



# 2018-2019 Mid-Term Credibility Plan Review

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Practice of Modeling & Simulation in Healthcare**

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# Mid-term Credibility Plan Review

- Feedback from the 2018 IMAG-MSM meeting identified the need for more consistent communication of model credibility status
- In Response CPMS Initiated “Mid-term Review” of credibility status based on the CPMS Ten Simple Rules

## Goals :

- Improve communicating credibility plan progress
- Opportunity to practice communicating credibility
- Relate credibility activities to model contextual use
- Evaluate tools to promote credibility communication



# Ten Simple Rules

Ten Simple Rules	
<b><i>R1 - Define context clearly</i></b>	<b><i>R6 - Document adequately</i></b>
<b><i>R2 - Use appropriate data</i></b>	<b><i>R7 - Disseminate broadly</i></b>
<b><i>R3 - Evaluate within context</i></b>	<b><i>R8 - Get independent reviews</i></b>
<b><i>R4 - List limitations explicitly</i></b>	<b><i>R9 - Test competing implementations</i></b>
<b><i>R5 - Use version control</i></b>	<b><i>R10 - Conform to standards</i></b>

<https://www.imagwiki.nibib.nih.gov/content/committee-credible-practice-modeling-simulation-healthcare-description>



# Request to IMAG-MSM U01 Grantees

## Utilizing the CPMS Ten Simple Rules for Model and Simulation Credibility

Details on credibility plan actions

Description of information gained by each action

Plans for the next reporting cycle

Summary activities table classified within the CPMS TSR

Issues/concerns in achieving the standard of credibility

Identify other factors that contribute to credibility



# Review Scope

The reviewers:

**DID NOT**

**Assess the implemented credible practice or research progress of the M&S projects**

**DID**

**Opinion:  
communication  
sufficiency of  
credibility plans  
and  
accomplishments**

**Identify areas of  
improvement of  
the reporting /  
review process**

**Recommend  
credibility topic  
areas for  
discussion in  
IMAG/MSM  
community**

**CPMS TSR**



# Reviewers Scoring Rubric For Each TSR

## Sufficient

Path toward evidence of this factor/rule appears to be sufficient

## Insufficient

Path toward evidence of this factor/rule appears to be insufficient

## Not Available

No evidence is described or an argument is made that the credibility factor did not apply

Ancillary evidence and provided development history could be considered in assessing sufficiency of communicating content in each TSR factor



