Reviewer's report

Title: Regional Variation in Hospitalization for Stroke among Asians/Pacific Islanders in the United States: a Nationwide Retrospective Cohort Study

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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)

Still on page 5 the data definitions for admin data are unclear. Obviously you have used only ICD9 codes 430-436 but on page 5 you state that you are using 430-438. Then in the next sentence you state the definitions for each stroke type. Just be clear - "We identified all patients with a primary diagnosis of stroke (ICD9 430-434, 436)." And leave out 435 (TIA) and 437, 438.

Thanks.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.