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Dear Editor,

We thank you for the comments, which helped to improve our study. Based on these comments and suggestions, we have made careful modifications on the manuscript. We made the revisions as below:

1. We carefully compare the section of methods and discussion with the literature (Qureshi AI, et al.), we are sorry for the overlap, it was our fault. In the methods section, we rewrite the introduction of ROC curve and AUC (Methods section, line 5-9, page 8).

In the discussion section, we rewrite the result description of relevant literature, and add some literature for the convenience of readers (Discussion section, line 22, page 13 to line 1-17, page 14).

2. We carefully compare the section of methods with the literature (Wang X, et al.). We are sorry for the overlap of definition of risk factors. The definitions of risk factors in CNSSPP are unified, and the data in literature (Wang X, et al.) are also from CNSSPP, so there are many overlaps.

In the methods section, we provide a summarizing statement about the unified definition. Meanwhile, we cited the reference (Wang X, et al., reference 8). In order to reduce the repetition, we also re-phrase the definition of the eight risk factors.

We hope that these revisions are satisfactory and that the revision will be acceptable for publication in “BMC Cardiovascular Disorders”.


Thank you very much for your work concerning our paper.

Wish you all the best!

Sincerely yours,

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