Reviewer's report

Title: Stroke awareness in the general population: knowledge of stroke risk factors and warning signs in older adults

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Reviewer: Mathew J Reeves

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I found the authors to be very responsive to my prior suggestions and have only a few comments/changes for them to consider.

MCR: Item #7 (Statistical analyses section) Please confirm what STATA commands were used in the analysis and whether these specifically accounted for the 'weight' variable i.e., please confirm that the Chi-square comparisons and the logistic regression analysis was done on the weighted data.

DR: Item #12/18. Please note that splitting out the 3-level smoking variable into 2 separate dummy variables in Table 4 i.e., past smoking (Yes vs no) and current smoking (Yes vs. No) is the second best way to go. This is because the No group for past smoking consists of a mix of current and never smokers, and (ditto) the No group for Current smoking consists of past smokers and never smokers (so the comparisons groups are never consistent).

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