *w* through the set of  $\lambda_{Tk}$ . If  $\{k : \lambda_{Tk} > 0\}$  is empty,  $F_{\omega_{T}}(w) = 0$ , and if  $\{k : \lambda_{Tk} < 0\}$  is empty,  $F_{\omega_{T}}(w) = 1$ . Otherwise, a Satterthwaite type of approximation is given by

$$F_{\omega_{\rm T}}(w) \approx F_F\left(\frac{v_{*{\rm T}2}\lambda_{*{\rm T}2}}{v_{*{\rm T}1}\lambda_{*{\rm T}1}}; v_{*{\rm T}1}, v_{*{\rm T}2}\right)$$
(21)

The approximation can be used for both unconditional and quantile power.

### 4. LARGE SAMPLE POWER

For all of the multivariate tests, conditional power approaches 1 as sample size approaches  $\infty$  (reference [14], p. 330). In turn, unconditional power also approaches 1, since it is an average conditional power. Here we focus on *quantized* limits, in the spirit of those in Anderson (reference [14], p. 330). See the Appendix for details. For a positive integer, *m*, define N(m) = mN, with N fixed. Evaluation of quantized limits centres on *local Pitman-type alternatives* (reference [14], p. 330; reference [24], p. 238). This leads to basing the test statistics on  $B/\sqrt{\{N(m)\}}$ ,  $(\Theta - \Theta_0)/\sqrt{\{N(m)\}}$ , and  $H_{LA} = H/N(m)$ , and considering  $N(m) \rightarrow \infty$ .

	Test	Limit		
Univariate	Conservative Geisser–Greenhouse	$\frac{1 - F_{\chi^2}[b\varepsilon c_{\text{crit}}(a); ab\varepsilon, \omega_{\text{U,LA}}]}{1 - F_{\chi^2}[c_{\text{crit}}(ab\varepsilon); ab\varepsilon, \omega_{\text{U,LA}}]}$		
Multivariate	Huynh–Feldt (unbounded) All tests coincide	$\frac{1 - F_{\chi^2}t[c_{\text{crit}}(ab\varepsilon); ab\varepsilon, \omega_{\text{U,LA}}]}{1 - F_{\chi^2}[c_{\text{crit}}(ab); ab, \omega_{\text{H,LA}}]}$		

Table I. Limits of unconditional power under local alternatives.

With W and  $F_e$  as defined in the Appendix, asymptotic limits of the approximations to unconditional power may be expressed in terms of  $M_{LA} = NC_F (F'_e WF_e)^{-1} C'_F = C_F (F'F)^{-1} C'_F$ and

$$Q_{\rm LA} = (\Theta - \Theta_0)' [M_{\rm LA}^{-1} - (\sigma_g^2 + c_g' M_{\rm LA}^{-1} c_g)^{-1} M_{\rm LA}^{-1} c_g c_g' M_{\rm LA}^{-1}] (\Theta - \Theta_0)$$
(22)

Lemma 3

For a GLMM(F, g) and a GLH(F, g), under a sequence of Pitman local alternatives indexed by m

$$H_{\rm LA} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{Q}_{\rm LA} \tag{23}$$

See the Appendix for a proof.

### Theorem 3

Consider the limits of the unconditional power approximations given in theorems 1 and 2 under a sequence of Pitman local alternatives indexed by *m*. Define  $\omega_{\rm H,LA} = \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{Q}_{\rm LA}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*^{-1})$  and  $\omega_{\rm U,LA} = b\varepsilon \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{Q}_{\rm LA})/\operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_*)$ , and let  $c_{\rm crit}(v) = F_{\chi^2}^{-1}(1-\alpha;v)$  be the  $1-\alpha$  quantile of a  $\chi^2$  variable with *v* degrees of freedom. Then the limits of the unconditional power approximations for the tests are given in Table I. See the Appendix for a proof.

#### 5. NUMERICAL RESULTS

We conducted a number of simulations to assess the accuracy of the approximations and to compare the speed of calculations to a Monte Carlo approach. Unconditional and quantile power, with  $s_* = 1$  and  $s_* > 1$ , for HLT and the Geisser–Greenhouse tests were evaluated.

