Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of socioeconomic status on three-year mortality after first-ever ischemic stroke: Nanjing Stroke Registry

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General

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

The Abstract does not adequately convey the key results of the paper. The given RR>5 for income and housing, respectively, relate to small groups (less than 10% of the populations). These small groups may be highly aspecific, and not representative for the general associations with income and housing. I would therefore suggest to give the RR for, respectively, those with an income of < yuan, and those with 10 to 20 square m housing. Alternatively, in the analysis, the authors may combine the two lowest groups for income and housing tenure.

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

None

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.