Reviewer’s report

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The replies seem sensible, except for point 6. (6. P 10, p 2. Again, the stratification should be used in the analyses reported here and will involve more than an elementary use of Fisher’s exact test and Chi-square and the Cox model. Software such as StatXact or LogXact may be needed instead of SPSS.) This one was not addressed in the replies from the authors, nor in the revised manuscript. I think the authors should be asked if they want to make that change as well.