Reviewer’s report

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I find the author responses to my comments acceptable, given the context. Furthermore, given the importance of the MIMIC-II database and its impact on the scientific community, I do agree that publishing a paper focusing on its query mechanisms (leveraging SQL) and containing real success stories is valuable for the community.

Again, the paper is well written. I recommend its publication despite my earlier reservations.

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 do not have competing interests.