We illustrate the results with a simulation based on p=4,  $q_F=3$  and  $q_G=1$ . Cell mean coding for a balanced design gave  $F_e = I_{q_F}$  and  $F = I_{q_F} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{N/q_F}$ . This led to

$$\boldsymbol{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F} & \boldsymbol{g} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{B}_F \\ \boldsymbol{B}_g \end{bmatrix} + \mathbb{E}$$
(24)

We chose  $\Sigma_Y = I_p$ ,  $\sigma_g^2 = 1$ ,  $B_F = \Delta Dg(1, 2, \mathbf{0}_{q_F-2})$ , and  $B_g = \rho \mathbf{1}'_p$ . The hypothesis involved  $\alpha = 0.05$ ,  $C = [-\mathbf{1}_{q_F-1} \ \mathbf{I}_{q_F-1} \ \mathbf{0}]$ ,  $U = I_p$  and  $\Theta_0 = \mathbf{0}$ , which gave  $\Omega$  two non-zero eigenvalues. The parameter  $\Delta$  scales differences between two group intercepts (and means), while  $\rho$  is the slope for the covariate. We chose  $\rho = 0.5$  and  $N \in \{15, 75, 150\}$ . For each N, we selected

N	Δ	Median		Unconditional (mean)			
		Exact	Approximate	Empirical	Exact	Approximate	Empirical
15	0.4997	0.200	0.200	0.194	0.195	0.195	0.193
	0.8076	0.500	0.500	0.502	0.487	0.487	0.491
	1.0976	0.800	0.800	0.809	0.784	0.784	0.796
75	0.1651	0.200	0.200	0.199	0.198	0.198	0.200
	0.2623	0.500	0.500	0.498	0.497	0.497	0.500
	0.3508	0.800	0.800	0.798	0.797	0.797	0.798
150	0.1142	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.199	0.199	0.200
	0.1813	0.500	0.500	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.499
	0.2424	0.800	0.800	0.798	0.802	0.798	0.798
Total CPU minutes		0.063	0.001	627.461	24.223	0.130	627.461

Table II. Calculated and empirical HLT power.

three values of  $\Delta$  so that exact median quantile power,  $p_{q,H}$ , was 0.20, 0.50 or 0.80. We also calculated the Satterthwaite approximate 0.50 quantile power ( $P_{S,0.50,H}$ ).

Table II contains numerical power values and times. All calculations allowed a maximum error of 0.001. To find empirical quantile power, for fixed values of N,  $\Sigma_g$ ,  $\Sigma_Y$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $\rho$ , we generated 1000 values of g. The SAS NORMAL function [22] produced pseudo-random spherical Gaussian data which were transformed to obtain realizations of g. For each g, we generated 1000 values of Y, and calculated  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then LINMOD [25] was used to calculate test statistics and p-values. For each g, the empirical quantile power was the total number of times that the null hypothesis was rejected, divided by 1000. The empirical quantile power was the median of the 1000 empirical powers. Times for both quantile and unconditional power illustrate the dramatic speed advantage of the new methods over simulation, and the approximations over exact. For the examples considered, the results for non-centrality CDF's differ from those calculated with Davies' algorithm only in the third decimal place. All other inaccuracy arose from the conditional power approximations. The univariate approach to repeated measures conditional power approximations introduced errors as large as 0.05 for some cases with N = 15.

A limited number of cases were examined to assess the formulae given for asymptotic unconditional power. In those cases, a sample size of at least 1000 was required to ensure roughly two digits of accuracy. The same accuracy can apparently be achieved by using, for HLT for example, the first term, and neglecting the integral term, in equation [15]. The integral term was never seen to be more than roughly 0.05.

# 6. POWER ANALYSIS EXAMPLE

A power analysis was conducted for the cystic fibrosis example using our new methods. Plausible values for  $B_G$ ,  $\Sigma_Y$  and  $\Sigma_G$  were based on pilot data in the grant proposal [20]. It was assumed that the variances of the baseline, six and twelve month BMD's were equal, and that the correlation between any pair of measurements was equal. Sample sizes of 13 and 39 were considered, and a range of differences between means examined.



