

## ***Supplementary Material***

### **Sample Size Requirements for Applying Mixed Polytomous Item Response Models: Results of a Monte Carlo Simulation Study**

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**Table S1.** *Convergence rates of the EM algorithm and the Newton-Raphson algorithm, the number of required iterations, boundary values and improper solutions, and the mean classification probability for the rmGPCM under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories*

| <i>N</i> | Conv.<br>EM, % | <i>Md<sub>EM</sub></i><br>(Range <sub>EM</sub> ) | Conv.<br>NR, % | <i>Md<sub>NR</sub></i><br>(Range <sub>NR</sub> ) | BVSE, %<br>(improper) | <i>M<sub>P(Y G)</sub></i> |
|----------|----------------|--|----------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| rmGPCM-1 |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 25 (2 – 148)                                     | 100            | 4 (1 – 16)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 25 (14 – 61)                                     | 100            | 4 (3 – 16)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 22 (11 – 76)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 12)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 21 (12 – 57)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 11)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 22 (12 – 59)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 10)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 22 (13 – 51)                                     | 100            | 4 (3 – 12)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 3500     | 100            | 21 (2 – 50)                                      | 100            | 4 (2 – 10)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 4000     | 100            | 22 (13 – 53)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 9)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 4500     | 100            | 20 (13 – 57)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 13)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 5000     | 100            | 21 (14 – 77)                                     | 100            | 4 (2 – 11)                                       | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| rmGPCM-2 |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 133 (47 – 525)                                   | 99.6           | 8 (3 – 600)                                      | 0.4 (0)               | 0.93                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 88 (31 – 501)                                    | 99.8           | 8 (3 – 600)                                      | 0.2 (0)               | 0.92                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 67 (34 – 380)                                    | 100            | 5 (2 – 79)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 60 (30 – 377)                                    | 100            | 4 (3 – 43)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 56 (32 – 180)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 26)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 55 (30 – 231)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 17)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 3500     | 100            | 58 (28 – 250)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 40)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 4000     | 100            | 51 (27 – 227)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 33)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 4500     | 100            | 56 (30 – 174)                                    | 100            | 3 (2 – 37)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 5000     | 100            | 51 (25 – 118)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 39)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| rmGPCM-4 |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 637 (274 – 5396)                                 | 50.2           | 591 (6 – 600)                                    | 49.8 (9)              | 0.87                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 685 (291 – 2536)                                 | 35.0           | 600 (6 – 600)                                    | 64.8 (5)              | 0.82                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 788 (296 – 2931)                                 | 26.0           | 600 (7 – 600)                                    | 73.8 (14)             | 0.80                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 856 (305 – 3803)                                 | 22.6           | 600 (7 – 600)                                    | 77.2 (15)             | 0.79                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 833 (258 – 3975)                                 | 22.8           | 600 (7 – 600)                                    | 77.0 (10)             | 0.78                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 915 (310 – 3463)                                 | 22.8           | 600 (7 – 600)                                    | 77.2 (12)             | 0.77                      |

|      |     |                  |      |               |           |      |
|------|-----|------------------|------|---------------|-----------|------|
| 3500 | 100 | 923 (346 – 3478) | 15.8 | 600 (7 – 600) | 83.8 (15) | 0.77 |
| 4000 | 100 | 931 (265 – 3151) | 17.0 | 600 (5 – 600) | 83.0 (14) | 0.77 |
| 4500 | 100 | 938 (328 – 5614) | 15.0 | 600 (6 – 600) | 85.0 (6)  | 0.76 |
| 5000 | 100 | 952 (316 – 3744) | 12.6 | 600 (7 – 600) | 87.4 (10) | 0.76 |

Notes.  $N$ : sample size condition. Conv.EM: convergence rate of the EM algorithm.  $M_{\text{DEM}}$ (Range<sub>EM</sub>): median (range) of iterations required to reach a convergent solution of the EM algorithm. Conv.NR: convergence rate of the Newton-Rapson algorithm.  $M_{\text{DNR}}$ (Range<sub>NR</sub>): median (range) of iterations required to reach a convergent solution of the Newton-Rapson algorithm (Note, solutions with 600 iterations did not converge). BVSE (improper): proportion of replications with boundary values (the number of replications with an improper solution).  $M_{P(Y|G)}$ : mean classification probability.

**Table S2. Convergence rates of the EM algorithm and the Newton-Raphson algorithm, the number of required iterations, boundary values and improper solutions, and the mean classification probability for the mPCM under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories**

| <i>N</i> | Conv.<br>EM, % | <i>Md<sub>EM</sub></i><br>(Range <sub>EM</sub> ) | Conv.<br>NR, % | <i>Md<sub>NR</sub></i><br>(Range <sub>NR</sub> ) | BVSE, %<br>(improper) | <i>M<sub>P(Y G)</sub></i> |
|----------|----------------|--|----------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| mPCM-1   |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 16 (7 – 37)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 9)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 15 (5 – 28)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 9)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 15 (6 – 33)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 7)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 14 (5 – 28)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 8)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 14 (7 – 26)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 8)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 14 (7 – 31)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 7)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 3500     | 100            | 14 (7 – 32)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 9)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 4000     | 100            | 13 (7 – 28)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 8)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 4500     | 100            | 13 (7 – 32)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 9)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| 5000     | 100            | 13 (7 – 35)                                      | 100            | 3 (2 – 7)  | 0                     | 1.00                      |
| mPCM-2   |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 129 (44 – 666)                                   | 99.2           | 7 (4 – 600)                                      | 0.8 (0)               | 0.93                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 84 (27 – 609)                                    | 99.8           | 8 (2 – 600)                                      | 0.2 (0)               | 0.92                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 67 (29 – 586)                                    | 100            | 5 (2 – 18)                                       | 0                     | 0.92                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 56 (25 – 437)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 14)                                       | 0                     | 0.92                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 53 (30 – 174)                                    | 100            | 4 (3 – 15)                                       | 0                     | 0.92                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 52 (28 – 342)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 18)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 3500     | 100            | 51 (28 – 216)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 19)                                       | 0                     | 0.92                      |
| 4000     | 100            | 48 (26 – 140)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 20)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 4500     | 100            | 51 (27 – 132)                                    | 100            | 4 (2 – 32)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| 5000     | 100            | 47 (26 – 169)                                    | 100            | 3 (2 – 21)                                       | 0                     | 0.91                      |
| mPCM-4   |                |  |                |  |                       |                           |
| 500      | 100            | 493 (196 – 2370)                                 | 71.4           | 10 (6 – 600)                                     | 28.4 (1)              | 0.87                      |
| 1000     | 100            | 609 (234 – 2500)                                 | 64.0           | 12 (6 – 600)                                     | 36.0 (2)              | 0.83                      |
| 1500     | 100            | 609 (185 – 4861)                                 | 66.6           | 10 (5 – 600)                                     | 33.0 (0)              | 0.81                      |
| 2000     | 100            | 716 (244 – 2750)                                 | 67.2           | 10 (6 – 600)                                     | 32.8 (0)              | 0.81                      |
| 2500     | 100            | 729 (277 – 4202)                                 | 67.2           | 9 (6 – 600)                                      | 32.8 (4)              | 0.80                      |
| 3000     | 100            | 763 (216 – 3899)                                 | 64.6           | 10 (5 – 600)                                     | 35.2 (5)              | 0.79                      |
| 3500     | 100            | 858 (287 – 4013)                                 | 62.8           | 13 (4 – 600)                                     | 37.2 (3)              | 0.79                      |
| 4000     | 100            | 889 (253 – 5391)                                 | 69.6           | 10 (3 – 600)                                     | 30.2 (2)              | 0.79                      |
| 4500     | 100            | 928 (259 – 6080)                                 | 68.0           | 10 (4 – 600)                                     | 32.0 (0)              | 0.79                      |
| 5000     | 100            | 980 (269 – 3736)                                 | 65.8           | 10 (4 – 600)                                     | 34.0 (3)              | 0.79                      |

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Table S3. Root median squared error for parameter estimates (RMdSE) under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| N    | Item | $\lambda^i$       | rmPCM-3 |                       |                   | mPCM-3            |                       |                   |
|------|------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|      |      |                   | Class   | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$       |
| 500  | 2    | 0.13 [0.07; 0.22] | 1       | 0.64 [0.30; 1.33]     | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] |                   | 0.68 [0.29; 1.39]     | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] |
|      | 3    | 0.21 [0.09; 0.38] | 2       | 0.45 [0.21; 0.83]     | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.17 [0.08; 0.29] | 0.36 [0.17; 0.64]     | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] |
|      | 4    | 0.52 [0.21; 0.93] | 3       | 0.76 [0.34; 1.69]     | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.23 [0.11; 0.36] | 0.80 [0.37; 2.10]     | 0.05 [0.02; 0.08] |
|      | 5    | 0.31 [0.15; 0.60] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       | 0.22 [0.12; 0.36] |
| 1000 | 2    | 0.08 [0.04; 0.14] | 1       | 0.44 [0.21; 0.78]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |                   | 0.43 [0.20; .75]      | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |
|      | 3    | 0.15 [0.07; 0.26] | 2       | 0.28 [0.14; 0.51]     | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.14 [0.08; 0.23] | 0.24 [0.12; .42]      | 0.03 [0.01; 0.04] |
|      | 4    | 0.36 [0.18; 0.64] | 3       | 0.52 [0.24; 0.95]     | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.19 [0.09; 0.32] | 0.56 [0.24; 1.08]     | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] |
|      | 5    | 0.22 [0.10; 0.38] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       | 0.18 [0.09; 0.30] |
| 1500 | 2    | 0.07 [0.04; 0.12] | 1       | 0.33 [0.15; 0.58]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |                   | 0.32 [0.16; 0.57]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 3    | 0.12 [0.06; 0.19] | 2       | 0.24 [0.11; 0.41]     | 0.03 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17] | 0.19 [0.10; 0.33]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 4    | 0.30 [0.13; 0.51] | 3       | 0.37 [0.17; 0.69]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.14 [0.07; 0.27] | 0.42 [0.20; 0.76]     | 0.03 [0.02; 0.05] |
|      | 5    | 0.17 [0.08; 0.30] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       | 0.14 [0.07; 0.26] |
| 2000 | 2    | 0.06 [0.03; 0.11] | 1       | 0.27 [0.13; 0.48]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |                   | 0.28 [0.13; 0.50]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 3    | 0.11 [0.05; 0.19] | 2       | 0.19 [0.09; 0.35]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.14] | 0.17 [0.08; 0.29]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 4    | 0.25 [0.12; 0.41] | 3       | 0.32 [0.15; 0.55]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20] | 0.35 [0.16; 0.65]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |
|      | 5    | 0.14 [0.06; 0.25] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       | 0.12 [0.06; 0.21] |
| 2500 | 2    | 0.05 [0.02; 0.09] | 1       | 0.25 [0.12; 0.43]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   | 0.24 [0.11; 0.43]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |
|      | 3    | 0.09 [0.04; 0.16] | 2       | 0.18 [0.09; 0.30]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.08 [0.03; 0.12] | 0.15 [0.07; 0.25]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 4    | 0.23 [0.10; 0.39] | 3       | 0.28 [0.13; 0.48]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.11 [0.05; 0.18] | 0.31 [0.14; 0.54]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |
|      | 5    | 0.13 [0.05; 0.21] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       | 0.10 [0.05; 0.18] |

