Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Scarcity of atrial fibrillation in a traditional African population: a population-based study

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**Reviewer:** jan heeringa

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This paper is interesting, well-written and easy to read. It adds to the knowledge on the epidemiology of atrial fibrillation. There are limitations but these are sufficiently addressed.

I have a limited number of suggestions:

1. **Table 1:** please provide the number of participants by age strata (i.e. in 10 years strata)

2. **Figure 1:** Is the method of case finding with respect to the AF cases in the USA the same as in Ghana. Please report.

3. **Reference 20:** not easy to use. I advise a better accessible ref for the prevalence of AF. Several large population-based studies provide these data.

**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.