

Urban Noise, Sleep Disruption and Health

Online Appendix

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Table A.1: Full Balancing Table between Individuals Exposed with and without Neighbor Noise

	with Neighbor Noise mean (s.d.)	without Neighbor Noise mean (s.d.)	Difference mean (s.e.)
Health Level	3.033 (0.636)	3.160 (0.644)	0.126*** (0.019)
BMI	25.612 (4.610)	25.735 (4.170)	0.124 (0.128)
Age	46.872 (12.780)	50.827 (13.105)	3.955*** (0.385)
HH number of kids	0.794 (0.927)	0.925 (1.054)	0.130*** (0.030)
HH Income	2688.644 (1554.376)	3109.789 (3323.712)	421.144*** (84.712)
Hours	31.826 (12.492)	32.513 (13.157)	0.688* (0.384)
Sleep Disruption	0.376 (0.485)	0.265 (0.441)	-0.111*** (0.014)
Street Noise	0.305 (0.460)	0.140 (0.347)	-0.165*** (0.012)
Bad Air	0.169 (0.375)	0.070 (0.255)	-0.099*** (0.009)
Cardiovascular	0.161 (0.368)	0.144 (0.351)	-0.017 (0.011)
Cholesterol	0.167 (0.373)	0.195 (0.396)	0.028** (0.012)
Blood Pressure	0.214 (0.410)	0.249 (0.433)	0.035*** (0.013)
Asthma	0.068 (0.252)	0.051 (0.220)	-0.017** (0.007)
Lung Disease	0.167 (0.373)	0.121 (0.327)	-0.045*** (0.010)
Bones & Joints	0.702 (0.457)	0.607 (0.488)	-0.095*** (0.014)
Diabetes	0.067 (0.250)	0.078 (0.269)	0.012 (0.008)
Fatigue	0.785 (0.411)	0.747 (0.435)	-0.038*** (0.013)
Headache	0.340 (0.474)	0.238 (0.426)	-0.102*** (0.013)
Alzheimer	0.005 (0.068)	0.003 (0.057)	-0.001 (0.002)
Depression	0.109 (0.312)	0.071 (0.256)	-0.038*** (0.008)
Cancer	0.035 (0.185)	0.046 (0.209)	0.011* (0.006)
Smoker	0.655	0.664	0.009

	(0.475)	(0.472)	(0.014)
Daily Drinker	0.236	0.259	0.023*
	(0.425)	(0.438)	(0.013)
Male	0.474	0.522	0.048***
	(0.449)	(0.448)	(0.013)
Married	0.705	0.812	0.107***
	(0.456)	(0.390)	(0.012)
Unemployed	0.118	0.078	-0.040***
	(0.323)	(0.268)	(0.009)
Housewife	0.410	0.390	-0.020
	(0.492)	(0.488)	(0.015)
Student	0.100	0.059	-0.041***
	(0.300)	(0.236)	(0.008)
Retired	0.269	0.356	0.088***
	(0.443)	(0.479)	(0.014)
Primary Education	0.015	0.015	0.000
	(0.120)	(0.120)	(0.004)
Secondary Education	0.179	0.155	-0.024**
	(0.384)	(0.362)	(0.011)
Post-Secondary Education	0.691	0.680	-0.012
	(0.462)	(0.467)	(0.014)
Tertiary Education	0.194	0.166	-0.028**
	(0.395)	(0.372)	(0.011)
Religious	0.415	0.472	0.057***
	(0.493)	(0.499)	(0.015)
Crime in Area	0.283	0.103	-0.180***
	(0.451)	(0.305)	(0.011)
Urban Area	0.664	0.558	-0.107***
	(0.472)	(0.497)	(0.014)
Rural Area	0.197	0.272	0.075***
	(0.398)	(0.445)	(0.013)
Dwelling noisy	0.286	0.035	-0.251***
	(0.377)	(0.158)	(0.008)
Dwelling dark	0.070	0.026	-0.044***
	(0.255)	(0.158)	(0.006)
Dwelling cold	0.105	0.037	-0.069***
	(0.307)	(0.188)	(0.007)
Dwelling leaky	0.054	0.032	-0.022***
	(0.226)	(0.176)	(0.006)
Dwelling damp	0.131	0.057	-0.074***
	(0.338)	(0.232)	(0.008)
Dwelling rotten	0.097	0.050	-0.046***
	(0.295)	(0.219)	(0.007)
Dwelling small	0.227	0.090	-0.137***
	(0.419)	(0.286)	(0.010)
Ever moved	0.295	0.195	-0.100***
	(0.456)	(0.396)	(0.012)