|      |   |                   |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3000 | 2 | 0.05 [0.02; 0.09] | 1 | 0.23 [0.11; 0.39] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   | 0.22 [0.10; 0.38] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.09 [0.04; 0.14] | 2 | 0.16 [0.07; 0.27] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.07 [0.03; 0.12] | 0.13 [0.06; 0.22] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.10] |
|      | 4 | 0.22 [0.10; 0.37] | 3 | 0.24 [0.11; 0.42] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17] | 0.28 [0.12; 0.48] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.09 [0.05; 0.16] |
|      | 5 | 0.12 [0.05; 0.20] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 3500 | 2 | 0.05 [0.02; 0.08] | 1 | 0.21 [0.10; 0.36] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   | 0.20 [0.09; 0.35] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] | 2 | 0.15 [0.07; 0.25] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.10] | 0.13 [0.06; 0.22] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.10] |
|      | 4 | 0.17 [0.08; 0.30] | 3 | 0.23 [0.11; 0.39] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.09 [0.04; 0.15] | 0.25 [0.12; 0.42] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.09 [0.04; 0.15] |
|      | 5 | 0.11 [0.05; 0.18] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 4000 | 2 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.08] | 1 | 0.19 [0.09; 0.33] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   | 0.20 [0.09; 0.34] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] | 2 | 0.14 [0.06; 0.23] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.09] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.09] |
|      | 4 | 0.18 [0.09; 0.33] | 3 | 0.22 [0.11; 0.37] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.09 [0.04; 0.14] | 0.23 [0.11; 0.39] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.09 [0.05; 0.15] |
|      | 5 | 0.11 [0.05; 0.18] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 4500 | 2 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 1 | 0.18 [0.08; 0.31] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    |                   | 0.19 [0.09; 0.32] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.07 [0.04; 0.12] | 2 | 0.13 [0.06; 0.22] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.09] | 0.11 [0.05; 0.18] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] |
|      | 4 | 0.15 [0.06; 0.26] | 3 | 0.19 [0.09; 0.34] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] | 0.21 [0.10; 0.37] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] |
|      | 5 | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 5000 | 2 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 1 | 0.17 [0.08; 0.30] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   | 0.17 [0.08; 0.30] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.07 [0.03; 0.12] | 2 | 0.12 [0.06; 0.21] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.18] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.08] |
|      | 4 | 0.16 [0.07; 0.29] | 3 | 0.18 [0.09; 0.32] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.12] | 0.21 [0.10; 0.36] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.08 [0.03; 0.14] |
|      | 5 | 0.10 [0.04; 0.18] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |

Note. <sup>1</sup> Median RMdSE for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates.

The first and the third quartiles are reported in square brackets.

Table S4. Empirical standard deviation of parameter estimates ( $SD_{\hat{\beta}}$ ) under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| N    | Item | $\lambda^i$ | rmPCM-3 |                       |             |         | mPCM-3                |             |         |
|------|------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|      |      |             | Class   | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$ | $\pi_g$ | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$ | $\pi_g$ |
| 500  | 2    | 0.22        | 1       | 2.35                  | 0.05        |         | 2.53                  | 0.05        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.35        | 2       | 1.66                  | 0.07        | 0.26    | 1.28                  | 0.06        | 0.24    |
|      | 4    | 1.02        | 3       | 2.86                  | 0.06        | 0.32    | 3.03                  | 0.08        | 0.31    |
|      | 5    | 0.56        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 1000 | 2    | 0.14        | 1       | 1.38                  | 0.03        |         | 1.26                  | 0.03        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.22        | 2       | 0.64                  | 0.04        | 0.19    | 0.56                  | 0.04        | 0.17    |
|      | 4    | 0.63        | 3       | 1.87                  | 0.04        | 0.27    | 2.02                  | 0.06        | 0.27    |
|      | 5    | 0.34        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 1500 | 2    | 0.11        | 1       | 0.82                  | 0.03        |         | 0.77                  | 0.03        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.19        | 2       | 0.41                  | 0.04        | 0.15    | 0.31                  | 0.03        | 0.14    |
|      | 4    | 0.44        | 3       | 1.09                  | 0.03        | 0.23    | 1.34                  | 0.04        | 0.22    |
|      | 5    | 0.27        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 2000 | 2    | 0.10        | 1       | 0.46                  | 0.02        |         | 0.49                  | 0.02        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.16        | 2       | 0.30                  | 0.03        | 0.12    | 0.26                  | 0.02        | 0.12    |
|      | 4    | 0.36        | 3       | 0.56                  | 0.03        | 0.18    | 0.90                  | 0.04        | 0.19    |
|      | 5    | 0.21        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 2500 | 2    | 0.08        | 1       | 0.41                  | 0.02        |         | 0.41                  | 0.02        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.14        | 2       | 0.26                  | 0.03        | 0.11    | 0.22                  | 0.02        | 0.10    |
|      | 4    | 0.33        | 3       | 0.47                  | 0.02        | 0.15    | 0.65                  | 0.03        | 0.16    |
|      | 5    | 0.19        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 3000 | 2    | 0.08        | 1       | 0.35                  | 0.02        |         | 0.35                  | 0.02        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.13        | 2       | 0.24                  | 0.02        | 0.10    | 0.20                  | 0.02        | 0.09    |
|      | 4    | 0.31        | 3       | 0.42                  | 0.02        | 0.14    | 0.53                  | 0.03        | 0.14    |
|      | 5    | 0.18        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 3500 | 2    | 0.07        | 1       | 0.32                  | 0.02        |         | 0.32                  | 0.02        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.11        | 2       | 0.22                  | 0.02        | 0.09    | 0.19                  | 0.02        | 0.09    |
|      | 4    | 0.26        | 3       | 0.38                  | 0.02        | 0.13    | 0.39                  | 0.02        | 0.13    |
|      | 5    | 0.16        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 4000 | 2    | 0.07        | 1       | 0.30                  | 0.02        |         | 0.31                  | 0.02        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.11        | 2       | 0.21                  | 0.02        | 0.08    | 0.17                  | 0.02        | 0.08    |
|      | 4    | 0.27        | 3       | 0.33                  | 0.02        | 0.12    | 0.37                  | 0.02        | 0.13    |
|      | 5    | 0.16        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 4500 | 2    | 0.06        | 1       | 0.28                  | 0.02        |         | 0.28                  | 0.01        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.11        | 2       | 0.19                  | 0.02        | 0.08    | 0.16                  | 0.02        | 0.07    |
|      | 4    | 0.24        | 3       | 0.31                  | 0.02        | 0.11    | 0.34                  | 0.02        | 0.11    |
|      | 5    | 0.15        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |
| 5000 | 2    | 0.06        | 1       | 0.26                  | 0.01        |         | 0.27                  | 0.01        |         |
|      | 3    | 0.10        | 2       | 0.18                  | 0.02        | 0.07    | 0.15                  | 0.02        | 0.07    |
|      | 4    | 0.24        | 3       | 0.28                  | 0.02        | 0.10    | 0.32                  | 0.02        | 0.11    |
|      | 5    | 0.15        |         |                       |             |         |                       |             |         |

Note. <sup>1</sup> Median standard deviation of class-specific delta beta parameter estimates.

