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Editor Comments:

Thank you very much for this revised version of the manuscript and the point by point reply to the reviewer comments. I can see that you have put an effort into improving the validity of the results and the clearness of the manuscript.

Unfortunately, there are still some points that need to be addressed in the manuscript. If you reply with a good reason to a reviewer, I would suggest to also incorporate the product of this comment in the manuscript.
Please see the following points

1. The language has improved, but still there are many punctuation errors and style issues. Please have this manuscript corrected by an English native speaker.

A/ we thank the editor for his comments. This article was read again by a native English speaker and different misspellings have been corrected.

2. Statistical: You have not adapted your statistical methods section between the two versions. You have replied to the comment of reviewer Radner on multicollinearity but you have not put this in the methods section or how you handled the imputation of 8 variables. Still you have a multivariable model not a multivariate model. Please correct that. Please change t students test to students t test

A/ we added this in the methods section: ((The collinearity test was used to identify collinear variables. If two variables were collinear, only one had entered in the final model of logistic regression in multivariate analysis)). And we changed also t students test in students t test.

3. Please walk through the reviewer comments and your replies and incorporate all of your replies appropriately in the paper.

A/ as suggested by the reviewer, our article has been improved in English.