Figure 1. Geisser–Greenhouse power for gender  $\times$  treatment, N = 13: ... 95 per cent Cl; —unconditional; — - —conditional.

At the small sample size, substantial differences can be seen in Figure 1 among unconditional power, the lower 0.025 quantile (corresponding to a 95 per cent confidence level), and the traditional conditional power approximation based on adjusting the error covariance. The upper 0.975 quantile points lie roughly at the same values as the conditional approximation.

For N = 39 (see Figure 2), for the hypothesis and sample size of interest, the choice of quantile has a modest effect on power. Similar results were found for a range of related designs, tests and hypotheses.

# 7. CONCLUSIONS

The presence of a baseline covariate substantially complicates power calculations of treatment effects in univariate and multivariate ANCOVA settings. New exact and approximate results allow conveniently computing power in the presence of a Gaussian covariate. We recommend computing quantile power for studies with random predictors. The choice of which quantile depends on the ethical and monetary features of the application.

Power methods vary substantially in convenience and speed. Simulations were the slowest, with methods based on numerical integration being next slowest. The Satterthwaite-style approximation is essentially as fast as the simple adjustment with conditional power methods, while being nearly as accurate in the integration technique. Hence the simple adjustment should be avoided, except possibly in large samples. We recommend using the Satterthwaitestyle approximation as the best combination of accuracy and computational speed.

Many unanswered questions remain for power analysis with random covariates. In particular, the test of interaction between a random continuous predictor and a fixed predictor seems very important, but is not covered by known results. In the BMD example, testing for equality of



Figure 2. Geisser–Greenhouse power for gender  $\times$  treatment, N = 39: ... 95 per cent Cl; —unconditional; — - —conditional.

baseline slopes in each treatment group falls into this category. More generally, non-Gaussian predictors seem important for practice, yet are not covered by known results.

#### **APPENDIX**

#### A.1. Distributions and approximations

As needed, a matrix is described as constant, random, or a realization of a random matrix. The Kronecker product is  $A \otimes B = \{a_{ij} \cdot B\}$ . Graybill's (reference [26], p. 309) definition for vec is used. Let  $Dg(\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n\})$  indicate a diagonal matrix. Let  $\chi^2(v, \omega)$  indicate a chi-squared random variable with v degrees of freedom and non-centrality  $\omega$  (reference [27], chapter 28). Write the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of random variable Z as  $F_Z(z; \theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_p)$ , with *p*th quantile  $F_Z^{-1}(p; \theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_p)$ . For the non-central F (reference [27], chapter 30) this gives  $F_F(x; a, b, \omega)$ .

Let K be the number of groups of subjects in F, with  $N_k$  subjects in each group. Assume that K,  $N_k$  and the maximum entry in F are all finite. The actual variables of interest are assumed to be available, and no surrogate variables are used. None of the data may be missing.

# Proof of Lemma 1

A standard result for the inverse of a partitioned matrix (reference [28], p. 67) gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F} & \mathbf{F}'\mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{g}'\mathbf{F} & \mathbf{g}'\mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{11} & \mathbf{b}_{12} \\ \mathbf{b}_{12}' & \mathbf{b}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
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with  $B_{11} = (F'F)^{-1} + (F'F)^{-1}F'gb_{22}g'F(F'F)^{-1}$ ,  $b_{12} = -(F'F)^{-1}F'gb_{22}$  and  $b_{22} = \{g'[I - F(F'F)^{-1}F']g\}^{-1} = q_1^{-1}$ . Then, with  $P = C_F(F'F)^{-1}F'$  and  $g_* = Pg - c_g$  $M = [C_F \quad c_g] \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & b_{12} \\ b'_{12} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C'_F \\ c'_g \end{bmatrix}$   $= PP' + b_{22}g_*g'_*$ (A2)

