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This is a covering letter with a point-by-point description of the changes made in manuscript.

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Manuscript revised with point-by-point description of the changes made.

Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: David Stivers
Reviewer's report:
Perhaps I missed it but, since this is a binary test, AUC must be explained as the average of sensitivity and specificity.

The manuscript was revised and changed in Methods Section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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