Reviewer's report

Title: Rapid short-duration hypothermia with cold saline and endovascular cooling before reperfusion reduces microvascular obstruction and myocardial infarct size

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Major compulsory revisions.
Although the authors argue well for their use of the term microvascular obstruction in title, abstract and conclusion, this does not change the fact that this is a non-validated method describing a surrogate endpoint.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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