Using the Bartlett formula for the inverse of a partitioned matrix (reference [28], p. 69), define  $T_1 = (PP')^{-1} = [C_F(F'F)^{-1}C'_F]^{-1}$ ,  $q_2 = g'_*T_1g_*$  and

$$M^{-1} = (PP' + b_{22}g_*g'_*)^{-1}$$
  
=  $(PP')^{-1} - \frac{b_{22}}{1 + b_{22}g'_*(PP')^{-1}g_*}(PP')^{-1}g_*g'_*(PP')^{-1}$   
=  $T_1 - T_1g_*g'_*T_1/(q_1 + q_2)$  (A3)

If  $q_{3\mathrm{H}} = \mathbf{g}'_* \mathbf{T}_1(\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}_*^{-1} (\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0)' \mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{g}_*$  and  $h_{\mathrm{H},1} = \mathrm{tr}[(\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0)' \mathbf{T}_1(\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0) \mathbf{\Sigma}_*^{-1}]$ , then

$$\omega_{\mathrm{H}} = \mathrm{tr}[(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})' \boldsymbol{T}_{1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{*}^{-1}] - \frac{1}{q_{1} + q_{2}}\mathrm{tr}[(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})' \boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}' \boldsymbol{T}_{1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{*}^{-1}]$$
$$= h_{\mathrm{H},1} - \mathrm{tr}[\boldsymbol{g}_{*}' \boldsymbol{T}_{1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{*}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})' \boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}]/(q_{1} + q_{2})$$
(A4)

Independence among some  $q_j$ 's may be proven as follows. If  $\mathbf{z} \sim N_N(\mathbf{0}, I_N)$ , then  $\mathbf{g} = \sigma_g \mathbf{z} \sim N_N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_g^2 \mathbf{I}_N)$ . If  $\mathbf{m}_g = \mathbf{P}'(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}')^{-1}\mathbf{c}_g$  and  $\mathbf{m}_z = \mathbf{m}_g/\sigma_g$  then  $\mathbf{g}_* = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{m}_g) = \sigma_g \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{m}_z)$ . Define symmetric and psd  $A_1 = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{F})^{-1}\mathbf{F}'$ ,  $A_2 = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{T}_1\mathbf{P}$ , and  $A_{3H} = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{T}_1(\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0)\mathbf{\Sigma}_*^{-1}(\mathbf{\Theta} - \mathbf{\Theta}_0)'\mathbf{T}_1\mathbf{P}/h_{H,1}$ . Here  $A_1$  is idempotent, rank  $v_1 = N - q_F$ ,  $A_2$  is idempotent, rank a, and  $A_{3H}$  is not idempotent, with rank of  $s_* \leq s$ . Also  $q_1 = \sigma_g^2 \mathbf{z}' A_1 \mathbf{z}$ ,  $q_2 = \sigma_g^2 (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{m}_z)'A_2(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{m}_z)$  and  $q_{3H} = \sigma_g^2 (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{m}_z)'A_3(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{m}_z)$ , proving that each  $q_j$  is a quadratic form in independent Gaussians. Hence  $A_1A_2 = A_1A_{3H} = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $A_2A_{3H} \neq \mathbf{0}$  implies independence of corresponding  $q_j$  pairs [29].

For the univariate tests,  $h_{U,1} = b\epsilon tr^{-1}(\Sigma_*)tr[(\Theta - \Theta_0)'T_1(\Theta - \Theta_0)]$ . Replacing  $\Sigma_*^{-1}$  by  $b\epsilon tr^{-1}(\Sigma_*)I_b$  defines  $A_{3U}$  in lieu of  $A_{3H}$ , which in turn leads to  $q_{3U}$  in lieu of  $q_{3H}$ . Therefore

$$\omega_{\mathrm{U}} = b\varepsilon \mathrm{tr}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{*})\mathrm{tr}\left[(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})'\boldsymbol{T}_{1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0}) - \frac{1}{q_{1} + q_{2}}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})'\boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}'\boldsymbol{T}_{1}(\boldsymbol{\Theta} - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{0})\right]$$
$$= h_{\mathrm{U},1} - q_{3\mathrm{U}}/(q_{1} + q_{2})$$
(A5)

