Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Manual and automated methods for identifying potentially preventable readmissions: a comparison in a large healthcare system

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**Reviewer:** Sunil Kripalani

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The authors have been very responsive to the critiques of all 3 reviewers. I believe the paper to be stronger as a result. It will inform many others' work in this area. No additional revisions requested.

**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 am involved in several research studies and quality improvement projects that concern transitions of care and assessment of preventability in readmissions, but none that stand to benefit financially.