

Model	Relative Cost Y:N	Overall Accuracy (% correct Y & N)	Sensitivity (Y accuracy)	Specificity (N accuracy)
→ 1	1:1	85%	45%	97%
→ 2	9:1	49%	97%	35%
3	4:1	81%	68%	85%

This table analyzes three different **Decision Tree Classification Models** for predicting **Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) readmission**. Each model uses a different **relative cost ratio** for misclassifying “Yes” (will be readmitted) and “No” (won’t be readmitted).

Understanding the Columns

- 1. Relative Cost Y:N**
 - This adjusts how much more important it is to correctly classify “Yes” cases compared to “No” cases.
 - **Higher Y:N ratios** prioritize detecting readmissions (Yes).
 - **Lower Y:N ratios** keep a balance between detecting both Yes and No cases.
 - 2. Overall Accuracy (% correct Y & N)**
 - The percentage of all correctly classified cases (both Yes & No).
 - **Higher isn’t always better**—we must also check Sensitivity and Specificity!
 - 3. Sensitivity (Y Accuracy - Readmitted Cases) Recall**
 - How well the model detects **actual readmissions (Yes cases)**.
 - **Higher sensitivity** means the model correctly identifies more high-risk patients.
 - 4. Specificity (N Accuracy - Non-Readmitted Cases)**
 - How well the model detects **non-readmitted patients (No cases)**.
 - **Higher specificity** means fewer false positives (wrongly predicting a patient will be readmitted).
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Breaking Down Each Model

Model	Relative Cost (Y:N)	Overall Accuracy	Sensitivity (Y Accuracy)	Specificity (N Accuracy)
1	1:1 (Equal weight)	85%	45%	97%
2	9:1 (Strong bias for “Yes”)	49%	97%	35%
3	4:1 (Moderate bias for “Yes”)	81%	68%	85%

Interpreting the Models

Model 1 (Baseline Model) → 1:1 Cost Ratio

- ✓ Good Overall Accuracy (85%)
- ✗ Poor Sensitivity (Only 45% of readmissions detected)
- ✓ High Specificity (97%) → Few false positives
 - Problem? It misses many actual readmissions (false negatives).

Model 2 (Overcompensating for “Yes”) → 9:1 Cost Ratio

- ✗ Low Overall Accuracy (49%)
- ✓ High Sensitivity (97%) → Detects almost all readmissions
- ✗ Very Low Specificity (35%) → Too many false positives
 - Problem? Too many false positives, meaning many patients are wrongly flagged as high-risk.
 - This leads to unnecessary interventions.

Model 3 (Balanced Approach) → 4:1 Cost Ratio

- ✓ Good Overall Accuracy (81%)
- ✓ Higher Sensitivity (68%) → Detects more readmissions
- ✓ High Specificity (85%) → Fewer false positives than Model 2
 - Best balance between detecting readmissions and avoiding unnecessary interventions.

Conclusion: Best Model?

☞ **Model 3 (4:1 Cost Ratio) is the best balance!**

- It improves **Sensitivity** (detecting real readmissions) without sacrificing too much **Specificity** (wrongly predicting healthy patients as readmissions).
 - **Model 1** was too weak at predicting readmissions.
 - **Model 2** overcompensated, causing too many false alarms.
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