Table S5. Bias of standard error estimates (*bias<sub>SE</sub>*) under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| N    | Item | $\lambda^i$       | rmPCM-3 |                       |                   | mPCM-3            |                       |                                     |
|------|------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|      |      |                   | Class   | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$                         |
| 500  | 2    | 0.05 [0.02; 0.07] | 1       | 1.73 [0.87; 3.73]     | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    |                   | 1.86 [0.79; 3.35]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01]                   |
|      | 3    | 0.07 [0.03; 0.11] |         | 1.07 [0.30; 3.10]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.09 [0.07; 0.10] | 0.81 [0.11; 2.51]     | 0.02 [0.02; 0.03] 0.08 [0.06; 0.09] |
|      | 4    | 0.33 [0.20; 0.47] |         | 2.26 [1.08; 3.75]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.12 [0.10; 0.14] | 2.50 [1.00; 9.93]     | 0.03 [0.02; 0.04] 0.11 [0.09; 0.12] |
|      | 5    | 0.15 [0.08; 0.22] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 1000 | 2    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 1       | 0.69 [0.20; 1.57]     | 0 [0; 0.01]       |                   | 0.60 [0.14; 1.61]     | 0 [0; 0.01]                         |
|      | 3    | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] |         | 0.24 [0.05; 1.33]     | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.05 [0.04; 0.06] | 0.23 [0.04; 1.39]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] 0.04 [0.03; 0.05] |
|      | 4    | 0.14 [0.08; 0.21] |         | 1.21 [0.43; 2.24]     | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.09 [0.07; 0.11] | 1.37 [0.39; 2.66]     | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] 0.08 [0.07; 0.10] |
|      | 5    | 0.05 [0.03; 0.09] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 1500 | 2    | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 1       | 0.26 [0.06; 0.68]     | 0 [0; 0]          |                   | 0.26 [0.06; 0.81]     | 0 [0; 0]                            |
|      | 3    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |         | 0.09 [0.02; 0.71]     | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.02 [0.02; 0.03] | 0.06 [0.02; 0.76]     | 0.01 [0; 0.01] 0.03 [0.02; 0.04]    |
|      | 4    | 0.06 [0.03; 0.01] |         | 0.56 [0.14; 1.26]     | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.06 [0.05; 0.07] | 0.68 [0.14; 1.92]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] 0.05 [0.04; 0.07] |
|      | 5    | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 2000 | 2    | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 1       | 0.08 [0.03; 0.37]     | 0 [0; 0]          |                   | 0.10 [0.03; 0.35]     | 0 [0; 0]                            |
|      | 3    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |         | 0.04 [0.01; 0.40]     | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.35]     | 0 [0; 0] 0.02 [0.01; 0.03]          |
|      | 4    | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] |         | 0.17 [0.05; 0.74]     | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.03 [0.02; 0.04] | 0.37 [0.07; 1.08]     | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] 0.04 [0.02; 0.05] |
|      | 5    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 2500 | 2    | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 1       | 0.05 [0.02; 0.17]     | 0 [0; 0]          |                   | 0.07 [0.03; 0.24]     | 0 [0; 0]                            |
|      | 3    | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |         | 0.03 [0.01; 0.28]     | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.32]     | 0 [0; 0] 0.01 [0; 0.01]             |
|      | 4    | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] |         | 0.11 [0.03; 0.45]     | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.20 [0.04; 0.74]     | 0 [0; 0.01] 0.03 [0.02; 0.03]       |
|      | 5    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |

|      |   |                   |   |                   |          |                   |                   |                   |
|------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3000 | 2 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 1 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.12] | 0 [0; 0] |                   | 0.04 [0.02; 0.12] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 3 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 2 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.18] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.13] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 4 | 0.03 [0.02; 0.05] | 3 | 0.07 [0.02; 0.29] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.11 [0.03; 0.50] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 5 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] |   |                   |          |                   |                   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] |
| 3500 | 2 | 0.00 [0; 0.01]    | 1 | 0.03 [0.01; 0.07] | 0 [0; 0] |                   | 0.03 [0.01; 0.09] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 3 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 2 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.12] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.14] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 4 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 3 | 0.06 [0.02; 0.19] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.20; 0.27] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 5 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.20] |   |                   |          |                   |                   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |
| 4000 | 2 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 1 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05] | 0 [0; 0] |                   | 0.03 [0.01; 0.06] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 3 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 2 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.10] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.01 [0.00; 0.08] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 4 | 0.03 [0.01; 0.04] | 3 | 0.04 [0.01; 0.11] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.25] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 5 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |   |                   |          |                   |                   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] |
| 4500 | 2 | 0.00 [0; 0.01]    | 1 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05] | 0 [0; 0] |                   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 3 | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 2 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.08] | 0 [0; 0] | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.01 [0.00; 0.07] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 4 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 3 | 0.03 [0.01; 0.09] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.04 [0.01; 0.16] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 5 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |   |                   |          |                   |                   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |
| 5000 | 2 | 0.00 [0; 0.01]    | 1 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0 [0; 0] |                   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 3 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 2 | 0.01 [0; 0.06]    | 0 [0; 0] | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.01 [0.00; 0.05] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 4 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 3 | 0.03 [0.01; 0.07] | 0 [0; 0] | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.04 [0.01; 0.11] | 0 [0; 0]          |
|      | 5 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |   |                   |          |                   |                   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |

Note. <sup>1</sup> Median *biasse* for class-specific delta beta parameters.

The first and the third quartiles are reported in square brackets.

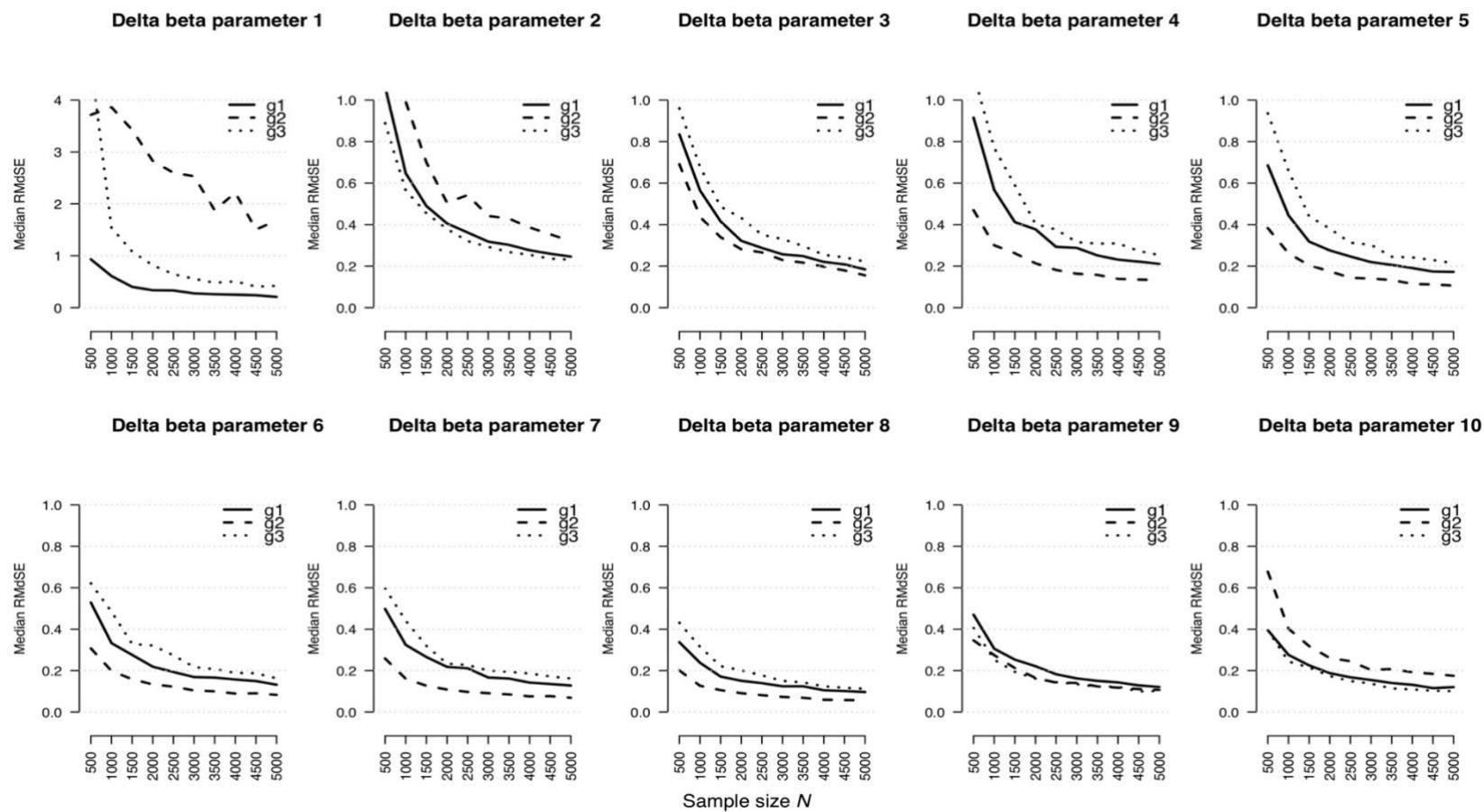
Table S6. Width of confidence interval for parameter estimates (*widthci*) under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| N    | Item | $\lambda^i$       | rmPCM-3 |                       |                   | mPCM-3            |                       |                                     |
|------|------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|      |      |                   | Class   | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^1$ | $\lambda_g$                         |
| 500  | 2    | 0.71 [0.62; 0.88] | 1       | 3.06 [2.17; 4.92]     | 0.17 [0.15; 0.19] |                   | 3.15 [2.22; 5.22]     | 0.15 [0.14; 0.16]                   |
|      | 3    | 1.25 [1.07; 1.50] | 2       | 2.05 [1.35; 4.64]     | 0.20 [0.17; 0.23] | 0.66 [0.62; 0.73] | 1.82 [1.24; 3.73]     | 0.17 [0.15; 0.18] 0.64 [0.60; 0.70] |
|      | 4    | 2.97 [2.34; 3.86] | 3       | 3.15 [2.07; 6.88]     | 0.19 [0.16; 0.22] | 0.80 [0.73; 0.86] | 3.40 [2.09; 51.53]    | 0.20 [0.17; 0.23] 0.80 [0.73; 0.86] |
|      | 5    | 1.79 [1.48; 2.35] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 1000 | 2    | 0.51 [0.46; 0.57] | 1       | 2.16 [1.58; 3.07]     | 0.12 [0.11; 0.13] |                   | 2.20 [1.61; 3.10]     | 0.11 [0.10; 0.11]                   |
|      | 3    | 0.88 [0.78; 0.99] | 2       | 1.45 [0.97; 2.84]     | 0.15 [0.13; 0.16] | 0.56 [0.51; 0.61] | 1.31 [0.90; 2.53]     | 0.12 [0.11; 0.13] 0.53 [0.49; 0.56] |
|      | 4    | 2.03 [1.72; 2.48] | 3       | 2.36 [1.60; 3.68]     | 0.13 [0.12; 0.15] | 0.72 [0.66; 0.79] | 2.55 [1.62; 4.41]     | 0.15 [0.13; 0.17] 0.71 [0.65; 0.79] |
|      | 5    | 1.25 [1.09; 1.46] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 1500 | 2    | 0.41 [0.38; 0.46] | 1       | 1.77 [1.28; 2.41]     | 0.10 [0.09; 0.10] |                   | 1.78 [1.30; 2.42]     | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09]                   |
|      | 3    | 0.70 [0.64; 0.77] | 2       | 1.21 [0.81; 2.35]     | 0.12 [0.11; 0.13] | 0.48 [0.45; 0.52] | 1.07 [0.74; 2.06]     | 0.10 [0.09; 0.11] 0.45 [0.42; 0.48] |
|      | 4    | 1.65 [1.45; 1.92] | 3       | 1.90 [1.31; 2.76]     | 0.11 [0.10; 0.11] | 0.64 [0.59; 0.70] | 2.12 [1.34; 3.36]     | 0.13 [0.12; 0.14] 0.64 [0.59; 0.70] |
|      | 5    | 1.00 [0.98; 1.12] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 2000 | 2    | 0.36 [0.33; 0.39] | 1       | 1.51 [1.11; 2.01]     | 0.08 [0.08; 0.09] |                   | 1.54 [1.13; 2.06]     | 0.08 [0.07; 0.08]                   |
|      | 3    | 0.60 [0.55; 0.66] | 2       | 1.06 [0.71; 2.01]     | 0.11 [0.10; 0.12] | 0.43 [0.40; 0.43] | 0.94 [0.64; 1.76]     | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09] 0.40 [0.38; 0.44] |
|      | 4    | 1.43 [1.26; 1.60] | 3       | 1.67 [1.13; 2.33]     | 0.10 [0.09; 0.11] | 0.58 [0.54; 0.62] | 1.84 [1.16; 2.75]     | 0.11 [0.10; 0.12] 0.59 [0.55; 0.64] |
|      | 5    | 0.85 [0.78; 0.95] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |
| 2500 | 2    | 0.32 [0.30; 0.34] | 1       | 1.34 [0.99; 1.77]     | 0.08 [0.07; 0.08] |                   | 1.37 [1.00; 1.80]     | 0.07 [0.07; 0.07]                   |
|      | 3    | 0.54 [0.50; 0.58] | 2       | 0.94 [0.63; 1.80]     | 0.10 [0.09; 0.10] | 0.39 [0.37; 0.41] | 0.83 [0.58; 1.58]     | 0.08 [0.08; 0.08] 0.36 [0.34; 0.38] |
|      | 4    | 1.26 [1.13; 1.41] | 3       | 1.49 [1.02; 2.05]     | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.53 [0.50; 0.57] | 1.66 [1.04; 2.41]     | 0.10 [0.09; 0.11] 0.54 [0.50; 0.58] |
|      | 5    | 0.76 [0.70; 0.83] |         |                       |                   |                   |                       |                                     |

