Reviewer’s report

Title: Interatrial block in prediction of all-cause mortality after first-ever ischemic stroke

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This is a well-written paper, on a topic with scarce literature. The methods are well described, however, I do have a couple of suggested modifications:

1. The authors should provide at least some justification for the sample size

2. I would prefer the level of statistical significance to be set at (say) p<=0.025 to allow for the multiple comparisons

3. There is no need to spell out IQR (line 82) - it is a widely accepted abbreviation

4. In Table 4, with three categories of IAB there should only be two comparisons, eg Partial vs None, Advanced versus None

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