Easily Disturbed	2.810 (0.864)	2.627 (0.839)	-0.182*** (0.025)
Stroke	0.007 (0.061)	0.009 (0.081)	0.002 (0.002)

* $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Table A2: Instrumental Variables Estimation: First Stage Regressions
(All Control Variables Reported)

	Sleep Disruption	Sleep Disruption	Sleep Disruption
Neighbor Noise	0.111*** (0.014)	0.074*** (0.014)	0.058*** (0.014)
Smoker		0.033** (0.014)	0.033** (0.013)
BMI		0.007*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.001)
Age		0.007** (0.004)	0.011*** (0.004)
Age ²		-0.003 (0.004)	-0.006* (0.004)
Male		-0.117*** (0.016)	-0.078*** (0.016)
Married		-0.009 (0.017)	-0.017 (0.016)
University		-0.02 (0.018)	-0.011 (0.017)
HH Income		-0.068*** (0.017)	-0.061*** (0.017)
Bad Air		0.063*** (0.023)	0.053** (0.022)
Dwelling small		0.038* (0.02)	0.025 (0.02)
Dwelling dark		0.034 (0.035)	0.027 (0.034)
Dwelling cold		0.001 (0.03)	-0.011 (0.028)
Dwelling leaky		0.015 (0.035)	0.011 (0.034)
Dwelling damp		0.019 (0.025)	0.018 (0.025)
Dwelling rotten		0.018 (0.028)	0.025 (0.028)
educ_2		-0.006 (0.018)	-0.002 (0.018)
educ_3		-0.003 (0.015)	0.007 (0.015)
educ_1		0.052 (0.055)	0.054 (0.054)
Daily Drinker		0.025 (0.016)	0.021 (0.016)
Unemployed		0.034 (0.022)	0.026 (0.022)
Housewife		0.067***	0.056***

		(0.014)	(0.014)
Student		0.084***	0.080***
		(0.029)	(0.028)
Retired		-0.030*	-0.027
		(0.018)	(0.018)
hh_numkids		-0.001	0
		(0.001)	(0.001)
hours		-0.011	-0.009
		(0.007)	(0.007)
Religion		-0.001	-0.005
		(0.013)	(0.013)
Crime in Area		0.079***	0.075***
		(0.019)	(0.018)
Urban Area		-0.005	-0.003
		(0.013)	(0.013)
Rural Area		-0.014	-0.013
		(0.015)	(0.015)
Easily Disturbed			0.102***
			(0.008)
Ever moved			0.052***
			(0.016)
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N	5102	5102	5102
R-sq	0.013	0.079	0.113
F-statistic	67.44***	14.48***	20.24***

robust standard errors in parentheses

* p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01

Table A.3: Robustness – Include dwelling & neighborhood, physical & demographic, and socio-economic controls in sequence

	cardio-vascular			cholesterol			blood pressure		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Sleep Disruption	0.164 (0.137)	0.417*** (0.136)	0.436*** (0.146)	-0.238 (0.158)	0.126 (0.129)	0.098 (0.137)	-0.287 (0.178)	0.123 (0.138)	0.094 (0.148)
N	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,102
	asthma			lung disease			bone & joint		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Sleep Disruption	0.157 (0.097)	0.153* (0.092)	0.158 (0.098)	0.315** (0.137)	0.407*** (0.133)	0.420*** (0.143)	0.993*** (0.231)	1.125*** (0.233)	1.173*** (0.254)
N	5,099	5,099	5,099	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104
	diabetes			fatigue			headache		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Sleep Disruption	-0.150 (0.102)	-0.005 (0.088)	-0.024 (0.095)	0.276* (0.165)	0.048 (0.152)	0.079 (0.162)	0.945*** (0.218)	0.685*** (0.179)	0.739*** (0.196)
N	5,102	5,102	5,102	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,104
	Alzheimer			depression			cancer		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Sleep Disruption	0.015 (0.022)	0.021 (0.021)	0.024 (0.022)	0.285** (0.112)	0.270** (0.105)	0.267** (0.112)	-0.142* (0.083)	-0.039 (0.072)	-0.041 (0.077)
N	5,049	5,049	5,049	5,104	5,104	5,104	5,049	5,049	5,049

robust standard errors in parentheses

* p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01

Column (a) include dwelling & neighborhood controls. Column (b) adds on physical & demographic controls.

