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Note that all changes described below are marked in red font in the manuscript.

Reviewer 2

#1: In Table 1, the value 1 is not included in the categorization of the Charlson index.
We have corrected this omission.

#2: The footnote to Table 1 about "variable categories..." is non-informative. What was done? Were categories collapsed, grouped differently, or what? How variables are coded affects the interpretation of the model parameters, so this needs to be clarified unambiguously.

We have written the following to clarify the creation of variable categories:
Variable categories were defined based on previous research and by examining the frequency distributions for each of the comorbidity measures. Cut-points for the categories were created to minimize sparse cell sizes.

The reviewer is correct that the choice of cut-points affects the interpretation of the model parameters. However, we do not report model parameters in this manuscript. Rather, the emphasis is on model comparisons.

We thank the reviewer for these final comments on the manuscript and hope that it is now acceptable for publication.