Proof of Lemma 2 Let  $F_{\omega_{\rm H}}(w) = \Pr\{\omega_{\rm H} \leq w\}$  and  $b_0 = 1 - w/h_{\rm H,1}$ , with  $0 \leq b_0 \leq 1$ . Then

$$F_{\omega_{\rm H}}(w) = \Pr\{h_{\rm H,1} - q_{\rm 3H}/(q_1 + q_2) \le w\}$$
$$= \Pr\{b_0 \le (q_{\rm 3H}/h_{\rm H,1})/(q_1 + q_2)\}$$

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$$= \Pr\left\{b_{0} \leqslant \frac{\sigma_{g}^{2}}{\sigma_{g}^{2}} \frac{(z - m_{z})' A_{3H}(z - m_{z})}{z' A_{1} z + (z - m_{z})' A_{2}(z - m_{z})}\right\}$$
  
=  $\Pr\{b_{0} z' A_{1} z + (z - m_{z})' (b_{0} A_{2} - A_{3H})(z - m_{z}) \leqslant 0\}$   
=  $\Pr\{S_{H} \leqslant 0\}$  (A6)

Define  $A_{dH} = (b_0 A_2 - A_{3H})$ . The fact that  $A_1 A_2 = A_1 A_{3H} = 0$  implies  $A_1 A_{dH} = 0$ . With  $T_1 = F_{T1} F'_{T1}$  and  $F'_{T1} (\Theta - \Theta_0) \Sigma_*^{-1} (\Theta - \Theta_0)' F_{T1} / h_{H,1} = V_{sH} Dg(\lambda_{sH}) V'_{sH}$ , it follows that

$$A_{dH} = b_0 P' F_{T1} F'_{T1} P - P' F_{T1} F'_{T1} (\Theta - \Theta_0) \Sigma_*^{-1} (\Theta - \Theta_0)' F_{T1} F'_{T1} P / h_{H,1}$$
  
$$= P' F_{T1} [b_0 I_a - V_{sH} Dg(\lambda_{sH}) V'_{sH}] F'_{T1} P$$
  
$$= P' F_{T1} V_{sH} [b_0 I_a - Dg(\lambda_{sH})] V'_{sH} F'_{T1} P$$
(A7)

If  $V_{dH+} = P'F_{T1}V_{sH}$ , then  $V'_{dH+}V_{dH+} = I_a$  and  $A_{dH}V_{dH+} = V_{dH+}[b_0I_a - Dg(\lambda_{sH})]$ . Hence the first *a* eigenvectors of  $A_{dH}$  are  $V_{dH+}$ . Also  $A_{dH}$  has at most *a* non-zero eigenvalues, namely  $\{b_0 - \lambda_{sH,k}\}$ . Define  $m_{zH} = V'_{dH+}m_z = V'_{sH}F'_{T1}c_g/\sigma_g$  ( $a \times 1$ ). Then

$$S_{\rm H} = b_0 \chi_0^2 (N - q_F) + \sum_{k=1}^{s_*} (b_0 - \lambda_{s{\rm H},k}) \chi_k^2 (1, m_{z{\rm H},k}^2) + b_0 \sum_{k=s_*+1}^a \chi_k^2 (1, m_{z{\rm H},k}^2)$$
(A8)

with all  $\chi^2$  random variables independent of each other, which completes the proof. All coefficients are positive unless  $b_0 - \lambda_{sH,1} > 0$ , which implies  $w > h_{H,0} = h_{H,1}(1 - \lambda_{sH,1})$ .

Many special cases arise. If  $c_g = 0$  then all  $\chi^2$ 's are central. Note that  $b_0 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\lambda_{sH,k} \in (0,1)$ . If  $\lambda_{sH,k} \equiv \lambda_{sH} > b_0$ , which is guaranteed by  $s_* = 1$ , then  $Pr\{S_H \le 0\}$  can be expressed in terms of the CDF of a possibly doubly non-central F. If  $c_g = 0$ ,  $s_* = 1$  and  $N_* = N - q_F + a - 1$ , then  $\lambda_{sH} = 1$ ,  $S_H = b_0 \chi_0^2(N_*) + (b_0 - 1)\chi_1^2(1)$ ,  $f_* = w/[N_*(h_{H,1} - w)]$  and  $Pr\{S_H \le 0\} = F_F(f_*; N_*, 1)$ .

