Reviewer's report

Title: Development and validation of a bedside risk score for MRSA among patients hospitalized with complicated skin and skin structure infections

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Reviewer: Frank Lowy

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The authors have responded to the criticisms raised by both reviewers. They have addressed the points that could be addressed by adding comments or correcting errors. The structural concerns however regarding the use of non-MRSA including non S. aureus species, the inclusion of polymicrobial infections, and the fact that these patients are a subset of patients with SSTIs all remain concerns. The applicability of such a diagnostic scoring system to the clinical setting is also unlikely.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of interest