Reviewer’s report

Title: Copeptin is associated with mortality and outcome in patients with acute intracerebral hemorrhage

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The authors studied the association of copeptin with mortality and outcome in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage. In 40 patients with acute ICH, copeptin level was found to correlate with outcome. The authors conclude that copeptin is a new prognostic marker in patients with ICH.

Major compulsory revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Please indicate how many patients who died had their care withdrawn by family. If majority of patients died due to withdrawal of care, then the association of copeptin level with mortality is unclear and should be addressed in the discussion.
2. Time from symptom onset to time of copeptin determination should be included in the table to determine the impact of delayed diagnosis with copeptin level.

Discretionary revisions:
None

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

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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.