Reviewer's report

Title: The Peripheral Arterial Disease Study (PERART/ARTPER): Prevalence and risk factors in the general population

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Reviewer: Nelson WOLOSKER

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the question posed by the authors are very well defined.
the methods are very appropriate and well described
the data are appropriate
the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition
the discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data
the limitations of the work are clearly stated and discussed.
The acknowledgements are adequate.
the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found
the writing is good.

This is an excellent study.

The only doubt I have is about the affirmation that Spain is a country of low risk of atherosclerosis. Although there are some cited references related to this affirmation in the text, I think it is important to discuss on this subject in introduction and in discussion.

- Minor Essential Revisions

Explain this doubt

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