Reviewer's report

Title: Hyperuricaemia: a marker of increased cardiovascular risk in rheumatic patients: analysis of the ACT-CVD cohort

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The revisions made by the authors were useful. Please see below my additional comments and suggestions:

Abstract: please phrase the first sentence of the conclusion differently so it better reflects your results.

Results: Please specify the number of deaths in each group of rheumatic diseases.

Discussion: please phase the first sentence differently as it is confusing. Perhaps you could split it in 2 more clear sentences that better summarize your findings.

Discussion: if your analysis does not allow you to draw conclusions about allopurinol effect, do not make inferences about xanthine oxidase inhibition role in CV events.

Table 1 and 2: I am not sure why hsCRP is reported on first row after header. It is better to start with serum uric acid, as this is the main parameter analyzed in the manuscript. In the table, hsCRP belongs next to the proBNP.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests