Reviewer’s report

Title: Systemic Vascular Function, Measured with Forearm Flow Mediated Dilatation, in Acute and Stable Cerebrovascular Disease: a Case-Control Study

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The study has several flaws:
1. the study hypothesis posed by Authors is not well described.
2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria are not clearly defined
3. the studied population is very small and definite conclusions cannot be drawn
4. the clinical implications of the study are not clear
5. there are still a number of methodological limits regarding ultrasound-assessed systemic endothelial function. It would be interesting to know author’s opinion on why FMD evaluation is not considered to have a role outside research laboratories

The manuscript in the present form is not suitable for publication.

Level of interest: Reject as not of sufficient priority to merit publishing in this journal

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests