Editor's Comment:

Attached is my comments which I also repeat in the following:

The authors have carefully modified the manuscript according to the reviewers' feedback. This manuscript presents an interesting topic and is well written. **I recommend acceptance for publication**.

Before submitting the final version, please do the following revision.

1. At line 178 on page 8, please give the meaning of $y, B_0, B_i, B_{ij}, B_{ii}$. Whereare your "three independent variables". How is your Equation1 **logically**related to the results listed in table 6 and table 7. More details are needed.

2. On line 182 and 183, you wrote "High P value indicated that a model had a significant lack of fit and therefore considered to be inadequate.". How do you define your P value? Where is your P value in table 6 and 7? Please clarify.

Should you have any further questions, please let me know. Again, thank you for your invitation.

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