Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors and prognosis of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation in general practice in the UK.

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Reviewer: Alexandra Budinsky

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1) Which p-value was used to define significance?
2) Could the authors observe a difference for diabetes as risk factor between patients with diabetes type 1 and patients with diabetes type 2?
3) The authors assessed the association between drug treatment and the development of persistent AF - have you analysed a possible association between duration of treatment and persistent AF.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1) Please add p-values in the text as well as in the tables and figures.
2) The authors included diabetes as risk factor in the analysis, please add diabetes in table 1 as well as table 2.
3) Table 2: Please define units per week for alcohol consumption.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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