Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors for Short-term Outcomes in Patients with a Minor Stroke: Results from China National Stroke Registry

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The paper is relevant and well done. Some points require further attention:

- In Tables 1,2, and 3 no p values are reported for the TOAST subtypes except Large-Artery-Atherosclerosis

- In Figure 2 title it would be informative adding the list of covariates as reported in statistical analyses

- Discussion. It is likely, as well as widely reported in the literature (McKintosh et al, 2012), that more severe strokes arrive earlier at the hospital. Therefore time from onset to admission might be a proxy for stroke severity even in minor strokes. Authors should comment on this when discussing the association of earlier phase of minor stroke with both recurrence and disability.

- Discussion. Another study limitation of the study is the lack of information about treatments and therapies during hospitalization and at discharge. Authors should comment on this.

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