Reviewer’s report

Title: PISA. The effect of paracetamol (acetaminophen) and ibuprofen on body temperature in acute stroke: A phase II double-blind randomised placebo-controlled trial

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Accept after discretionary revisions

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statistical review of the paper. As it stands, the paper is of a sufficient quality to progress to publication. Some minor suggestions may be considered, but these may just as easily be incorporated in the final report:

1. Statistically sound. Expounding on some aspects of the analysis will not hurt the naive reader.
2. Although CONSORT was not meant to be applied to protocols, the guidelines may offer some guidance, especially if the final report is to be written in this manner.
3. The authors might make clear what patient-relevant outcomes this study is expected to uncover.

I look forward to the final report.

Competing interests:

Elmer Villanueva is an employee of CSL Limited, a pharmaceutical concern with primary interests in blood and plasma products.