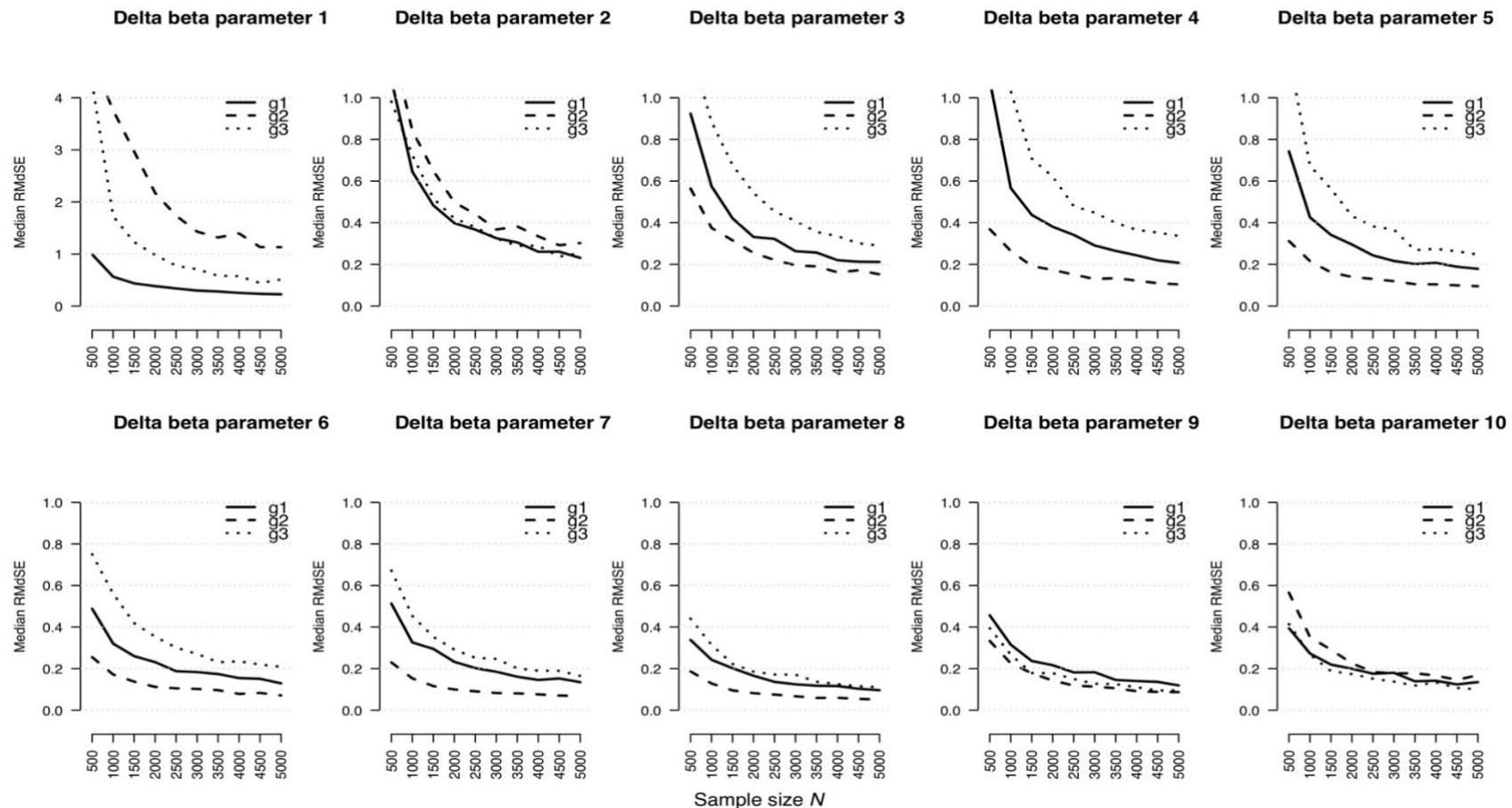
|      |   |                   |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3000 | 2 | 0.29 [0.27; 0.31] | 1 | 1.23 [0.90; 1.60] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.07] |                   | 1.25 [0.91; 1.63] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.07] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.49 [0.46; 0.53] | 2 | 0.86 [0.58; 1.64] | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.36 [0.34; 0.38] | 0.76 [0.53; 1.45] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.34 [0.32; 0.35] |
|      | 4 | 1.15 [1.04; 1.29] | 3 | 1.36 [0.92; 1.84] | 0.08 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.48 [0.46; 0.51] | 1.50 [0.94; 2.16] | 0.09 [0.09; 0.10] | 0.50 [0.47; 0.53] |
|      | 5 | 0.69 [0.65; 0.75] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 3500 | 2 | 0.27 [0.25; 0.28] | 1 | 1.14 [0.84; 1.50] | 0.07 [0.06; 0.07] |                   | 1.16 [0.85; 1.51] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.44 [0.42; 0.48] | 2 | 0.80 [0.54; 1.50] | 0.08 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.34 [0.32; 0.36] | 0.71 [0.49; 1.35] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.07] | 0.31 [0.30; 0.33] |
|      | 4 | 1.02 [0.94; 1.11] | 3 | 1.25 [0.85; 1.67] | 0.08 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.45 [0.43; 0.48] | 1.36 [0.86; 1.91] | 0.08 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.45 [0.43; 0.49] |
|      | 5 | 0.64 [0.59; 0.69] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 4000 | 2 | 0.25 [0.24; 0.27] | 1 | 1.06 [0.78; 1.36] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] |                   | 1.08 [0.79; 1.39] | 0.06 [0.05; 0.06] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.43 [0.40; 0.45] | 2 | 0.75 [0.50; 1.42] | 0.08 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.31 [0.30; 0.32] | 0.66 [0.46; 1.25] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.29 [0.28; 0.31] |
|      | 4 | 1.00 [0.91; 1.08] | 3 | 1.17 [0.80; 1.56] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.07] | 0.42 [0.40; 0.44] | 1.29 [0.80; 1.82] | 0.08 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.43 [0.41; 0.46] |
|      | 5 | 0.60 [0.56; 0.64] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 4500 | 2 | 0.24 [0.23; 0.25] | 1 | 1.01 [0.74; 1.31] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] |                   | 1.02 [0.75; 1.32] | 0.05 [0.05; 0.05] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.40 [0.37; 0.42] | 2 | 0.71 [0.48; 1.34] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.30 [0.29; 0.31] | 0.62 [0.43; 1.18] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] | 0.27 [0.26; 0.29] |
|      | 4 | 0.91 [0.84; 0.98] | 3 | 1.09 [0.74; 1.45] | 0.07 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.40 [0.38; 0.42] | 1.19 [0.75; 1.66] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.40 [0.38; 0.42] |
|      | 5 | 0.56 [0.52; 0.61] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 5000 | 2 | 0.23 [0.21; 0.24] | 1 | 0.95 [0.70; 1.22] | 0.05 [0.05; 0.06] |                   | 0.97 [0.71; 1.23] | 0.05 [0.05; 0.05] |                   |
|      | 3 | 0.38 [0.36; 0.40] | 2 | 0.68 [0.45; 1.27] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.07] | 0.28 [0.27; 0.30] | 0.59 [0.41; 1.12] | 0.06 [0.05; 0.06] | 0.26 [0.25; 0.27] |
|      | 4 | 0.88 [0.82; 0.96] | 3 | 1.04 [0.70; 1.36] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] | 0.38 [0.36; 0.39] | 1.15 [0.71; 1.61] | 0.07 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.39 [0.37; 0.41] |
|      | 5 | 0.54 [0.51; 0.68] |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |

Note. <sup>1</sup> Median *widthci* for class-specific delta beta parameters.

