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Title: Using the LACE Index to Predict Hospital Readmissions in Congestive Heart Failure Patients

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Cover letter

Dear Editors and reviewers:

We would like to submit our original research “Using the LACE Index to Predict Hospital Readmissions in Congestive Heart Failure Patients” to your journal. This research article addresses the use of the LACE index to predict hospital 30-day readmissions in a particular patient population: congestive heart failure patients. Our results found that simply using the LACE index might not accurately predict the hospital readmission in these patients and other factors need to be considered. In addition, we also found that the LACE index score could predict the post-discharge ED revisits. Patients with high LACE index scores tended to visit ED more often which by far, to the best of our knowledge, never reported before. We hope that our manuscript is suitable for publication in your journal.

The revised manuscript is attached with the following changes:

1. Title page placed and attached to the manuscript including manuscript title, list of authors, affiliation, physical address, and all authors email (we use the same email address for manuscript submission)
2. Line number added to the manuscript
3. Competing interests added to the manuscript
4. Author contributions revised to match the format of the journal
5. Tables attached to the manuscript

All authors have participated sufficiently in the study design, data collection, data analysis, and writing manuscript. Each author has reviewed the final version of the manuscript and approves it for publication. In addition, the authors declare no conflict of interests related to this manuscript.
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks
Looking forwards to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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