Reviewer's report

**Title:** Method for Assigning Priority Levels in Acute Care (MAPLe-AC) predicts outcomes of acute hospital care of older persons - a cross-national validation

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minor revisions:
The authors have been very responsive to the reviewer suggestions. Thank you very much. The manuscript is much improved and remains an important topic and well done study. There remain a few minor suggestions:

Page 5 poor sentence.
The challenge of care for older persons increases with the presence of multiple chronic conditions, and physical or cognitive decline, on top of an acute disease indicated by systematic literature review Campbell et al. 2004 [1].

Suggest:
The challenge of acute care for older persons increases with the presence of multiple chronic conditions, and physical or cognitive decline, as indicated by a systematic literature review by Campbell et al. 2004 [1].

Page 5: The high cost of acute care causes pressures to shorten length of stay in this setting, but readmission rates are high, 10% [1,] and 35% [2].

What is the timeframe of these readmissions?

Page 8 what does CPS stand for?

Page 17 first paragraph the word the is missing

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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:**