# Review Overview

35 Credibility Plan Mid-Term Updates  
Submitted

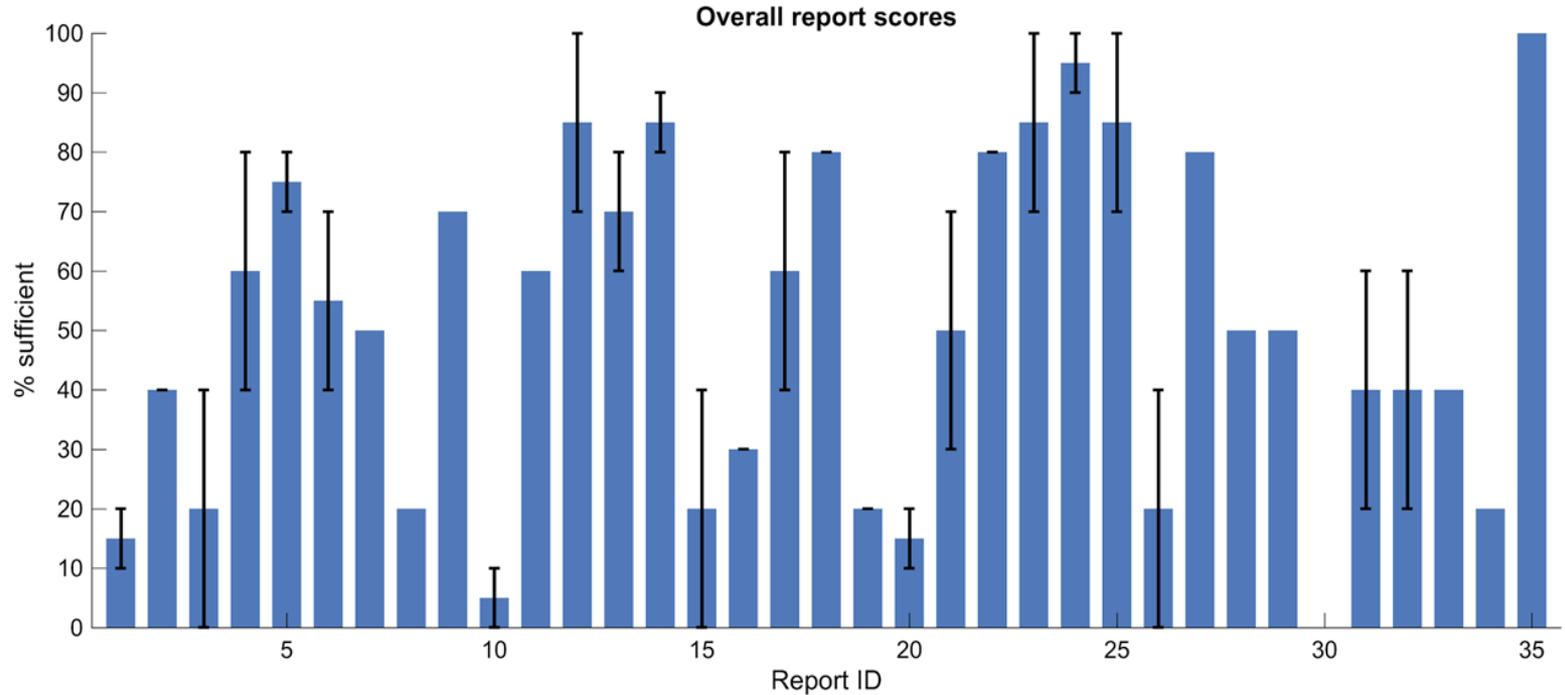
100% of submissions with 1 review  
85% of the submissions with 2 reviews

11/20/2018: Outbrief IMAG-MSM Steering Committee  
12/18/2018: All feedback posted to [IMAG Wiki](#)



