Reviewer's report

Title: Risk Factors of Stroke in Western and Asian Countries: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Prospective Cohort Studies

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This is a carefully performed meta-analysis of prospective studies that evaluate risk factors for stroke.

Major compulsory revisions

The term cardiac diseases as a risk factor for stroke is rather vague. The authors should report the association between atrial fibrillation and stroke in the abstract and in the results.

Was the type of alcohol evaluated in the studies (e.g. red wine vs. other sources)?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.