Replacing  $\Sigma_*^{-1}$  by  $b\epsilon tr^{-1}(\Sigma_*)I_b$  gives the parallel result for  $\omega_U$ . In particular

$$F_{\omega_{U}}(w) = \Pr\{b_{0} \leq (q_{3U}/h_{U,1})/(q_{1}+q_{2})\}$$
  
=  $\Pr\{b_{0}z'A_{1}z + (z - m_{z})'(b_{0}A_{2} - A_{3U})(z - m_{z}) \leq 0\}$   
=  $\Pr\{S_{U} \leq 0\}$  (A9)

With  $F'_{T1}(\Theta - \Theta_0)(\Theta - \Theta_0)'F_{T1}b\varepsilon/[tr(\Sigma_*)h_{U,1}] = V_{sU}Dg(\lambda_{sU})V'_{sU}$ , the first *a* eigenvectors of  $A_{dU} = (b_0A_2 - A_{3U})$  are  $P'F_{T1}V_{sU}$ . If  $m_{zU} = V'_{sU}F'_{T1}Pm_z = V'_{sU}F'_{T1}c_g/\sigma_g$  (*a*×1) then

$$S_{\rm U} = b_0 \chi_0^2 (N - q_F) + \sum_{k=1}^{s_*} (b_0 - \lambda_{s{\rm U},k}) \chi_k^2 (1, m_{z{\rm U},k}^2) + b_0 \sum_{k=s_*+1}^{a} \chi_k^2 (1, m_{z{\rm U},k}^2)$$
(A10)

### Proof of Theorem 1

Unconditional power equals the expected value of conditional power over all possible realizations of the experiment. Using the law of total probability, unconditional power can be approximated by integrating approximate conditional power with respect to  $\omega_{\rm H}$ .

For any G,  $\omega_{\rm H} = {\rm tr}(H\Sigma_*^{-1}) \ge 0$  implies  $h_{{\rm H},1} \ge q_{3{\rm H}}/(q_1 + q_2)$ . Also,  $q_j \ge 0$  and  $q_{3{\rm H}}/(q_1 + q_2) \ge 0$ . Finite N,  $\Theta$ ,  $C_F$  and  $0 < |\Sigma_*| < \infty$  ensure finite  $h_{{\rm H},1}$ . Hence  $\infty > h_{{\rm H},1} \ge q_{3{\rm H}}/(q_1 + q_2) \ge 0$ , which implies  $h_{{\rm H},1} \ge \omega_{\rm H} \ge 0$ . See the proof of lemma 2 for the derivation of  $h_{{\rm H},0}$ . As a smooth function of absolutely continuous random variables,  $\omega_{\rm H}$  is also absolutely continuous (and has a density). Use an expression for  $\partial F_F(f; v_1, v_2, t)/\partial t$  [30, 30.46] and integration by parts to complete the proof.

# A.2. Local alternatives and quantized limits

In a GLMM(F), the experimenter decides *a priori* to select a certain number of subjects from each of K groups. Write the predictor matrix as

$$\boldsymbol{F} = [\boldsymbol{f}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{1}'_{N_1} \quad \boldsymbol{f}_2 \otimes \boldsymbol{1}'_{N_2} \quad \cdots \quad \boldsymbol{f}_K \otimes \boldsymbol{1}'_{N_K}]' \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{f}_1' \otimes \boldsymbol{1}_{N_1} \\ \boldsymbol{f}_2' \otimes \boldsymbol{1}_{N_2} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{f}_K' \otimes \boldsymbol{1}_{N_K} \end{bmatrix}$$
(A11)

with  $f_k$  a  $q_F \times 1$  vector of values for a subject in group k. Define the essence matrix,  $F_e$ , as that matrix which contains one and only one copy of each unique row of F [31]:

Let W be a diagonal  $K \times K$  matrix with diagonal entries  $\{N_1/N, N_2/N, \dots, N_k/Nt\}$ . Then  $N = \sum_{k=1}^{K} N_k$  and  $F'F = NF'_e WF_e$ .

