Reviewer's report

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The study is well designed to answer to a still important clinical question; previous studies did not answer properly and this one should perform it.

I have just one concern about the clinical end-point. The composite end-point is adequate, but it would be very useful to add a second end-point with only hard events without re-hospitalizations.

It is not completely clear if all patients will have both ischemia and viability evaluation or if some will have only one of them.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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