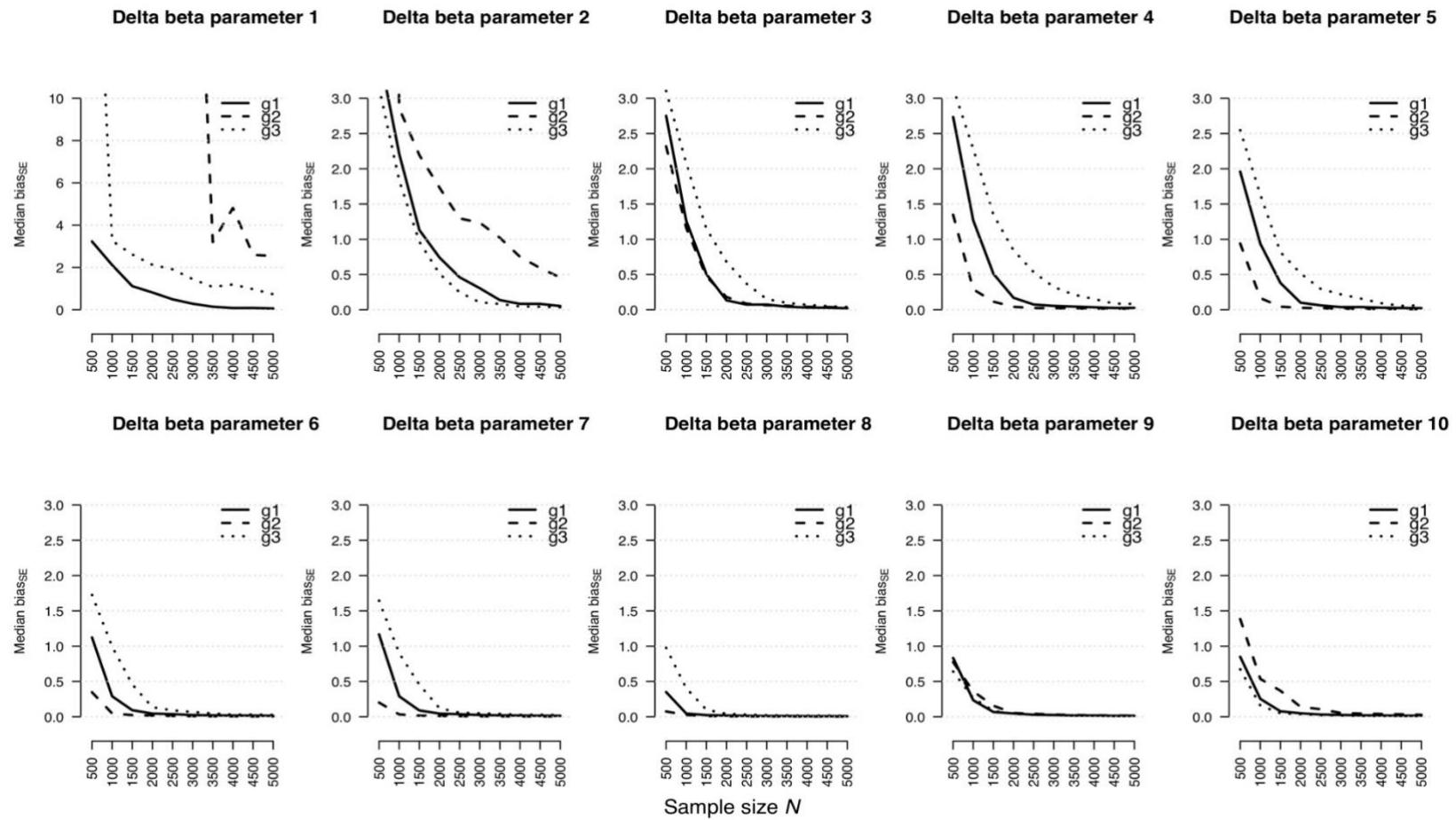
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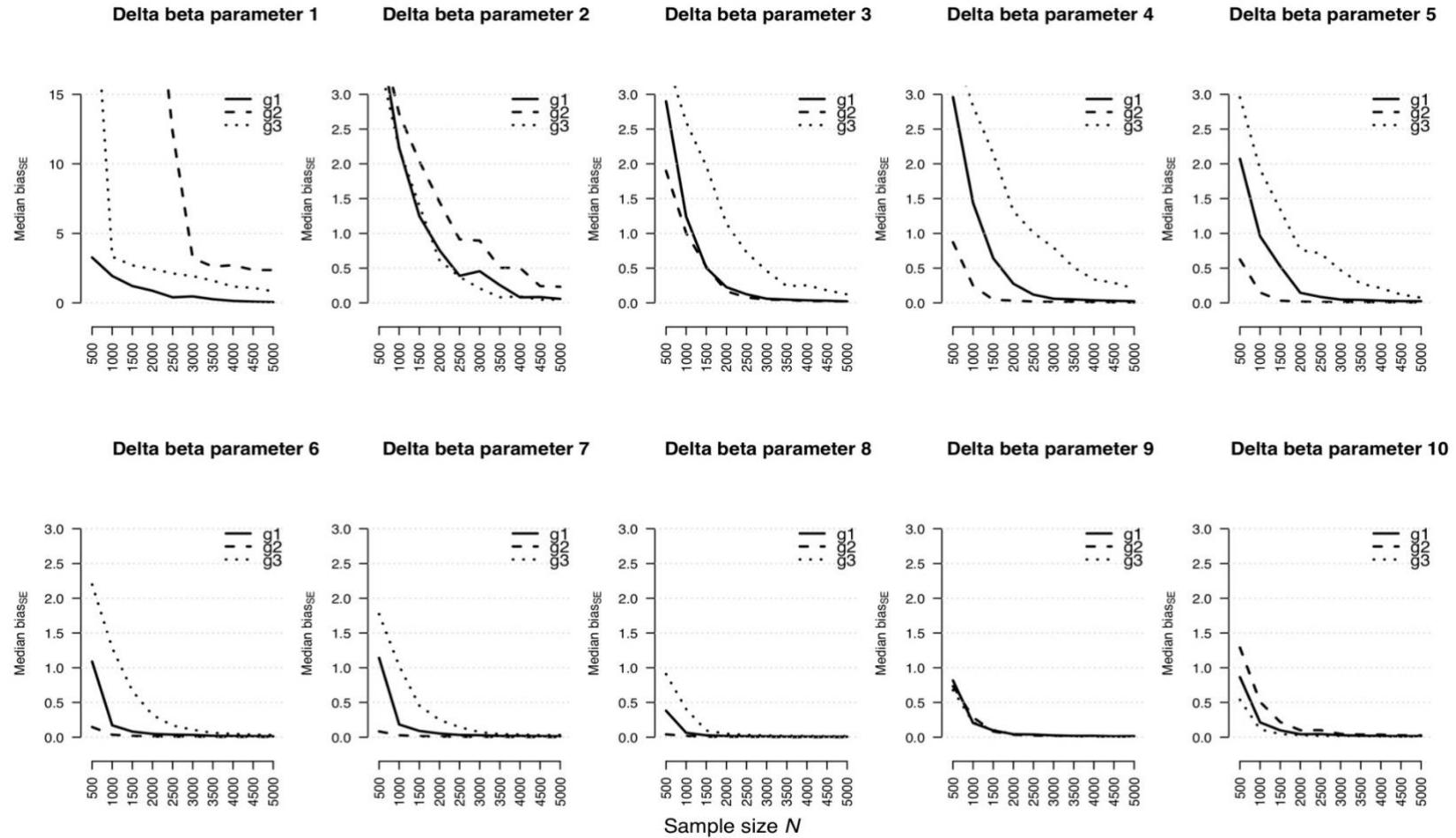
*Figure S1.* Root median squared error for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the rmGPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories



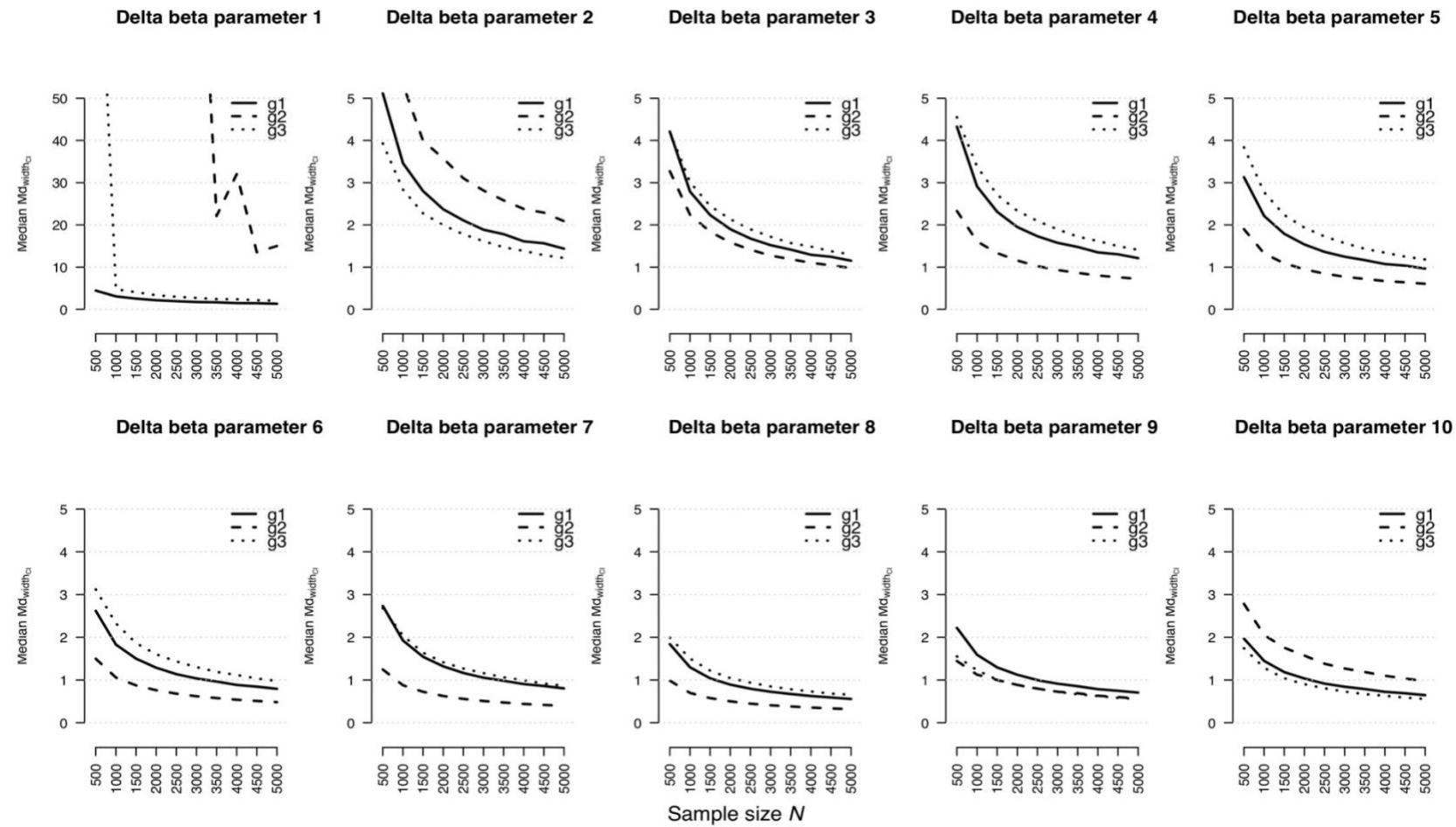
*Figure S2.* Root median squared error for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the mPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories



