Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical predictors of statins prescription in acute ischemic stroke patients: findings from the Lombardia Stroke Registry

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Thank you to the authors for diligently addressing each of my concerns/queries. After revisions, I would recommend publication in BMC Neurology.

May I also apologise for the erroneous indication of 'Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal', which should have read 'An article of SUFFICIENT interest...', in keeping with my Review/comments.

Minor/discretionary revisions prior to publication:

- Hospital-based registries can be inherently prone to biases (where community sources not included), but I appreciate the authors detailing the inclusion criteria for the registry.
- In the Results section, the results of multivariate analyses might be better presented in tabular form.
- The statin-haemorrhage link is slightly over-stated in the Discussion, and might be best modified from: "...another factor in patients with higher stroke severity being less frequently treated with statins is the supposed increased risk of hemorrhagic transformation..." to
  "...less frequently treated with statins is the EITHER 'concern re' OR 'possibility of' increased risk..."
- One or two typographical errors, e.g. epatopaty for Hepatopathy, 'In literature' for 'In the literature' should be adjusted pre-publication.
- Finally, given the recent launch of the revised AHA lipid guidelines, the authors may wish to include a single line mentioning the newest recommendations for (atherosclerotic) stroke patients. I realise these are very recent, and couldn't have been included before now, but a citation would keep the manuscript up-todate and topical.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests