Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic nomogram for inpatients with asthma exacerbation

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Reviewer: Miaozhu Li

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Overall, the revised manuscript BMC Pulmonary Medicine - PULM-D-16-00290 has been improved. And I am satisfied with most of the replies to address my questions and concerns, though the limitation of study like missing some variables such as smoking, drug use and etc. are apparent.

Specially, the authors have not performed the validation and calibration correctly.

1. The concordance index should have a special number and its 95% CI while the author only present one number in their study.

2. Usually, the validation would be performed via bootstrapping with 1000 resamples.

3. I am not sure the calibration has been performed properly. Please perform the calibration plot on the basis of the previous version.

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