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Discretionary Revisions.

1) Only patients from the biggest 5 European countries are included. Therefore one cannot state that this reflects the situation in all of the European countries.

2) Furthermore in the recent years in Europe, particularly in the south, there is a major economical crisis, This has a major impact on the health care system and the findings of the study conducted before the crisis probably don't reflect the current situation, at least in those countries.

3) Currently the CHADS2VA2S score is being used. In the current study no mention is made of this fact, and instead the older CHADS2 score is used.

4) in the Results, Anticoagulation Testing section: there is comparison of "regular" testingin the various countries but no definition of "regular" is provided.

5) The differences found between the various countries might not reflect only delivered care but also different mentalities and different expectations of the people from various countries.

5) The legends for the figures could not be found.

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