Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of Pre-Stroke Use of ACE Inhibitors On Ischemic Stroke Severity

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

There are a few typos - which will probably get corrected in the prepublishing edit. - eg on the abstract "Patients on ACE-inhibitors prior to [their stroke] had more milder stroke [more mild strokes would be better], and..."

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) - not ignore but at least consider and consult their statistician on.

The only question I had was whether it might be reasonable in the statistical analysis to control for stroke subtype and other medication use. Even though these were not statistically differen between the two groups, it is my understanding that they might still have significant confounding or modifying effects.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests