Reviewer's report

Title: Incident venous thrombotic events in the Prospective Study of Pravastatin in the Elderly at Risk (PROSPER).

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The manuscript has improved after the revisions, and is now in an acceptable state.

I have only a few minor comments:

Page 3, first and second line: correct spelling is “deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism”

Page 15, third line says: "... may not be able to detect a small benefit of pravastatin treatment." Considering that the risk estimate for pravastatin is 1.42, which indicates increased risk rather than benefit of pravastatin treatment, I suggest to replace the word "small benefit" with "small effect".

Table 1: To me, 0.2L/L increase in hematocrit seems a bit high considering clinical relevance. Since the standard deviation is approximately 0.03, I would suggest calculating the HR for 1SD increase (or alternatively 0.05 L/L increase) in hematocrit.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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