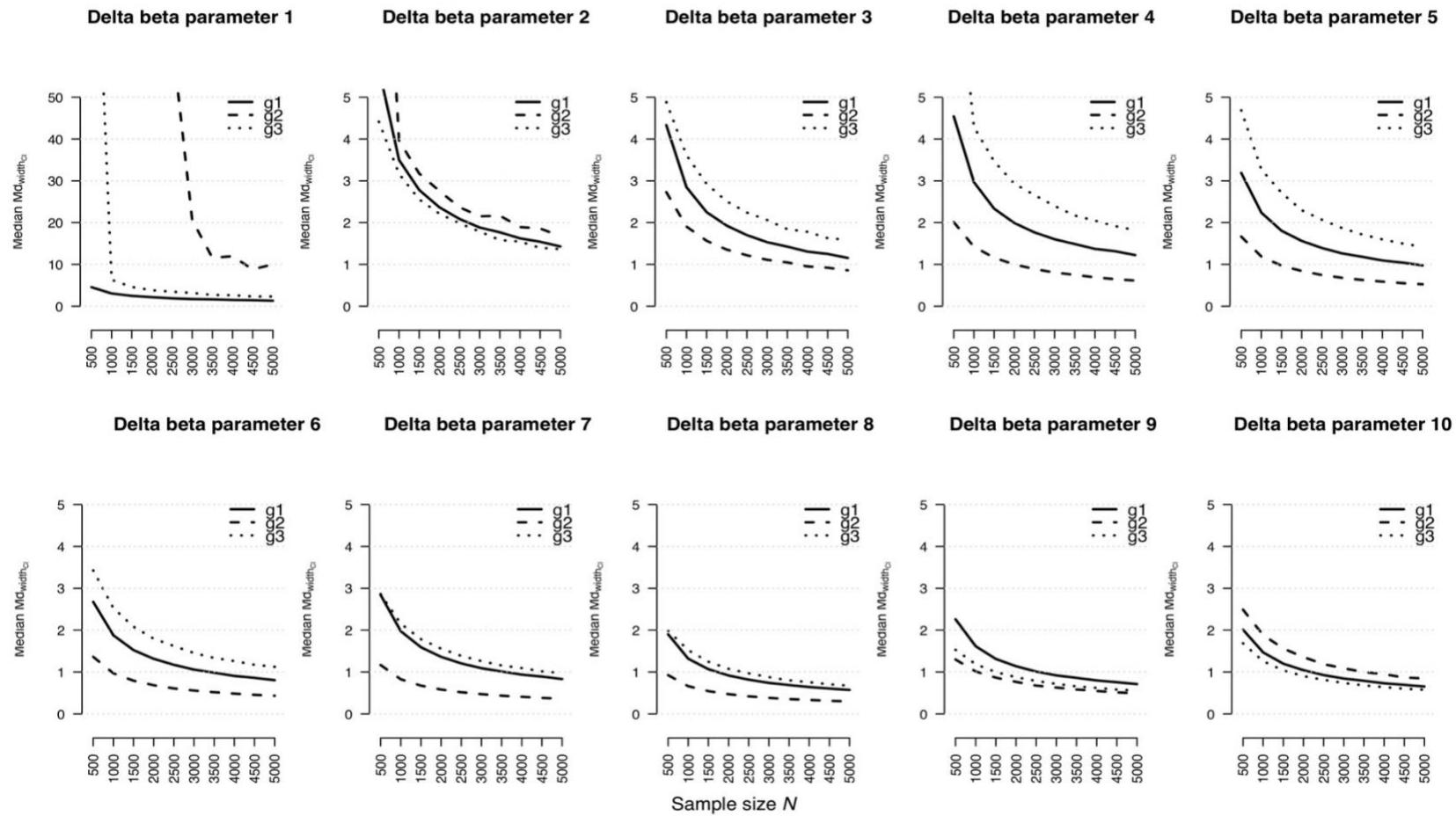
*Figure S3.* Bias of standard error estimates for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the rmGPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories



*Figure S4.* Bias of standard error estimates for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the mPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories



*Figure S5.* Width of confidence interval for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the rmGPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories



*Figure S6.* Width of confidence interval for class-specific delta beta parameter estimates in the mPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

Table S7. Expected category probabilities in latent classes for the population rmPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| Item | Class | Category |       |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------|-------|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|      |       | 0        | 1     | 2    | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 1    | 1     | .02      | .01   | .02  | .03 | .04 | .12 | .06 | .14 | .18 | .05 | .33 |
| 2    | 1     | .02      | .01   | .02  | .02 | .02 | .06 | .02 | .04 | .11 | .05 | .61 |
| 3    | 1     | .002     | .002  | .01  | .01 | .01 | .06 | .04 | .10 | .18 | .07 | .52 |
| 4    | 1     | .001     | .001  | .004 | .01 | .01 | .07 | .04 | .10 | .22 | .05 | .50 |
| 5    | 1     | .004     | .003  | .01  | .01 | .01 | .07 | .02 | .07 | .14 | .05 | .61 |
| 1    | 2     | .0004    | .004  | .02  | .04 | .07 | .13 | .16 | .25 | .28 | .04 | .01 |
| 2    | 2     | .001     | .01   | .02  | .04 | .04 | .08 | .08 | .15 | .31 | .16 | .13 |
| 3    | 2     | 0        | 0     | .003 | .02 | .03 | .08 | .12 | .24 | .38 | .10 | .03 |
| 4    | 2     | 0        | .0001 | .003 | .02 | .04 | .13 | .16 | .30 | .31 | .03 | .01 |
| 5    | 2     | .0002    | .002  | .01  | .03 | .04 | .10 | .13 | .23 | .31 | .11 | .05 |
| 1    | 3     | .004     | .02   | .03  | .05 | .04 | .09 | .09 | .21 | .21 | .23 | .03 |
| 2    | 3     | .01      | .02   | .02  | .01 | .02 | .06 | .02 | .12 | .14 | .38 | .20 |
| 3    | 3     | .001     | .01   | .01  | .02 | .02 | .04 | .06 | .14 | .17 | .44 | .10 |
| 4    | 3     | 0        | .003  | .01  | .01 | .02 | .07 | .09 | .16 | .19 | .40 | .05 |
| 5    | 3     | .002     | .01   | .01  | .02 | .03 | .07 | .05 | .10 | .17 | .37 | .18 |
| Mean | 1     | .01      | .01   | .01  | .02 | .02 | .08 | .04 | .09 | .16 | .06 | .52 |
| Mean | 2     | 0        | .002  | .01  | .03 | .04 | .10 | .13 | .23 | .32 | .09 | .04 |
| Mean | 3     | .004     | .01   | .02  | .02 | .02 | .07 | .06 | .14 | .18 | .36 | .11 |

Table S8. Expected category probabilities in latent classes for the population mPCM-3 under the condition of a true three-class mixture and a 5-item scale with 11 categories

| Item | Class | Category |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------|-------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|      |       | 0        | 1     | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 1    | 1     | .01      | .01   | .02 | .03 | .03 | .12 | .07 | .15 | .18 | .05 | .34 |
| 2    | 1     | .08      | .004  | .01 | .01 | .01 | .06 | .02 | .04 | .12 | .06 | .66 |
| 3    | 1     | .002     | .002  | .01 | .01 | .01 | .06 | .04 | .09 | .18 | .07 | .54 |
| 4    | 1     | .07      | .003  | .01 | .02 | .02 | .09 | .04 | .09 | .18 | .04 | .51 |
| 5    | 1     | .01      | .005  | .01 | .01 | .02 | .07 | .02 | .07 | .13 | .05 | .62 |
| 1    | 2     | .001     | .004  | .02 | .04 | .06 | .13 | .16 | .26 | .27 | .05 | .01 |
| 2    | 2     | .0003    | .002  | .01 | .03 | .03 | .07 | .08 | .16 | .31 | .18 | .14 |
| 3    | 2     | .0001    | .0002 | .00 | .02 | .03 | .09 | .12 | .24 | .36 | .11 | .04 |
| 4    | 2     | 0        | .002  | .01 | .04 | .07 | .15 | .15 | .25 | .29 | .03 | .01 |
| 5    | 2     | .001     | .01   | .02 | .05 | .05 | .11 | .12 | .21 | .28 | .11 | .04 |
| 1    | 3     | .002     | .01   | .03 | .04 | .04 | .08 | .09 | .22 | .23 | .23 | .04 |
| 2    | 3     | .01      | .01   | .01 | .01 | .02 | .06 | .03 | .12 | .16 | .35 | .18 |
| 3    | 3     | .001     | .01   | .01 | .01 | .01 | .04 | .05 | .14 | .18 | .46 | .10 |
| 4    | 3     | .0002    | .01   | .01 | .02 | .01 | .05 | .07 | .12 | .17 | .45 | .08 |
| 5    | 3     | .004     | .01   | .01 | .01 | .02 | .06 | .04 | .08 | .15 | .39 | .22 |
| Mean | 1     | .01      | .004  | .01 | .02 | .02 | .08 | .04 | .09 | .16 | .05 | .53 |
| Mean | 2     | .000     | .003  | .01 | .03 | .05 | .11 | .13 | .22 | .30 | .10 | .05 |
| Mean | 3     | .002     | .01   | .02 | .02 | .02 | .06 | .06 | .14 | .18 | .38 | .12 |

