Reviewer's report

Title: Stroke Characteristics, Care, and Mortality in a Hospital Stroke Registry in Viet Nam

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Major compulsory revisions:

1. How was mRS administered at 28-day and by whom? I assume it was done on telephone - but was the assessor trained for this and blinded to pre-stroke mRS and baseline variables including type of stroke.

2. Was any attempt made to classify ischaemic stroke into subtypes? If so, how was it done?

Minor

1. Under results, para 1, line 5: typo 'subarachnoid' instead of 'subarachnoic'

2. Under discussion para 1, line 5: 'of' missing from 'processes of care'

3. I have problem with imputing. No amount of statistical sophistication can make up for missing data. Please do one analysis without imputing the missing data and state how the results differ, if they do so.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.