Author's response to reviews

Title: Adapting a Markov Monte Carlo simulation model for forecasting the number of Coronary Artery Revascularisation Procedures in an era of rapidly changing technology and policy

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To,
The Editorial Board
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you very much for re-reviewing our paper. We have addressed all the queries by the referees in the revised manuscript of our paper and have modified the paper as indicated by referee 2 and the Assistant Editor Dr. Robin Cassady-Cain. The point by point responses to the referee’s (referees 2 and 3) queries are given below:

Response to referee 2:

(i) We have reduced technical terms as much as possible so as to make the paper more accessible to non-statisticians/laymen. The technical terms (eg, Pr(a CABG) etc.) from the title of the graphs have been replaced by more easily understood and non-technical terms (eg, risk of a CABG within a year).

(ii) The size of the text has been reduced by around 30% in terms of words. The number of words has been reduced to 2622 from 3616.

Response to referee 3:

(i) We have acknowledged some of the merit of referee 3’s comments by acknowledging in the Discussion section that the retrospective nature of the study is a limitation and that a prospective study would give further validation to the model.

Referee 1 had no query and thus we did not provide any response to referee 1. We sincerely hope that we have been to meet the requirements for acceptance of our paper and that our paper will be published in due course.

Your sincerely,

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