Reviewer's report

Title: Independent external validation of cardiovascular disease mortality in women utilising Framingham and SCORE risk models: a mortality follow-up study

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In the article “Independent external validation of cardiovascular disease mortality in women utilising Framingham and SCORE risk models: a mortality follow-up study” by Goh et al., the authors report the findings of an external validation study designed to evaluate the applicability of three different risk estimation systems: Framingham, SCORE for low risk regions and SCORE for high risk regions in a cohort of 4487 Australian adult women (age range 20 – 69 years) by comparing the risks predicted and the risks observed over ten years of follow up. The manuscript is well written and adheres to relevant standards.

The authors have rephrased the text and introduced corrections concerning the methods, discussion and conclusion section. They have answered my points satisfactorily.

The sole remaining point concerns discretionary revisions that represent indeed different views about graphic representations and as such they cannot be considered as an impediment for publication of the manuscript.

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