Reviewer's report

Title: Upstream therapy with statin and recurrence of atrial fibrillation after electrical cardioversion. Review of the literature and meta-analysis.

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Minor essential revisions

On page 8 authors state that there is moderate heterogeneity among included studies, however on page 10 in limitations section the term great heterogeneity is used. Please revise or clarify.

In limitations section female gender is described as a potential risk for AF recurrence. Based on CHADSVASC female gender is a risk factor for thrombembolic complications, whereas a connection with AF recurrence is questionable. Please revise or clarify.

Authors state:'Intervention treatment started from randomization day to 3 weeks before EC (Table 1)'. I couldn't find the described data in the Table. It would be of importance to describe the period of statin treatment before EC since it may also have impact on AF recurrence afterwards.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.