Reviewer's report

Title: Cardiovascular case fatality in rheumatoid arthritis is decreasing; first prospective analysis of a current low disease activity rheumatoid arthritis cohort and review of the literature

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Meek and colleagues have studied case fatality due to cardiovascular events in their cohort of patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and compared with prior reports in the literature. The question is well stated and highly relevant. The methods are appropriate, and the data are sound. The authors report a CV event case fatality of 6.9%, which was dramatically lower than rates observed in the late 1990’s. The discussion of the results in the context of the literature is appropriate, and the discussion of the strengths and limitations is adequate. The reviewer commends the authors on a well done study.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. In Table 1, please correct the spelling of "Coricosteroids."
2. Also in Table 1, please correct spelling of "Triglycerids."

Discretionary Revision:
3. Consider ordering the Table 3 rows according to high to low case fatality rate, or by enrollment period.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.