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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISION OF REVISED VERSION OF MANUSCRIPT BMGE-D-18-00776R2

I am glad to submit a revised version of our manuscript for consideration of publication in your reputable journal in accordance revision suggested for improvement. Bellow is point to point response to the reviewers’ and editor’s comment
REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Specific minor comments for revision:

(1) Abstract/results: For the sensitivity and specificity values to make sense, the cutoffs used for continuous variables should be reported.

RESPONSE: requested revision to include the cutoff points has been worked on

(2) Abstract/results: Obvious typo in the lower confidence limit for the age OR.

RESPONSE: The correction has been made to read as 1.0-1.04

(3) Figure 2 does not add much and appears redundant. You should consider deleting fig.2.

RESPONSE: Figure 2 has been deleted, renaming of other figures and citation is done

(4) Page 6, first 2 lines: Report p and roc values rounded to 3 decimals.

RESPONSE: The suggested revision has been done accordingly

(5) Page 8, 2nd paragraph: Report the adjusted ORs for both variables.

RESPONSE: The reviewers comment is worked on and it has been addressed as a limitation.

Yours sincerely

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