Reviewer's report

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General
Consider not reporting the positive predictive values as they are dependent on the prevalence of disease (which was very high in this cohort).

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

 Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

 Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'