Column (c) includes socio-economic controls, in addition to dwelling & neighborhood and physical & demographic controls.

Table A4: Robustness: Include Additional Controls on Psychometric and Lifestyle Attributes

	cardio-vascular		cholesterol		blood pressure		asthma	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.582**	0.657*	0.208	0.286	0.326	0.299	0.209	0.348
	(0.280)	(0.363)	(0.242)	(0.305)	(0.285)	(0.345)	(0.188)	(0.254)
Anxious	-0.033	-0.034	0.001	-0.008	-0.007	-0.009	-0.013	-0.022
	(0.034)	(0.037)	(0.030)	(0.031)	(0.035)	(0.036)	(0.023)	(0.026)
Happiness	0.005	0.007	0.001	0.008	0.009	0.012	0.003	0.005
	(0.015)	(0.018)	(0.013)	(0.015)	(0.015)	(0.017)	(0.010)	(0.012)
Exercise	-0.005	-0.004	-0.004	-0.006	-0.007	-0.007	0.003	0.004
	(0.004)	(0.005)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Job Risk	0.000	0.000	0.000*	0.000*	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Drug	-0.049	-0.059	-0.000	-0.017	0.017	0.023	-0.025	-0.042
	(0.050)	(0.060)	(0.043)	(0.050)	(0.048)	(0.056)	(0.033)	(0.042)
Easily Disturbed		-0.016		0.007		0.020		-0.020
		(0.019)		(0.016)		(0.018)		(0.013)
Ever moved		-0.042*		-0.011		-0.021		-0.011
		(0.022)		(0.019)		(0.021)		(0.016)
N	3,075	2,957	3,075	2,957	3,075	2,957	3,074	2,956
	lung disease		bone & joint		diabetes		fatigue	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.661**	0.885**	1.456***	1.685**	0.016	0.031	1.248***	1.427**
	(0.299)	(0.427)	(0.546)	(0.738)	(0.150)	(0.187)	(0.469)	(0.622)
Anxious	-0.044	-0.056	-0.092	-0.107	0.001	-0.003	-0.001	-0.022
	(0.036)	(0.044)	(0.067)	(0.076)	(0.018)	(0.019)	(0.057)	(0.064)
Happiness	0.007	0.015	0.036	0.047	-0.004	-0.002	0.004	0.013
	(0.016)	(0.021)	(0.029)	(0.036)	(0.008)	(0.009)	(0.025)	(0.030)
Exercise	-0.003	-0.003	0.006	0.004	-0.005**	-0.005*	-0.015*	-0.016*
	(0.005)	(0.006)	(0.009)	(0.010)	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.008)	(0.009)
Job Risk	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000	-0.000
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Drug	-0.017	-0.042	-0.171*	-0.196	-0.001	-0.003	-0.106	-0.129
	(0.051)	(0.069)	(0.093)	(0.120)	(0.027)	(0.031)	(0.080)	(0.100)
Easily Disturbed		-0.030		-0.026		0.008		-0.003
		(0.023)		(0.039)		(0.010)		(0.032)
Ever moved		-0.047*		-0.047		-0.007		-0.026
		(0.026)		(0.048)		(0.012)		(0.039)
N	3,075	2,957	3,075	2,957	3,075	2,957	3,075	2,957
	headache		Alzheimer		depression		cancer	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.994**	1.124**	0.013	0.017	0.094	0.106	0.100	0.116
	(0.421)	(0.550)	(0.028)	(0.035)	(0.189)	(0.231)	(0.130)	(0.163)
Anxious	-0.056	-0.068	0.001	0.001	0.048*	0.040	-0.009	-0.010
	(0.051)	(0.056)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.025)	(0.025)	(0.017)	(0.018)

Happiness	-0.007 (0.023)	-0.001 (0.027)	0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)	-0.016 (0.010)	-0.013 (0.011)	0.002 (0.007)	0.002 (0.008)
Exercise	-0.004 (0.007)	-0.003 (0.007)	0.001* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.007** (0.003)	-0.007** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.002)
Job Risk	0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	-0.000** (0.000)	-0.000** (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)
Drug	-0.112 (0.073)	-0.133 (0.090)	-0.001 (0.003)	-0.001 (0.004)	0.117*** (0.035)	0.113*** (0.040)	0.013 (0.023)	0.012 (0.027)
Easily Disturbed		-0.011 (0.029)		-0.001 (0.002)		0.008 (0.012)		-0.004 (0.008)
Ever moved		-0.006 (0.035)		-0.003 (0.002)		0.019 (0.015)		0.000 (0.009)
N	3,075	2,957	3,051	2,935	3,075	2,957	3,051	2,935

robust standard errors in parentheses

* p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01

Included in regression but not shown: Dwelling characteristics, neighborhood characteristics, alcohol consumption, educational level, labor market status, number of children, religious status.

