

**Figure A1.** Transition of  $\Delta$ AUC from degeneracy to nondegeneracy. Framingham Heart Study data. Reduced model included predictor variables: age, hdl and total cholesterol, systolic blood pressure, smoking and diabetes status. Full model = reduced model+diastolic blood pressure (dpf). We artificially varied the strength of added dpf variable. Strength is measured by z-score( $\beta_{dpf}$ ) =  $\beta_{dpf}$ /se( $\beta_{dpf}$ ).