Reviewer’s report

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Minor and Essential Revisions

The Methods section should precede the Results section. It should also include the details regarding statistical analysis.

There is a typographical error on page six:
There was, however, nor difference in functional outcome (mRS) at 3 and 12 months, neither in occurrence rate of cardiovascular Events

Discretionary Revisions:

The American Canadian Cooperative Study Group -- (Stroke 1985 , page 406 --415) also did not show any difference in overall mortality between A & AD and should be included in the list of randomized studies which did not confirm the authors’ findings.

As the authors have noted, the results of such a small, nonrandomized study must be interpreted with extreme caution in view of contradictory results from multiple, large randomized trials which showed no difference in overall mortality between A & AD. I think this point should be further emphasized in the manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

None