Reviewer's report

Title: Cognitive profile in patients with a first-ever lacunar infarct with and without silent lacunes: a comparative study.

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Reviewer: Mark Slevin

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This report communicates compares pathology and degenerative effects of first ever lacunar stroke versus silent lacunes-with LI. It shows findings that neuropsychological abnormalities are mainly associated with LI-in the presence of silent infarcts and this is an important conclusion allowing discrimination between the two entities and may have clinical/prognostic impact.

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.