Reviewer's report

**Title:** Update on the Preventive Antibiotics in Stroke Study a randomised controlled phase 3 clinical trial

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**Reviewer:** Erik Cobo

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- **Major Compulsory Revisions**

Please, specify somewhere what kind or ordinal regression (i.e., cumulative, adjacent, ...) are you planning to do.

Please, specify somewhere if the ordinal nature of the mRS scale will be considered fully ordinal or if some values will be equated in the analysis (i.e., some authors don’t punt a cut-point between 5 and 6: they are pooled in the analysis).


- **Minor essential Revisions**

As you specified a PROBE design, there is some risk of performance bias (differential follow up between groups, such as administration of non-scheduled interventions). Please, specify somewhere how will you prevent and control it.

Please provide details of your dissemination policy, such as those suggested in SPIRIT item 31.

- **Discretionary revisions**

As SPIRIT has been published after you designed your initial protocol, please, consider checking your updated protocol fulfill it.