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- Major Compulsory Revisions
I remain concerned re: my comments numbered 1 and 2. I agree that this paper is an exploration of a potentially useful method. The authors have nicely responded to my concerns in their comments. Their discussion of these limitations, including the possibility that their validation technique is not adequate and that misclassification bias persists, should be included in their discussion section so as not to give the unintended impression that this method has, in fact, been fully validated.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.