Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictive ability of an early diagnostic guess in patients presenting chest pain

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The authors have made a careful revision and an effort in clarifying concepts and methodology issues in this revised version. The manuscript has improved, but I would like to make some final comments:

It will be interesting to know the final diagnosis among those 185 patients in which the GP could not make an initial guess. Were they end-up with an specific diagnosis or not? Was this diagnosis a life threatening diagnosis or not? Could you describe these results?

Figure 1 is difficult to interpret as it is. It could just be delete and present the results in the text as they have done. Otherwise the authors may need to extend their description of the figure to make it clear to the reader.

Some typos:
- End of first paragraph of results I understand it should refers to table 1 not to table 2.
- Abbreviation for BPCO that appears in table 2, is not listed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests