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Title: Preoperative risk stratification models fail to predict hospital cost of cardiac surgery patients

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Dear Sirs

RE: Submission of an article: entitled “Preoperative risk stratification models fail to predict hospital costs of cardiac surgery patients”

We are submitting a prospective study entitled “Preoperative risk stratification models fail to predict hospital costs of cardiac surgery patients” by Akmal M.A. Badreldin, Bernhard R. Brehm, Florian Krizanic, Sherif Elsobky, Thorsten Wahlers and Khosro Hekmat.

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The process of risk stratification is gaining much importance in different health specialties. The aim is to reach a good allocation of resources and to patient selection based on a reliable scaled outcome prediction. However, the association between this admission stratification and hospital cost was not sufficiently investigated in the literature.

Herein we present an evaluation of the correlation between preoperative risk stratification in cardiac surgery and hospital cost to prove if the scoring models were able to predict these costs.

We hope that you will find the manuscript interesting and suitable for publication in your journal. If you should find the manuscript wanting in any way please return it to us for further work.
Yours sincerely,

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