Reviewer’s report

Title: Fine-grained Information Extraction from German Transthoracic Echocardiography Reports

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Major Compulsory Revisions- 1. modules are often shared with other NLP developers. Please describe if you will share the terminology with others and how the NLP system could be used and potentially improved by others. 2. please describe whether or not there is terminology coverage of these terms in SNOMED-CT. If there is, why is this new terminology needed? 3. are there plans to map these new terms to SNOMED-CT or to request development of new content so that the new terms can be incorporated into SNOMED-CT?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests