Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk scores for predicting dysphagia in critically ill patients after cardiac surgery

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Reviewer: Eun-Ho Lee

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I have just one point of remaining concern.

From the response letter: "We calculated the average number of each group to be 53 by the freely available estimation software PS 3.0 (Power and Sample Size Calculation). At least 25 patients with dysphagia were required on the basis of preliminary data. Finally, the number of participants included in our study (103 patients was diagnosed as dysphagia) rather than the number of evaluations.”

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