Table S9. Convergence rates of the EM algorithm and the Newton-Raphson algorithm, the number of required iterations, and mean classification probability for the rmPCM and the mPCM under further data conditions

| True latent mixture |      | Three-class mixture |                                     |                |                                     | Two-class mixture |                |                                     |                |                                     |              |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Condition           | N    | Conv.<br>EM, %      | $Md_{EM}$<br>(Range <sub>EM</sub> ) | Conv.<br>NR, % | $Md_{NR}$<br>(Range <sub>NR</sub> ) | $M_{P(Y G)}$      | Conv.<br>EM, % | $Md_{EM}$<br>(Range <sub>EM</sub> ) | Conv.<br>NR, % | $Md_{NR}$<br>(Range <sub>NR</sub> ) | $M_{P(Y G)}$ |
| rmPCM-3             |      |                     |                                     |                |                                     |                   |                |                                     |                |                                     |              |
| 15 items            | 1000 | 100                 | 141 (87 – 823)                      | 100            | 9 (7 – 19)                          | .96               | 100            | 100 (53 – 132)                      | 100            | 10 (8 – 19)                         | .99          |
| 11 cat.             | 2500 | 100                 | 64 (39 – 104)                       | 100            | 4 (3 – 9)                           | .95               | 100            | 80 (44 – 185)                       | 100            | 11 (5 – 19)                         | .99          |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 94 (59 – 165)                       | 100            | 10 (3 – 15)                         | .95               | 100            | 65 (32 – 102)                       | 100            | 11 (3 – 17)                         | .99          |
| 5 items             | 1000 | 100                 | 335 (122 – 1383)                    | 100            | 6 (4 – 16)                          | .85               | 100            | 28 (15 – 46)                        | 100            | 4 (3 – 8)                           | .95          |
| 6 cat.              | 2500 | 100                 | 422 (124 – 2423)                    | 100            | 5 (3 – 18)                          | .81               | 100            | 23 (10 – 54)                        | 100            | 4 (3 – 6)                           | .95          |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 357 (75 – 1002)                     | 100            | 5 (4 – 12)                          | .80               | 100            | 19 (13 – 34)                        | 100            | 4 (3 – 12)                          | .95          |
| 15 items            | 1000 | 100                 | 98 (45 – 303)                       | 100            | 4 (2 – 12)                          | .92               | 100            | 33 (18 – 92)                        | 100            | 4 (3 – 10)                          | 1.00         |
| 6 cat.              | 2500 | 100                 | 64 (39 – 104)                       | 100            | 4 (3 – 9)                           | .91               | 100            | 29 (17 – 78)                        | 100            | 4 (3 – 9)                           | 1.00         |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 56 (33 – 81)                        | 100            | 3 (2 – 10)                          | .91               | 100            | 22 (14 – 108)                       | 100            | 4 (3 – 10)                          | 1.00         |
| mPCM-3              |      |                     |                                     |                |                                     |                   |                |                                     |                |                                     |              |
| 5 items             | 1000 | 100                 | 305 (103 – 1415)                    | 100            | 8 (4 – 419)                         | .86               | 100            | 63 (31 – 248)                       | 100            | 8 (3 - 12)                          | .94          |
| 11 cat.             | 2500 | 100                 | 154 (88 – 561)                      | 100            | 7 (3 – 121)                         | .84               | 100            | 40 (26 – 171)                       | 100            | 5 (3 - 10)                          | .94          |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 118 (67 – 365)                      | 100            | 6 (3 – 10)                          | .83               | 100            | 39 (23 – 86)                        | 100            | 5 (3 - 11)                          | .93          |
| 15 items            | 1000 | 100                 | 153 (62 – 586)                      | 100            | 10 (8 – 16)                         | .97               | 100            | 52 (31 – 112)                       | 100            | 9 (2 - 15)                          | .99          |
| 11 cat.             | 2500 | 100                 | 60 (46 – 217)                       | 100            | 7 (3 – 19)                          | .96               | 100            | 39 (28 – 82)                        | 100            | 5 (2 - 13)                          | .99.         |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 54 (30 – 134)                       | 100            | 8 (2 – 14)                          | .96               | 100            | 36 (26 – 56)                        | 100            | 3 (2 - 18)                          | .99          |
| 5 items             | 1000 | 100                 | 288 (118 – 1837)                    | 100            | 6 (4 – 12)                          | .84               | 100            | 17 (14 – 28)                        | 100            | 3 (2 - 7)                           | 1.00         |
| 6 cat.              | 2500 | 100                 | 468 (91 – 1897)                     | 100            | 5 (3 – 33)                          | .80               | 100            | 16 (12 – 24)                        | 100            | 3 (2 - 5)                           | 1.00         |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 342 (81 – 2176)                     | 100            | 5 (3 – 10)                          | .79               | 100            | 15 (12 – 20)                        | 100            | 3 (2 - 8)                           | 1.00         |
| 15 items            | 1000 | 100                 | 94 (38 – 671)                       | 100            | 3 (2 - 9)                           | .92               | 100            | 20 (10 – 55)                        | 100            | 3 (3 - 8)                           | .95          |
| 6 cat.              | 2500 | 100                 | 69 (33 – 121)                       | 100            | 3 (2 - 7)                           | .91               | 100            | 17 (11 – 22)                        | 100            | 3 (3 - 5)                           | .94          |
|                     | 4500 | 100                 | 60 (28 – 103)                       | 100            | 3 (2 - 7)                           | .90               | 100            | 15 (11 – 28)                        | 100            | 3 (3 - 4)                           | .94          |

Notes. N: sample size condition. Conv.EM: convergence rate of the EM algorithm.  $Md_{EM}$ (Range<sub>EM</sub>): median (range) of iterations required to reach a convergent solution of the EM algorithm. Conv.NR: convergence rate of the Newton-Rapson algorithm.  $Md_{NR}$ (Range<sub>NR</sub>): median (range) of iterations required to reach a convergent solution of the Newton-Rapson algorithm.  $M_{P(Y|G)}$ : mean classification probability.

None of the replications produced boundary values. None of the replications were identified as improper solution.

Table S10. *Averaged Spearman's rank correlations between the generating and estimated  $\Delta\beta_{0sg}^i$ -parameters for the rmPCM and the mPCM under further data conditions*

| True latent mixture |         |      | Three-class mixture |        |      | Two-class mixture |         |        |
|---------------------|---------|------|---------------------|--------|------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| Model               | rmPCM-3 |      |                     | mPCM-3 |      |                   | rmPCM-2 | mPCM-2 |
| Condition           | N       | g1   | g2                  | g3     | g1   | g2                | g1      | g2     |
| 5 items<br>11 cat.  | 1000    |      |                     |        |      |                   | .87     | .98    |
|                     | 2500    |      |                     |        |      |                   | .98     | 1.00   |
|                     | 4500    |      |                     |        |      |                   | 1.00    | 1.00   |
| 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000    | .93  | .95                 | .80    | .94  | .94               | .81     | .94    |
|                     | 2500    | .99  | .99                 | .93    | .99  | .99               | .93     | .99    |
|                     | 4500    | 1.00 | 1.00                | .98    | 1.00 | 1.00              | .96     | 1.00   |
| 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |
|                     | 2500    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |
|                     | 4500    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |
| 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |
|                     | 2500    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |
|                     | 4500    | 1.00 | 1.00                | 1.00   | 1.00 | 1.00              | 1.00    | 1.00   |

Note. g1, g2, and g3 indicate three latent classes of two models.

Table S11. Median root median squared error for parameter estimates (RMdSE) under further data conditions

| True latent mixture | Condition           | N    | $\lambda^i$       | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| rmPCM-3             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Three-class mixture | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.14 [0.06; 0.20] | 0.27 [0.13; 0.46]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.08] | 0.27 [0.13; 0.47]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.11] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.07 [0.04; 0.13] | 0.16 [0.08; 0.28]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.17 [0.08; 0.28]   | 0.01 [0.00; 0.01] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.06 [0.03; 0.11] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.03 [0.02; 0.05] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.21]   | 0.01 [0.00; 0.01] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 0.27 [0.11; 0.48] | 0.31 [0.15; 0.56]   | 0.05 [0.02; 0.09] | 0.33 [0.19; 0.52] | 0.29 [0.14; 0.52]   | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.25 [0.13; 0.17] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.18 [0.08; 0.29] | 0.20 [0.11; 0.34]   | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.25 [0.12; 0.38] | 0.18 [0.09; 0.31]   | 0.03 [0.01; 0.06] | 0.23 [0.13; 0.13] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.14 [0.06; 0.27] | 0.13 [0.06; 0.22]   | 0.03 [0.02; 0.04] | 0.15 [0.09; 0.25] | 0.14 [0.07; 0.23]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.15 [0.07; 0.13] |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.19 [0.10; 0.32]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.10 [0.04; 0.16] | 0.20 [0.10; 0.35]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.09] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.01 [0.00; 0.02] | 0.06 [0.02; 0.09] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.09 [0.04; 0.15]   | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.05 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.09 [0.04; 0.15]   | 0.01 [0.00; 0.01] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] |
| rmPCM-2             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Two-class mixture   | 5 items<br>11 cat.  | 1000 | 0.17 [0.07; 0.30] | 0.26 [0.11; 0.43]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.06 [0.02; 0.11] | 0.25 [0.11; 0.43]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.06 [0.02; 0.10] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.09 [0.04; 0.19] | 0.16 [0.08; 0.28]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] | 0.16 [0.08; 0.28]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.07 [0.04; 0.14] | 0.13 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.21]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.06] |
|                     | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.12 [0.05; 0.19] | 0.22 [0.10; 0.37]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.09] | 0.21 [0.11; 0.36]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.06 [0.02; 0.08] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] | 0.14 [0.07; 0.23]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.04 [0.01; 0.06] | 0.14 [0.07; 0.23]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.03 [0.02; 0.05] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] | 0.11 [0.05; 0.17]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 0.32 [0.15; 0.49] | 0.21 [0.10; 0.35]   | 0.03 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.06 [0.04; 0.10] | 0.20 [0.11; 0.32]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.06 [0.03; 0.11] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.18 [0.09; 0.32] | 0.12 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.03 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.13 [0.06; 0.20]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.05 [0.03; 0.08] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.14 [0.09; 0.24] | 0.09 [0.04; 0.15]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.03 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 0.16 [0.07; 0.27] | 0.16 [0.08; 0.28]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.17 [0.08; 0.29]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.04 [0.01; 0.07] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.13 [0.07; 0.21] | 0.11 [0.05; 0.18]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.10 [0.05; 0.17]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.03 [0.02; 0.06] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.09 [0.04; 0.14] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13]   | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] |

*Note.* The first and the third quartiles are reported in square brackets.

