

Reviewer's report

Title: Risk Factors for Ischemic Stroke; Results of 9 Years Follow-up in a Middle East cohort

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Introduction, risk factors of ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes are different and should be mentioned.

Minor Essential Revisions

Page 2- the type of study should be mentioned.

Page 2- abstract- Please report PAF for modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors separately and report the numbers from high to low.

Page 2- conclusion of the abstract. The Middle East instead of Middle East

Page 4- line 3 dramatic instead of dramatically

Page 4- line 4. Burden of disability

Page 4- Second para. It is better to divide risk factors to modifiable and non-modifiable

Page 4 line 14- The study instead of they

Page 4 last line. Regional incidence rates and measure of association need to be...

Page 6 line one. You defined the studied variables as following...

Page 6 last line of last para, please explain the education to change the life style or give ref.

Page 7 line 7, lower than instead of below than

Page 7 line 15. at the hospital

page 7 line 16. please explain how the mortality data recorded in the hospital

Page 8 line 8 need reference

Page 9 line 11 draw the K-M line?

Page 10- Discussion line 2- population attributable risk or fraction?

Page 11- line 2. the study showed..

Page 11- line 8 goes more

Page 11 line 8- Please

Page 11- para two. results and tables should come in the result section.

Page 11 line 15 patients

Pge 11 last line. than

Page 12 1st line independently associated

Page 13 line 6. take out IN

Page 13 last para. difference of two types of stroke should be mentioned in Intro

Page 13 last line. a substantial number... is not true. please give reference

Page 14 end of the 1st para. What do you mean by ME Caucasian, please give reference

Reference 14 and 15 need correction

Reference 17 Ed or edition

Reference 21 Page range?

Table 1. title should be stand alone.

Table 2 stroke

Discretionary Revisions

table 3 Please sort the variables according to the HR values (descending)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.