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eComment. EuroSCORE II - and its Achilles’ heel

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We read with great interest the article by Poullis [1] proposing that a recursive and non-linear regression model utilizing the EuroSCORE II risk model improves both its ROC and Hosmer-Lemeshow statistics. The European System for Cardiac Operative Risk Evaluation II (EuroSCORE II) is an updated tool for the prediction of in-hospital mortality after cardiac surgery, recently launched to replace the older additive and logistic EuroSCOREs developed in the late 1990s [2]. These previous versions have been extensively used in the last decade and have performed well, showing acceptable applicability to different populations of cardiac surgical patients [3]. However, the improvements in surgical techniques, the impact of open reporting of clinical