Reviewer's report

Title: Recurrent stroke risk is high after a single cerebrovascular event in patients with symptomatic 50-99% carotid stenosis: A cohort study

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Thank you for giving me this opportunity to review this paper. This is a well written and thought out paper. This study follows on the results of the primary study. I do not see any major issues with this paper apart from 2 limitations:

1. Small study with small number of events - I think the authors may need to reemphasize this weakness more strongly;

2. Although this is a prospective study - they have also retrospectively assessed events that may have occurred 1 week before the patients presented - this needs to be highlighted in the limitations sections.

Also I am unsure how the patients were followed up til CEA - ? by whom ? neurologist/ surgeon; how often - daily?

Where the endpoints - all clinical or was there any radiological confirmation.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'