Reviewer's report

Title: A cross-sectional analysis of the relationship between uric acid and coronary atherosclerosis in patients with suspected coronary artery disease in China

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The authors have made an effort to address suggestions and criticisms brought up by the reviewers, but I am afraid that the manuscript still lacks in certain aspects. Specifically:

Major:
- Please note that the two reviewers had the same observation: why were patient with known CAD excluded? The author clarified for us that the objective was to explore mainly the association between uric acid levels and early coronary atherosclerosis. I think this is an interesting idea. However, in no section of the manuscript this is clarified. I am sure the future readers of the paper will also have this question. Please emphasize in the introduction, methods, and discussion that the research question in the paper is aimed at exploring the association in early CAD.

Minor essential:
- There are several notable format issues with figures and tables: tables 2-6 were cut off on the right border. Still some spelling mistakes (beta blocker in Table 1), and capitalization of some words. I think figure 3 in the manuscript refers to the second figure 2 on the figures section.
- The abstract does not mention that the 1116 participants had suspected CAD.

Discretionary:
- Table one presents proportion values as “% (n)”. This is quite confusing, as nearly every other scientific population does it the other way around “n (%)”.
- Please revisit manuscript again for grammar and syntax: there is still room for improvement

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests