Reviewer's report

Title: The morbidity and mortality following a diagnosis of peripheral arterial disease: Long term follow-up of a large database

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Nice paper
Limitations by registry design – how optimal was case definition, optimisation of medical therapy, etc. This may need to be emphasised more in the discussion. Any more data on drug therapies? Blood pressure? Ejection fraction?
Show 95% CIs throughout the Results section, eg for HRs etc

One recent analysis in Am J Cardiol (2004) shows the impact of AF on outcomes in peripheral artery disease – can the authors elaborate on AF as a predictor of outcome?

Minor point – data ‘are’ (not ‘is’)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests