Reviewer's report

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Now that the delay from symptom onset to CT and MRI is obvious, there is a major problem with the comparability of the two methods. A median delay of 4h52min to CT implies that many scans will not show any signs of ischemia due to the relatively short time of impaired perfusion. On the other hand, a median delay of more than 2 days to MRI allows various alterations which must not be attributable to the acute situation. Conclusions with respect to the patients of this series must be solely of theoretical nature. This aspect needs to be mentioned in the discussion since the significance of these findings is hampered. Furthermore, it could be of help to have a standard deviation or the interquartile range of the delays. 

Apart from that the revision is well done.