# Scores: % of Rules Marked as “Sufficient”

Total count of reviews in TSR category = 60



Average % sufficient scores, error bars denoting the full range

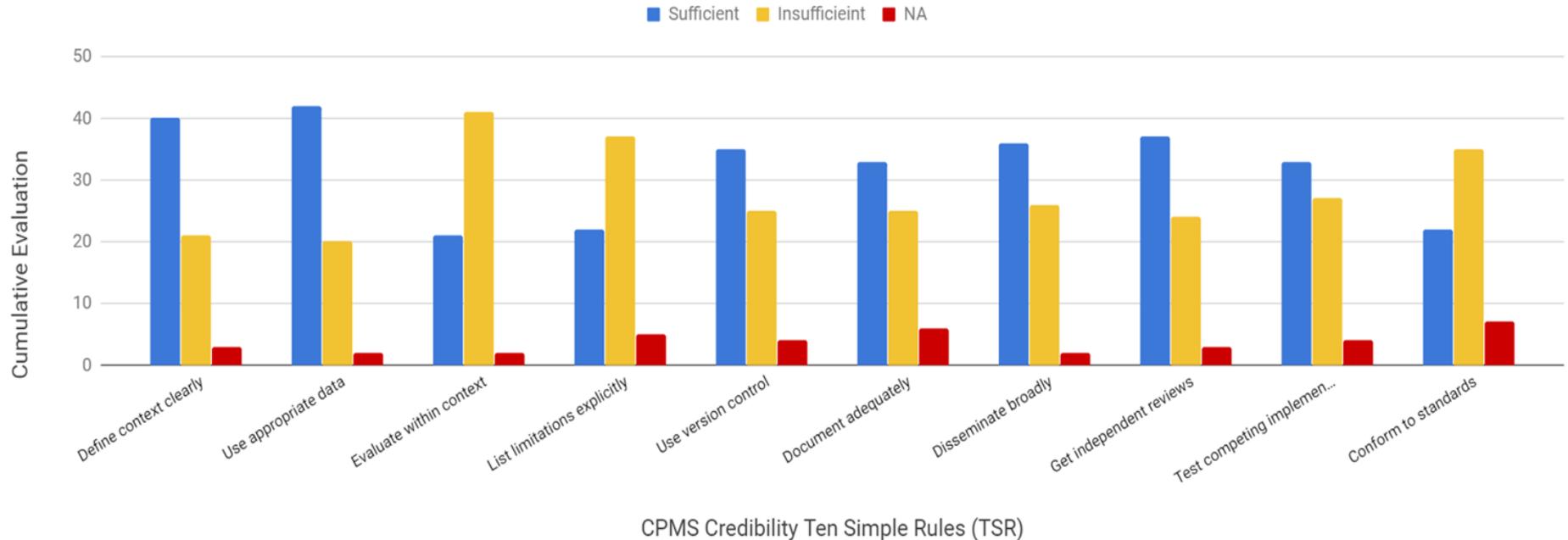


# Final Scores by TSR

## Communicating Credibility with the CPMS TSR

Evaluation by TSR

\*Total count of reviews in TSR category = 64  
Updated 12/16/2018





# Distribution of Scores Based on Reviewer Agreement

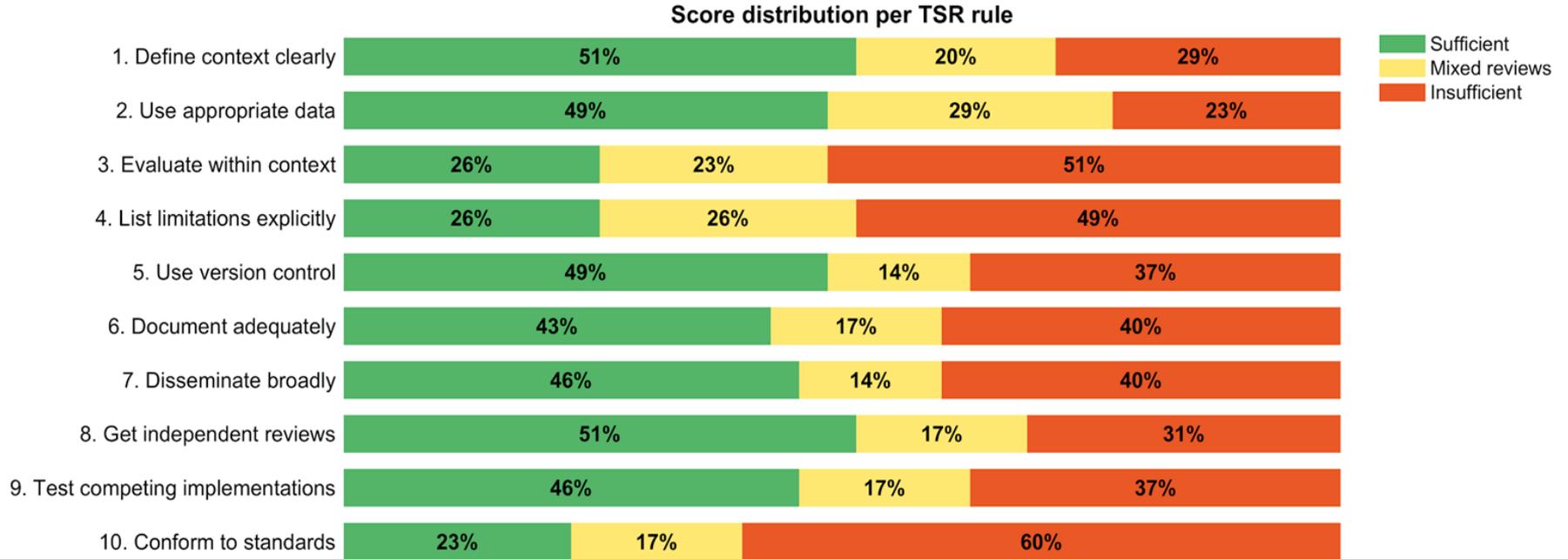


Chart illustrates agreement between reviewers in evaluating the TSR credibility category.  
Yellow indicates the 2 reviewers split on evaluation



