

Cover letter of revised manuscript

Dear Editor of *World Journal of Cardiology*,

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to thank you for providing us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. **We appreciate both your and the reviewers' positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled, "Development and validation of a nomogram model for predicting the risk of pre-hospital delay in patients with acute myocardial infarction" (ID: 88819).**

We have carefully considered the reviewers' comments and revised our manuscript accordingly. **Please find attached the response to the editors and reviewers' comments and the revised version of the manuscript that we would like to submit for your kind consideration.** The revisions are indicated with highlights (track changes) in the revised manuscript.

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and the reviewers for comments on our paper. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to Reviewers

Dear Editor of *World Journal of Cardiology*,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Development and validation of a nomogram model for predicting the risk of pre-hospital delay in patients with acute myocardial infarction” (ID: 88819). Thank you for your valuable comments and important guidance regarding the significance of our research; we have revised our paper accordingly. In the revised manuscript, the revised portions are highlighted.

Editor's comments

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Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors:

The research is solid and the information is valuable. The findings confirm the practicing cardiologists prior knowledge regarding your finding of old age, living alone and misunderstanding of alimentary disorders. The statistical process and the illustrations are not likely to be understood by practicing cardiologists. Perhaps an example of how the nomogram is used would be helpful. The big problem, of course, is how to educate elderly loners with ulcers about heart disease

Response to Reviewer #1: Thank you for your valuable comments. We have added an example regarding the use of the nomogram in the section "2.3

Development of the nomogram prediction model for the risk of PhD in patients with AMI" in the revised manuscript and highlighted it in yellow. We have also revised the "3 Discussions" section in the revised manuscript regarding specific measures on how to educate the elderly living alone with ulcers about heart disease and highlighted it in yellow.

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Once this step is completed, the manuscript will be quickly accepted and published online. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240>.

Response to editor: Thank you for your suggestion. The manuscript has been revised by a native English-speaking expert. We have also uploaded the language editing certificate.

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Response to editor: We have ensured that all abbreviations are spelled out at their first instance in the revised manuscript and made the required changes.

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Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

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Response to editor-in-chief: We have provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate signed by a biomedical statistician along with the revised manuscript.

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I have also ensured that all figures and tables are decomposable and submitted in the required formats. The full-text file has been generated and checked for accuracy, and all necessary documents for upload have been prepared.

Thank you for your guidance, and I look forward to the next steps in the submission process.

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