For a positive integer *m*, let N(m) = mN. As  $m \to \infty$ , then  $N(m) \to \infty$  in a sequence of quantized steps, each of size *N*, a *quantized limit process*. The sequences used in the limits here are in the same spirit as those in Anderson (reference [14], p. 330). Also define  $F(m) = F \otimes \mathbf{1}_m$ . Then  $F(m)'F(m) = N(m)F'_eWF_e$ . Note that *W*,  $F_e$  and *N* remain fixed as N(m) increases.

We assume  $\operatorname{row}_i(G_m)' = \mathcal{N}_{N(m)}(0, \Sigma_G)$ , with independent rows. Both F(m) and  $G_m$  increase by N rows at each step, which corresponds to drawing a larger random sample for  $G_m$ .

# Proof of Lemma 4 Consider

$$\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} [N(m)]^{-1} \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} = \lim_{N(m)\to\infty} [\boldsymbol{T}_1/N(m)]^{-1} - \lim_{N(m)\to\infty} ([N(m)\sigma_g^2/(q_1+q_2)]\{[N(m)]^{-2}\sigma_g^{-2}\boldsymbol{T}_1\boldsymbol{g}_*\boldsymbol{g}_*'\boldsymbol{T}_1\})$$
(A13)

First

$$\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} [\boldsymbol{T}_1/N(m)]^{-1} = \lim_{N(m)\to\infty} \{\boldsymbol{C}_F[N(m)\boldsymbol{F}'_e \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{F}_e]^{-1}\boldsymbol{C}'_F/N(m)\}^{-1}$$
$$= \boldsymbol{M}_{\mathrm{LA}}^{-1}$$
(A14)

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Next write

$$\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} \left[ \frac{\sigma_g^2 N(m)}{q_1 + q_2} \right] = \lim_{N(m)\to\infty} \frac{1}{[N(m)\sigma_g^2]^{-1}q_1 + [N(m)\sigma_g^2]^{-1}q_2}$$
(A15)

and use lemma 19.9 of Arnold (reference [32], p. 365) to show  $\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} [N(m)\sigma_g^2]^{-1}q_1 = 1$ . As the Gaussian in  $q_2$  converges in probability to a point mass,  $q_2/N(m) \xrightarrow{p} c'_g M_{\text{LA}}^{-1} c_g/\sigma_g^2$ . Finally

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{T}_{1}[\sigma_{g}N(m)]^{-2} = \boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}^{\prime}[\sigma_{g}N(m)]^{-2}\boldsymbol{T}_{1}$$
(A16)

with  $T_1 = \{C_F[N(m)F'_eWF_e]^{-1}C'_F\}^{-1}$ . Since the Gaussian vector in  $T_1g_*g'_*T_1$  converges in probability to a point mass

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}\boldsymbol{g}_{*}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{T}_{1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{g}^{-2}[N(m)]^{-2} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{M}_{\mathrm{LA}}^{-1}\boldsymbol{c}_{g}\boldsymbol{c}_{g}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{M}_{\mathrm{LA}}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{g}^{2}$$
(A17)

and the result follows.

### Proof of Theorem 3

For the HLT, approximate unconditional power is defined in equation (15). By lemma 4,  $H_{LA} \xrightarrow{p} Q_{LA}$ . Thus,  $\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} \omega_{H} = \omega_{H,LA}$ . The result follows by lemma 1 in Glueck and Muller [33]. For the univariate tests, convergence of  $H_{LA}$  implies that  $\lim_{N(m)\to\infty} \omega_{U} = \omega_{U,LA}$ , and the CDF of non-centrality becomes a point mass. Similar arguments apply to the Pillai–Bartlett and Wilks' tests. Hence they have the same asymptotic unconditional power under local alternatives.

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