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Dear Jennifer:

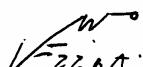
Thank you for the re-review of our paper (NMED-L98528A-Z) and for the opportunity to further revise and respond based on the new comments.

We have addressed the remaining comments of the reviewers as outlined in our responses, except in the case of county-level analysis in restricted states because the results of such analysis would not be comparable with the main national results.

The revised main paper, excluding the introductory paragraph, is 1,518 words, with an additional ~2,350 words in Methods. It contains four figures, with additional figures and tables designated as Extended Data. We would of course be happy to take guidance from the Editors to adjust the manuscript length and organisation, including the number of references, as needed.

We look forward to your response and would be glad to address any further comments you may have on the manuscript.

Sincerely,



Majid