Reviewer’s report

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As mentioned in my previous review, the paper could benefit from a discussion translating the risk score to NNT or other decision analytic measures. While I appreciate the author's resistance, these are commonly used measures. Objections can always be discussed in the discussion and other decision analytic measures can be used such as the net benefit, which need not depend on a single arbitrary cut point.

Also as mentioned previously, the use of the median as the only cut point seems a bit arbitrary. This decision needs to be supported and continuous methods and alternate cut points need to be examined, if only to show that the results don't change. Also, it is diminishing the richness of the dataset, in opposition to Frank Harrell's general principles.

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