Reviewer’s report

Title: Immediate and One-Year Outcome of Patients Presenting with Acute Coronary Syndrome Complicated by Stroke: Findings from the 2nd Gulf Registry of Acute Coronary Events (Gulf RACE-2)

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This is an interesting report of a complication which infrequently occurs in ACS patients. However, I believe the paper could be strengthened considerably as stroke is not a homogenous process. The authors document the most frequent events occurred in STEMI patients and overall ischaemic stroke was most prevalent. I believe strokes should be broken down and reported separately as ischaemic and haemorrhagic, as it is possible that the predictors for events is different in the populations. For example, was haemorrhagic stroke more common in patients receiving thrombolysis? was ischaemic stroke more common in patients with AF or undergoing an invasive strategy?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflict