Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Maria Rosvall

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General
The authors have addressed all my previous comments.

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

With regard to my former point 4: Even though there are different etiological mechanisms with regard to ischemic stroke and hemorrhagic stroke, it is still possible to do separate analyses on mortality after ischemic stroke and mortality after hemorrhagic stroke.

With regard to my former point 10: Are there reasons to believe that the associations between SES and mortality after a stroke would be different in a Chinese population than in a western population - I still don’t think this issue is discussed in the paper.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No