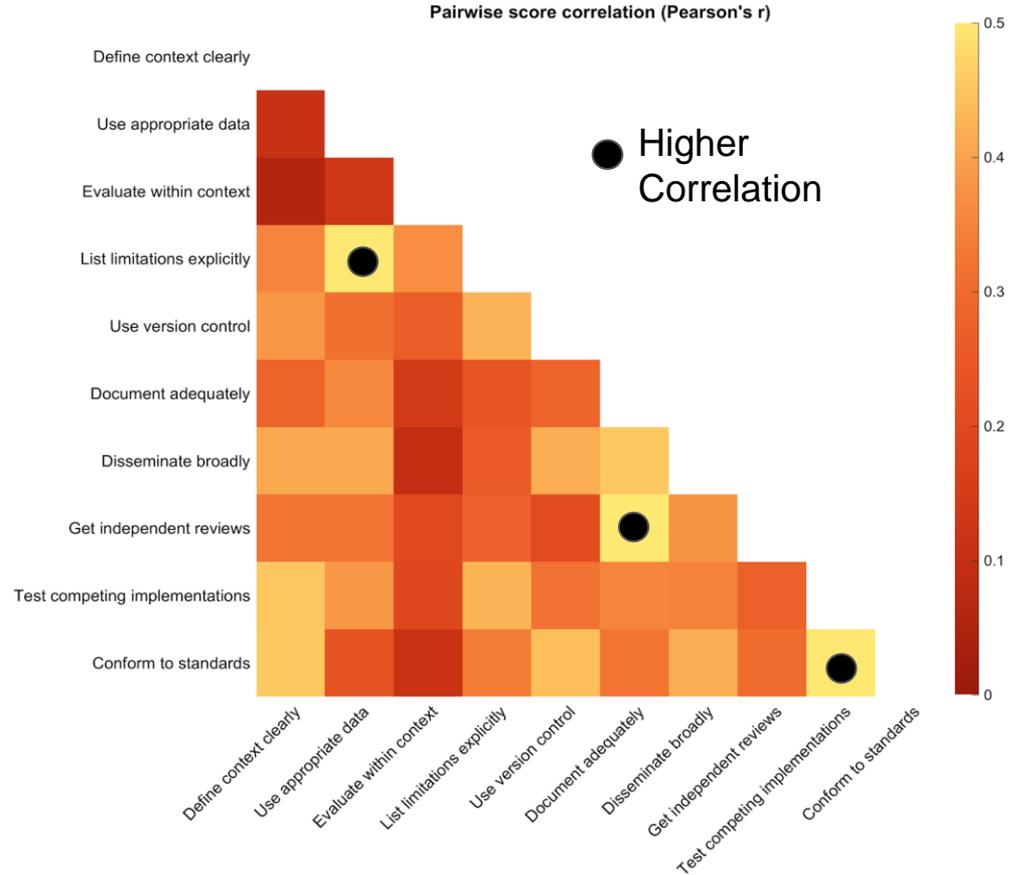
# Cross-Correlation between TSR

## Correlated TSRs

List Limitations Explicitly /  
Use Appropriate Data

Get Independent Reviews /  
Document Adequately

Conform to Standards /  
Test Competing Implementations





## Reviewer Observations



- Appreciative and Impressed with each PI team
- Still areas where improvement can be achieved

- PI experienced challenges in providing detail
  - Project or plan implementation started recently
  - PI had difficulty with template and/or instructions
  - PIs reported on project progress, not model credibility activities
  - PIs had difficulty articulating planned versus completed activities



## TSR Satisfactory Description

The more detailed the information provided in each TSR category, the more likely a reviewer would score a provided description as  
***“sufficient to allow credibility to be assessed”***

...although these were often accompanied by comments and caveats from the reviewers.



