Reviewer's report

Title: A comparison of risk factors for mortality from heart failure in Asian and non-Asian populations: An overview of individual participant data from 32 prospective cohorts from the Asia-Pacific Region

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This article is well written and well researched. Its statistical methods are sound and the methodology is accurate.

My only concerns are that this paper does not add much in the way of a major advance in our knowledge. It confirms that Asians have little difference in mortality from heart failure and that the risk factors contributing to this are similar to non-Asians.

There are a number of assumptions made in the data which are mentioned in the discussion section of the paper. These do not detract from the paper itself.

Overall, a sound paper of medium interest.

I do not suggest any material changes to the article.

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

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'