

Dear Meeting Attendees,

As you know, Dr. Dave MacKinnon will be the Keynote Speaker at the March HMC meeting and will be discussing Mediation Analysis. In order to make this meeting interactive and relevant for each site, we ask that you respond to the issues below that come directly from Dr. MacKinnon. Please respond to me no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 2. Once I receive everyone's feedback, I will forward it directly to Dr. MacKinnon who will integrate it into his discussions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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1) Please indicate any prior analysis related to Mediation such as program effects on mediators, theory papers for how the programs work, or actual mediation analysis. Dr. MacKinnon is interested in hearing about any prior analyses related to mediation, such as program effects on mediators, theory papers for how the programs work, or actual mediation analyses. (Send papers if applicable.) Because many projects are works in progress, providing information about how your intervention is expected to work/or adherence to be maintained, rather than specific findings, may be especially useful in informing your subsequent work.

2) What are your questions related to mediation analysis?

PLEASE NOTE: Dr. MacKinnon would like to you come to the meeting having thought about two different kinds of theory. One type of information, called conceptual theory, is how mediators are related to the outcome variables. This is what is normally referred to as theory. The other type of information is more rare, and that is information about how parts/components of the intervention will change mediators. This is called action theory of the intervention. Please come to the meeting having thought about these two types of theory. Dr. MacKinnon will clarify these ideas at the meeting and link them with statistical methods.