Reviewer’s report

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The authors Perera K. et al. have addressed the reviewers' comments on their manuscript with the title "Percentage of small platelets on peripheral blood smear and Child-Turcott-Pugh class can predict the presence of oesophageal varices in newly diagnosed patients with cirrhosis: development of a prediction model for resource limited settings" and revised their manuscript according to the reviewers' comments.

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3. Patient characteristics table: Please standardize what percentages are referring to, as the changes in reference is confusing (i.e. please calculate percentages per OV group (OV present, OV absent) for better comparability)

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