**Table 2. Unadjusted and adjusted differences in scores assigned by external reviewers of grant applications submitted to the SNSF**

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| **Variable** | **Unadjusted effect (95% CI)** | **P-Value** | **Adjusted effect(95% CI)** | **P-Value** |
| Source of nomination of reviewer |  | <0.001 |  | <0.001 |
|  Applicant | 0.53 (0.50 – 0.56) |  | 0.49 (0.46 – 0.51) |  |
|  Office | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Country of affiliation of the reviewer |  | <0.001 |  | <0.001 |
|  Outside Switzerland | 0.53 (0.49 – 0.56) |  | 0.47 (0.44 – 0.50) |  |
|  Switzerland | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Gender of the applicant |  | <0.001 |  | <0.001 |
|  Male | 0.19 (0.14 – 0.23) |  | 0.08 (0.04 – 0.13) |  |
|  Female  | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Gender of the reviewer |  | <0.001 |  | <0.001 |
|  Male | 0.12 (0.08 – 0.15) |  | 0.08 (0.05 – 0.11) |  |
|  Female  | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Age of the applicant  Per 10 year increase | 0.06 (0.04 – 0.08) | <0.001 | 0.05 (0.03 – 0.07) | <0.001 |
| Affiliation of the applicant ETH Domain | 0.30 (0.26 – 0.34) | <0.001 | 0.11 (0.07 – 0.16) | <0.001 |
|  Other | -0.24 (-0.30 - -0.19) |  | -0.19 (-0.25 – -0.14) |  |
|  Universities | 0 |  | 0 |  |
| Nationality of the applicant Other than Swiss Swiss | 0.03 (-0.01 – 0.07)0 | 0.093 | -0.02 (-0.05 – 0.01) | 0.218 |
| Field of research |  | <0.001 |  | <0.001 |
|  Medicine Architecture | 0 0.13 (0.03 – 0.23) |  | 00.14 (0.05 – 0.24) |  |
|  Biology |  0.30 (0.24 – 0.36)  |  | 0.27 (0.21 – 0.33) |  |
|  Chemistry Economics Engineering Geology History Linguistics Mathematics / Physics Psychology Sociology | 0.46 (0.39 – 0.53)-0.09 (-0.17 – -0.01)0.32 (0.25 – 0.38)0.49 (0.39 – 0.60)0.35 (0.27 – 0.44)0.30 (0.22 – 0.38)0.68 (0.62 – 0.75)-0.13 (-0.20 – -0.05) -0.06 (-0.13 – 0.02) |  | 0.24 (0.17 – 0.31)-0.01 (-0.09 – 0.06)0.07 (0.00 – 0.13)0.25 (0.14 – 0.35)0.32 (0.24 – 0.40)0.26 (0.18 – 0.34)0.45 (0.39 – 0.52)-0.08 (-0.15 – 0.00)0.01(-0.07 – 0.08) |  |
| Application call deadline Before introduction of new guidelines After introduction of new guidelines | 0.43 (0.40 – 0.47)0 | <0.001 | 0.43 (0.40 – 0.46)0 | <0.001 |

*Notes.* Unadj. Effect = unadjusted, crude effect; Adj. Effect = adjusted effect; SE = standard error; 95% CI = 95% confidence interval; \*p < .05 (t-test. t-values and degrees of freedom reported online at www.git.io/fhaJx).