Reviewer's report

Title: Risk Factors for Ischemic Stroke; Results of 9 Years Follow-up in a Middle East cohort

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The purpose of the study is not stated in the abstract. This needs to be clearly stated.

It is not clear what interventions were done in these patients. Changes in diet? Exercise? What type of exercise? Were medications given to patients? Furthermore, why does it matter which, if any, interventions were implemented?

The definition of TIA need to be revised. Most TIAs last no more than 1-3 hours. TIAs defined as symptoms that last less than 24 hours is not longer used by stroke neurologists.

Minor Essential Revisions
This paper contains numerous errors of grammar, punctuation and syntax that distract the reader from its content and obscure its message. The paper would benefit greatly from careful proofreading and revision by an individual proficient in idiomatic and medical English.

The authors mention that "the Tehran Lipid and Glucose Study is a prospective population-based study carried out on 15005 people aged 3 years..." 15005 people? 3 year-old patients, toddlers? It seems very difficult and futile to study glucose and lipid levels in patients at this age. Please clarify this.

In the Discussion section, authors go from strengths one to three, without mention of strength two. This needs to be corrected also.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
No competing interests