Reviewer’s report

Title: Chinese Cervicocephalic Artery Dissection Study (CCADS): rationale and protocol for a multicenter prospective cohort study

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I read with great interest the paper of Zhu and cols.

I summary it is the design of a Chinese registry of CAD. The main interest is that some reports suggest some differences in Western and Asian populations.

I really think that this registry will contribute to understand some racial differences in CAD.

I just have just minor concerns:

1. Why investigators will exclude pregnant patients?
2. I suggest a clear definition of the main variables (operational definition) mainly of type, site, location, etc of the CAD.
3. Also suggest to add more information of CAD in Chinese population and add information regarding the current practice in China for the diagnosis and treatment of CAD.

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