Reviewer’s report

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Response to author's revisions:

The authors have largely address my comments to the extent that they are able, with a few exceptions:

1. Although they note the fact that some patients did not have blood drawn, and that there is a possibility of recall bias, my comment referred to the 20% LOST to follow up rate, and the fact that those lost to follow up were different then those who did have followup. I get that followup over this period of time is really hard, and I commend them for having follow up for this long at all, but again, compared to the event rate this becomes a significant problem. So again, this really calls into question whether the findings are real, so I think tempering their statements in conclusions should really be undertaken.

2. Although they note that some patients did not have ProADM levels determined, they did not answer why it is that some did and some didn't. "Yes- why was this- blood not drawn? Not enough leftover samples? Not available for follow up?"

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