

# Co-residential Informal Caregiving: Effects on Female Employment and Retirement Wealth

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# Summary

Relevance: 16m working-age adults provide informal care  
➡ important implications for labor market decisions

Need to account for selection into care-provider role

Existing literature failed to produce definitive answers

Paper evaluates **labor market consequences** for **female** caregivers who co-reside with a **disabled** care recipient

Paper uses **PSID** to estimate impact of caregiving on labor market decisions at both **intensive** and **extensive** margins

Novelty: analysis of longer-term consequences of caregiving

# Comments and Suggestions: Part 1

It would be helpful to develop at least a sketch of a **theoretical model** explaining how the decisions are made

Clarify whether the paper provides estimates of **causal** effects or only of **associations**

Sample construction: clarify how many (potential) observations are dropped when each exclusion is applied

Explore some more the potential **weakness** of co-residence indicator as a proxy for caregiving

# Comments and Suggestions: Part 2

- Statistical and econometric issues:
  - In Table 1, do you account for **dependence** of observations (i.e., those from the same woman) when computing statistics to compare characteristics between the groups?
  - Provide a clearer explanation for what  $\delta_i$ 's in Eq. (1) represent and how controlling for them helps to account for **endogeneity** of  $cores_{it}$
  - Is the categorical nature of  $LFP_{it}$  addressed via econometric modeling? Or are you simply estimating a linear probability model?
  - Do you account for the probability mass at zero when estimating the model for  $hours_{it}$ ?
- Minor issues:
  - Use either “I,” or “we” consistently
  - No need to introduce the term ‘PSID “gene”’: your descriptive explanation for who these women are is good enough
  - What is the purpose of Tables 6–8? Are they simply “extended” versions of Tables 3–5?
  - Why is there no  $\delta_i$  in Eq. (2)? Is this a typo or intentional omission?