Table S12. Median bias of standard error estimates ( $bias_{se}$ ) under further data conditions

| True class mixture  | Condition           | $N$  | $\lambda^i$       | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| rmPCM-3             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Three-class mixture | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.05 [0.02; 0.12]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.05 [0.02; 0.14]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 0.13 [0.06; 0.31] | 0.53 [0.13; 1.12]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.06] | 0.28 [0.23; 0.32] | 0.57 [0.12; 1.07]   | 0.03 [0.00; 0.04] | 0.22 [0.19; 0.27] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.10] | 0.08 [0.03; 0.48]   | 0.01 [0; 0.05]    | 0.12 [0.06; 0.17] | 0.07 [0.03; 0.40]   | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.16 [0.08; 0.20] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.03 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.07]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.04 [0.02; 0.06] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.09]   | 0.01 [0.00; 0.02] | 0.08 [0.04; 0.13] |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 0.05 [0.02; 0.08] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.04 [0.02; 0.09]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.03 [0.02; 0.04] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.02 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.01 [0; 0.02]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    |
| rmPCM-2             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Two-class mixture   | 5 items<br>11 cat.  | 1000 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.08] | 0.07 [0.02; 0.84]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.07 [0.02; 0.74]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.06]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.02 [0.01; 0.06]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.01 [0; 0.02]    | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |
|                     | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.09]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.03 [0.01; 0.10]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0.01 [0; 0.03]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 0.11 [0.07; 0.21] | 0.04 [0.01; 0.10]   | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.03 [0.01; 0.10]   | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.07 [0.04; 0.13] | 0.01 [0.01; 0.03]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 0.04 [0.02; 0.07] | 0.02 [0.01; 0.05]   | 0.01 [0; 0.01]    | 0 [0; 0.01]       | 0.02 [0.01; 0.04]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.01] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.03 [0.01; 0.05] | 0.01 [0; 0.02]      | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02]   | 0 [0; 0]          | 0 [0; 0]          |

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| 4500 | 0.01 [0.01; 0.02] | 0.08 [0; 0.02] | 0 [0; 0] | 0 [0; 0.01] | 0.01 [0; 0.01] | 0 [0; 0] | 0 [0; 0] |
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*Note.* The first and the third quartiles are reported in square brackets.

Table S13. Median width of confidence interval for parameter estimates ( $width_{CI}$ ) under further data conditions

| True latent mixture | Condition           | $N$  | $\lambda^i$       | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           | $\Delta\beta_{0sg}$ | $\lambda_g$       | $\pi_g$           |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| rmPCM-3             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Three-class mixture | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.72 [0.51; 1.00] | 1.46 [1.02; 2.12]   | 0.09 [0.09; 0.10] | 0.33 [0.32; 0.36] | 1.48 [1.01; 2.22]   | 0.06 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.33 [0.30; 0.36] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.43 [0.31; 0.59] | 0.93 [0.66; 1.35]   | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] | 0.21 [0.20; 0.23] | 0.94 [0.65; 1.43]   | 0.04 [0.04; 0.05] | 0.21 [0.19; 0.23] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.32 [0.24; 0.44] | 0.69 [0.49; 1.00]   | 0.04 [0.04; 0.05] | 0.16 [0.15; 0.17] | 0.70 [0.49; 1.06]   | 0.03 [0.03; 0.04] | 0.16 [0.14; 0.17] |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 1.70 [1.07; 2.63] | 1.50 [1.08; 2.25]   | 0.22 [0.19; 0.27] | 0.81 [0.55; 1.08] | 1.50 [1.09; 2.20]   | 0.18 [0.14; 0.27] | 0.85 [0.59; 1.16] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.99 [0.69; 1.44] | 1.02 [0.76; 1.39]   | 0.15 [0.12; 0.20] | 0.91 [0.65; 1.28] | 0.98 [0.75; 1.34]   | 0.13 [0.09; 0.19] | 0.87 [0.61; 1.10] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.74 [0.52; 1.17] | 0.74 [0.57; 0.99]   | 0.11 [0.09; 0.13] | 0.82 [0.59; 0.96] | 0.75 [0.57; 1.03]   | 0.11 [0.07; 0.14] | 0.79 [0.58; 1.07] |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 1.06 [0.77; 1.44] | 1.07 [0.87; 1.43]   | 0.14 [0.13; 0.15] | 0.44 [0.40; 0.50] | 1.11 [0.88; 1.45]   | 0.09 [0.07; 0.10] | 0.45 [0.37; 0.54] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.66 [0.48; 0.90] | 0.67 [0.55; 0.89]   | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.28 [0.25; 0.32] | 0.70 [0.57; 0.89]   | 0.05 [0.05; 0.06] | 0.29 [0.24; 0.35] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.48 [0.36; 0.63] | 0.50 [0.41; 0.66]   | 0.07 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.21 [0.18; 0.24] | 0.52 [0.43; 0.66]   | 0.04 [0.03; 0.05] | 0.22 [0.18; 0.26] |
| rmPCM-2             |                     |      |                   |                     |                   |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Two-class mixture   | 5 items<br>11 cat.  | 1000 | 1.05 [0.67; 1.56] | 1.51 [0.93; 2.50]   | 0.12 [0.12; 0.13] | 0.40 [0.39; 0.42] | 1.47 [0.91; 2.50]   | 0.09 [0.08; 0.10] | 0.39 [0.38; 0.41] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.63 [0.41; 0.91] | 0.95 [0.59; 1.54]   | 0.08 [0.08; 0.08] | 0.26 [0.25; 0.27] | 0.92 [0.57; 1.55]   | 0.06 [0.05; 0.07] | 0.25 [0.25; 0.26] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.48 [0.34; 0.74] | 0.70 [0.44; 1.13]   | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] | 0.19 [0.19; 0.20] | 0.68 [0.43; 1.14]   | 0.04 [0.04; 0.05] | 0.19 [0.19; 0.19] |
|                     | 15 items<br>11 cat. | 1000 | 0.68 [0.49; 0.98] | 1.25 [0.83; 1.97]   | 0.09 [0.09; 0.10] | 0.27 [0.27; 0.27] | 1.24 [0.82; 2.01]   | 0.05 [0.05; 0.06] | 0.27 [0.27; 0.27] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.44 [0.32; 0.61] | 0.79 [0.52; 1.26]   | 0.06 [0.06; 0.06] | 0.17 [0.17; 0.17] | 0.78 [0.52; 1.28]   | 0.04 [0.03; 0.04] | 0.17 [0.17; 0.17] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.32 [0.24; 0.43] | 0.59 [0.39; 0.94]   | 0.04 [0.04; 0.05] | 0.13 [0.13; 0.13] | 0.58 [0.39; 0.95]   | 0.03 [0.02; 0.03] | 0.13 [0.13; 0.13] |
|                     | 5 items<br>6 cat.   | 1000 | 1.60 [1.09; 2.54] | 1.18 [0.58; 1.69]   | 0.19 [0.17; 0.21] | 0.32 [0.33; 0.35] | 1.18 [0.57; 1.65]   | 0.12 [0.12; 0.13] | 0.35 [0.34; 0.36] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 1.02 [0.74; 1.53] | 0.75 [0.37; 0.99]   | 0.12 [0.11; 0.13] | 0.22 [0.21; 0.22] | 0.73 [0.37; 1.00]   | 0.08 [0.07; 0.08] | 0.22 [0.22; 0.23] |
|                     |                     | 4500 | 0.73 [0.50; 1.09] | 0.56 [0.27; 0.75]   | 0.09 [0.08; 0.10] | 0.16 [0.16; 0.16] | 0.55 [0.27; 0.75]   | 0.08 [0.07; 0.06] | 0.17 [0.16; 0.17] |
|                     | 15 items<br>6 cat.  | 1000 | 1.05 [0.79; 1.47] | 0.99 [0.53; 1.35]   | 0.13 [0.13; 0.14] | 0.27 [0.27; 0.27] | 0.99 [0.52; 1.34]   | 0.06 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.27 [0.27; 0.27] |
|                     |                     | 2500 | 0.66 [0.49; 0.90] | 0.62 [0.33; 0.85]   | 0.09 [0.08; 0.09] | 0.17 [0.17; 0.17] | 0.62 [0.33; 0.85]   | 0.04 [0.04; 0.05] | 0.17 [0.17; 0.17] |

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| 4500 | 0.48 [0.35; 0.63] | 0.46 [0.25; 0.63] | 0.06 [0.06; 0.07] | 0.13 [0.13; 0.13] |  | 0.46 [0.25; 0.63] | 0.03 [0.03; 0.03] | 0.13 [0.13; 0.13] |
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