Author’s response to reviews

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Point-by-point response to the reviewer’s comments

Dear Editor,

We truly appreciate the Reviewers and the Editorial Board for their careful critique and helpful comments on our manuscript. We revised the manuscript in accordance with the suggestions and comments of the Reviewers. Detailed responses to each of the comments are as follows:

David Petroff (Reviewer 1)

Shin et al. have dealt seriously with all my concerns and I am satisfied with all their responses. I still believe the confidence intervals (CIs) for the optima from the Youden-optimized values would be helpful and agree that bootstrapping would be one option. If the capacity is not available to do so at the moment, I agree that the wide CIs in the new Table 3 provide helpful information (44.4%-97.5% for specificity of S0 vs S1-3) and it could be left as is.
We appreciated the reviewer’s thoughtful comment about confidence intervals from the Youden-optimized values. We believe that CIs for the sensitivities and specificities presented in Table 3 would be helpful for readers to understand the uncertainty of suggested optimal value, even though the CIs for the optima or bootstrapping was not performed due to lack of our capacity.

Oyekoya Taiwo Ayonrinde, MBBS, PhD (Reviewer 2):

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Thank you for potential acceptance of our manuscript in BMC Pediatrics.

Best regards,

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