Table A.5: Robustness - Exclude Individuals under 30 Years Old

	cardio-vascular		cholesterol		blood pressure		asthma	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.422***	0.439**	0.098	0.053	0.095	0.046	0.182*	0.211
	(0.155)	(0.189)	(0.150)	(0.182)	(0.162)	(0.196)	(0.104)	(0.129)
Easily Disturbed		-0.005		0.030		0.033		-0.017
		(0.021)		(0.020)		(0.021)		(0.014)
Ever moved		-0.038**		-0.015		-0.018		-0.001
		(0.017)		(0.016)		(0.018)		(0.012)
<i>N</i>	4606	4606	4604	4604	4604	4604	4603	4603
	lung disease		bone & joint		diabetes		fatigue	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.418***	0.432**	1.227***	1.330***	-0.053	-0.083	0.054	-0.059
	(0.151)	(0.184)	(0.271)	(0.346)	(0.105)	(0.128)	(0.177)	(0.217)
Easily Disturbed		-0.005		-0.057		0.019		0.074***
		(0.020)		(0.038)		(0.014)		(0.023)
Ever moved		-0.021		-0.050		-0.004		-0.029
		(0.017)		(0.032)		(0.012)		(0.020)
<i>N</i>	4606	4606	4606	4606	4604	4604	4606	4606
	headache		Alzheimer		depression		cancer	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep Disruption	0.765***	0.763***	0.024	0.025	0.237**	0.182	-0.030	-0.056
	(0.208)	(0.252)	(0.022)	(0.025)	(0.116)	(0.138)	(0.082)	(0.100)
Easily Disturbed		0.002		0.000		0.034**		0.014
		(0.027)		(0.003)		(0.015)		(0.011)
Ever moved		-0.010		-0.002		0.005		0.016*
		(0.024)		(0.002)		(0.013)		(0.009)
<i>N</i>	4606	4606	4536	4536	4606	4606	4536	4536

robust standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Included in regression but not shown: Dwelling characteristics, neighborhood characteristics, alcohol consumption, educational level, labor market status, number of children, religious status.

Table A.6. Robustness - Sample of daytime workers

	cardio-vascular		cholesterol		blood pressure		asthma	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep	0.393**	0.437*	0.159	0.127	0.373	0.383	0.083	0.094
Disruption	(0.193)	(0.247)	(0.191)	(0.237)	(0.237)	(0.297)	(0.150)	(0.189)
Easily		-0.013		0.018		0.003		-0.005
Disturbed		(0.024)		(0.023)		(0.028)		(0.018)
Ever moved		-0.030*		-0.002		-0.023		-0.001
		(0.017)		(0.017)		(0.021)		(0.014)
N	2,820	2,820	2,819	2,819	2,819	2,819	2,817	2,817
	lung disease		bone & joint		diabetes		fatigue	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep	0.391*	0.415	1.505***	1.672***	-0.112	-0.158	0.172	0.110
Disruption	(0.209)	(0.263)	(0.477)	(0.642)	(0.115)	(0.150)	(0.255)	(0.316)
Easily		-0.009		-0.069		0.024		0.046
Disturbed		(0.025)		(0.062)		(0.015)		(0.030)
Ever moved		-0.012		-0.057		0.002		-0.040*
		(0.019)		(0.048)		(0.011)		(0.023)
N	2,820	2,820	2,820	2,820	2,819	2,819	2,820	2,820
	headache		Alzheimer		depression		cancer	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Sleep	0.609**	0.569	0.001	0.001	0.164	0.098	0.074	0.081
Disruption	(0.301)	(0.369)	(0.019)	(0.024)	(0.159)	(0.195)	(0.096)	(0.120)
Easily		0.020		0.000		0.027		-0.004
Disturbed		(0.036)		(0.003)		(0.018)		(0.011)
Ever moved		0.003		-0.002		0.022		0.001
		(0.027)		(0.002)		(0.015)		(0.008)
N	2,820	2,820	2,787	2,787	2,820	2,820	2,787	2,787

robust standard errors in parentheses

* p < 0.1, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01

Included in regression but not shown: Dwelling characteristics, Neighborhood characteristics, alcohol consumption, educational level, labor market status, number of children, religious status.