Reviewer's report

Title: Identification of patients for clinical risk assessment by prediction of cardiovascular risk using default risk factor values

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Reviewer: Islay Gemmell

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General
I am satisfied that the author has dealt with my comments on the previous version of the paper.

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

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

The changes to the description of how the default values of risk factors was reached have made this section easier to understand. However I think that in paragraph 4 the author should change 'contains' to 'contained' when describing number of individuals in a category of the HSE.

At the bottom of page 11 reference 14 is not in brackets.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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