Reviewer's report

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General
I am satisfied with both the appropriateness and application of the statistical methodology in this paper. Whilst I may be concerned be aspects of the data on the proxies used to define certain variables and more importantly, the issue of generalisation of the findings, I am satisfied with the authors' concessions which identified these as limitations of the study.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Nil

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Nil

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Nil

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I am an employee of GlaxoSmithKline Plc- a pharmaceutical company