## Reviewer Observations cont.

- Pls grappled with differences in reporting
  - limitations of the modeling and limitations of data acquisition
  - documentation of assumptions and key decisions, not just code and data
  - conforming to standards vs. internal best practices
  - evaluate within context (V, V, & UQ) and test competing implementations
  - how some rules apply to their projects

**Clarification - Its okay to suggest that a rule does not apply or that a particular credibility activity is not being pursued as long as evidence supports the position.**



# Recommendations to IMAG-MSM Community

Provide PI guidance / opportunities on approaches to “Documentation” and “Dissemination”

- Several PIs illustrated detailed documentation and dissemination approaches
- Many PIs rely on peer publications to meet documentation and dissemination
- Others described a “post it online” approach, without discussing curation

**CPMS concern: Reliance on peer publication or uncurated posting as the primary means of providing evidence in these categories may be unsatisfactory to the user community**



# Recommendations to IMAG-MSM Community

Define criteria and facilitate opportunity for implementing independent reviewer processes and what exactly is acceptable to sufficiently “include the user community”

PIs described a range of approaches

- Teaming of independent research groups, providing continuous reviews
- Seeking internal reviews within one’s organization but not on the project
- Hiring external consultants to provide the review
- Journal publication peer review

**CPMS Concern: If not addressed early in grant it may become unachievable at a level commensurate with community’s credibility expectations.**



# Recommendations to CPMS

Implement process improvements of mid-term credibility review exercise

- Standardize input format to improve ability to provide applicable information
- Improve directions on breadth and depth of requested information
- Enhance definition of CPMS-TSR, to improve relatability and remove jargon
- Provide examples communicating model credibility information in each TSR
- Develop and implement TSR rubrics estimating TSR compliance level

***Target to have all these by 9/2019, including a TSR Papers - outlining the TSR development and implementation process***

***IMAG – MSM 2019 One – on – One Session  
Individual Consults and Some group led discussions***



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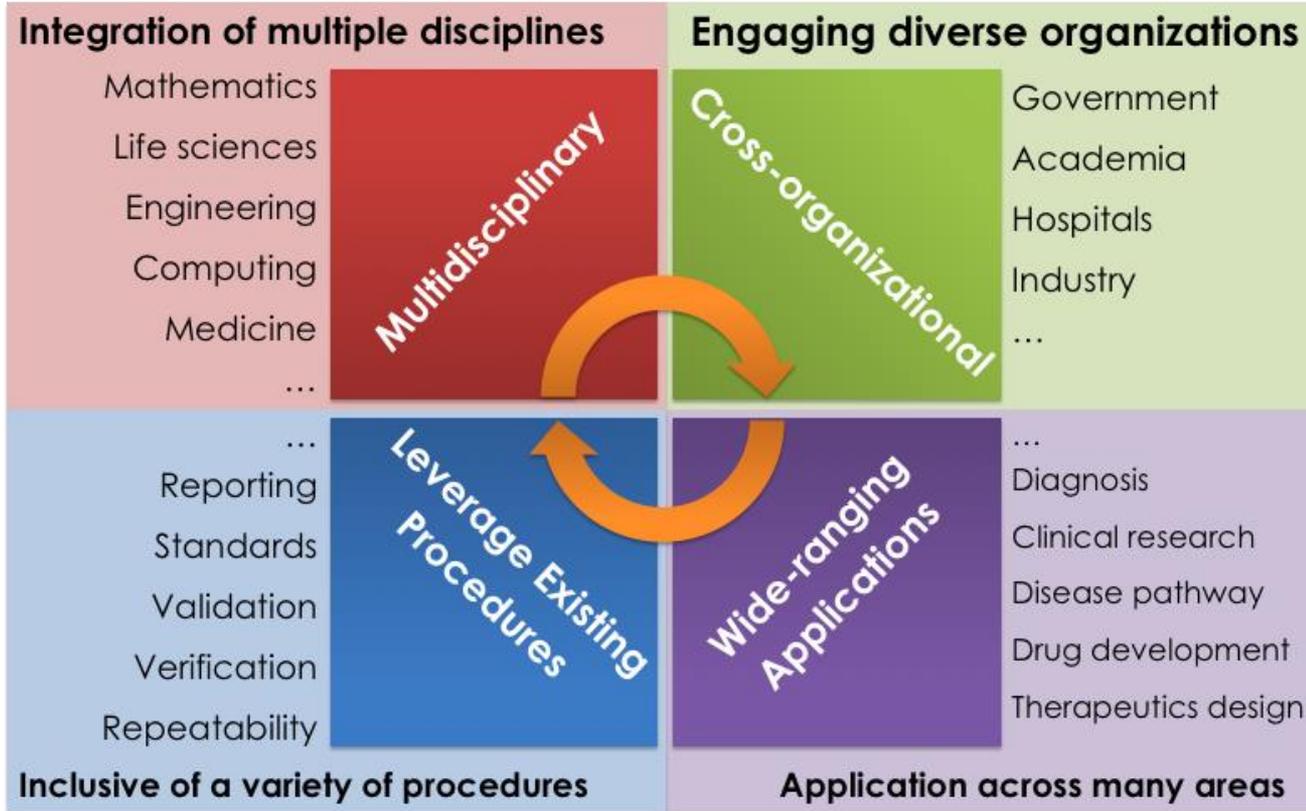
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*Invaluable contributions to  
meta-analysis of all  
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# QUESTIONS?

