Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical presentation and diffusion weighted MRI of acute cerebral infarction. The Bergen Stroke Study.

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The authors present a prospective study about the application of clinical and MRI parameters in stroke patients. In their large patient cohort, the authors confirm previous smaller and non-prospective studies about the classification of stroke subtypes. The manuscript is clearly written. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The manuscript is ready for publication in the current version.

**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.