

Review of: "Chronic disease treatment default prediction with random sampling optimization."

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The article has a good potential for publishing after several improvements in the study and text. The fact that it uses a real-world dataset and five classification algorithms, gives a relatively robust classification model. However, the clarity, data preprocessing, and details on methods are some limitations of this paper. So, my recommendations are:

- (1) Refinement of Introduction: Revise the introduction to provide a clear and concise significance of addressing class imbalance in healthcare datasets.
- (2) There is a loop in the second phase of the flowchart proposed, with no decision to be made, and seems confusing. Also, in the last stage, the hyperparameter tuning is crucial for a good classifier, and it should not be optional.
- (3) The results were evaluated, but not discussed using the current and relevant literature.
- (4) The conclusions are superficial and should be improved with some practical implications. Also, it is important to address the limitations and future directions of the research.

Final decision: Major Revision