Feedback can be found at  
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# CPMS TSR Rubric - Draft

## Outreach Capability

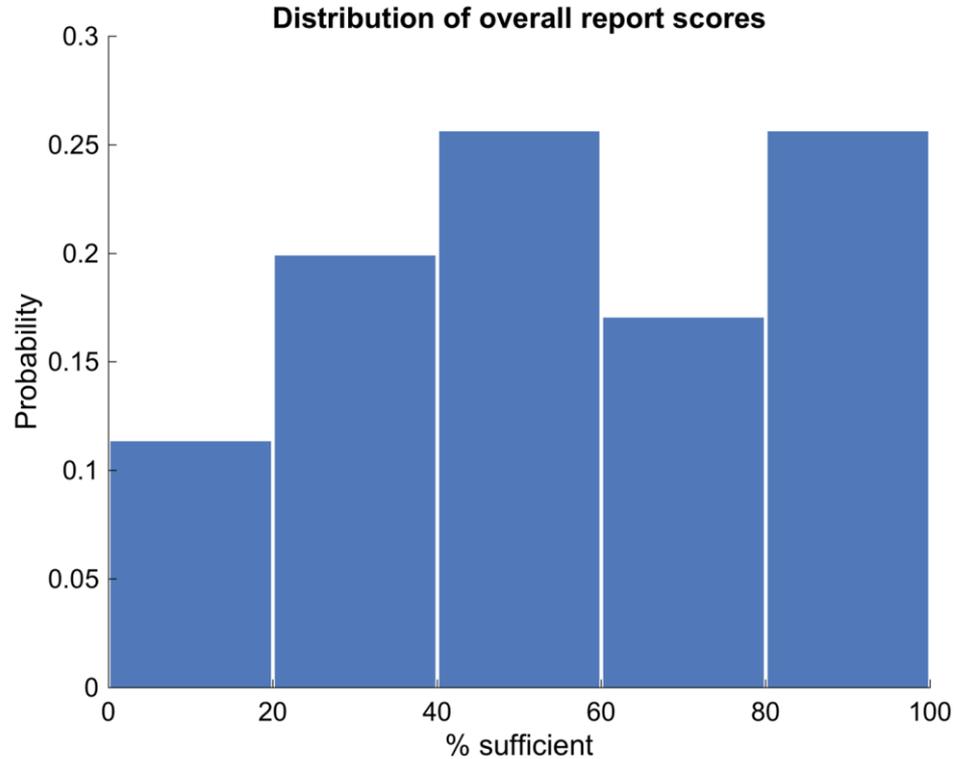
Outreach to Application-domain experts that may not be M&S practitioners	Outreach to M&S practitioners that may not be Application-domain experts	Outreach to Application-domain specific M&S practitioners	Outreach to Application-domain specific M&S practitioners	None/Too little
Comprehensive	Extensive	Adequate	Partial	Insufficient

## Compliance Level

**Note: Specific interpretation being tailored to each TSR rule**



# Distribution of “Sufficient” Rate Scores





## PI Observations

- ***“Model credibility is best evaluated by the unbiased user who needs the information coming out of the model the most. If there is a way to identify these people during the model building process and solicit their feedback more regularly, that would be very beneficial to ensuring model credibility.”***
- There seems to be gaps between the standard developed and that of medical doctors for clinical applications.
- ***Involve MDs to bridge the gaps between modelers and MDs***
- Face-to-face visit beyond annual IMAG meeting