Reviewer's report

Title: Rational and Design of a Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Randomized Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Nimodipine Preventing Cognitive Impairment in Ischemic Cerebrovascular Events (NICE)

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The submitted manuscript present a multicenter randomized, double blind, place-controlled study in China to evaluate the benefits and safety of nimodipine in preventing the mild cognitive impairment following ischemic stroke.

The manuscript showing the organization of the clinical trials, that start in China in November 2010 and finished in 2013. The paper not showed results or conclusion of the trials, but only present the background of study, and the Design of the clinical trial approved by the independent China ethic committees.

The paper is well written and structured. As a reviewer I can not fault the organization of a trials approved by an ethics committees. Regarding the manuscripts I think that may be interesting to add information about the progress of the trials began two years ago, for example, show the number and the type (sex, age, demographic date, type and year of educational of patients enrolled to date, specify the basic treatment for acute stroke using for the patients . This date can improve and complete the paper.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.