Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Management of oral anticoagulation after cardioembolic stroke and stroke survival Data from a population based stroke registry (LuSSt)

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Oral anticoagulation after CE stroke: LuSSt registry

Recommendation: Major revision

Reviewers comments:

Authors have provided lot of data without a clear objective. Multiple issues being addresses at the same time.

It appears that primary objective is to compare early initiation versus late start of anticoagulation then it switches to compare started versus recommended versus not recommended. Tables are only comparing survived versus not survived out of 479 patients.

This paper needs to be re written with one or two primary objectives and only presenting data related to that objective. All other data related to registry should be written as a separate paper.

Patients are divided into five groups based on management. It is too many. Just divide them in two groups: OAC started in hospital and OAC started post discharge and then compare these groups. Rest of data is confusing for readers.

Methodology needs to be shortened and tailored for objective.

Tables and figure needs revision. There is duplication of information in text and tables/ figures.

References are too many which again represent lack of focus.