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Dear stat reviewer:

We would like for you to examine the tables only and give an assessment of whether the p values can be 0 and 1 as presented or whether a specific value should be presented for the p values that are currently listed as 0. You will find the author responses below as well.

Response from the author(s):

Dr. Dougherty wanted us to convert the 0s and 1s on Tables 1 and 2 to standard p values. However, we cannot do this. These were the values that were generated by the computer program we used by Mullen. His book does not provide any information on how to translate the 0 and 1 values to standard p values. We have tried to contact Dr. Mullen with questions about the program in the past, with no response from him. At present, we have contacted others who have used the program about the above issue; we have not received any response. All things considered, we believe we are obliged to leave the 0 and 1 one-tailed p values on Tables 1 and 2.

Thanks for your insight.

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