Author's response to reviews

Title: Risk factors and prognosis of young stroke. The FUTURE study: a prospective cohort study. Study rationale and protocol

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Dear Prof Alam,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript, entitled ‘Risk factors and prognosis of young stroke. The FUTURE study: a prospective cohort study. Study rationale and protocol. We added a point-by-point list of the changes made in the manuscript according to your suggestions and added a new version of the manuscript.

We feel that all remaining issues have been addressed properly and are looking forward to its publication as a ‘Study Protocol’ in BMC Neurology.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to comments

Requested major revisions
- The editor requested that the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order.
  We have written this as requested, in the preferred style given in the email.

- The abstract did not have the correct structure.
  The abstract now has the correct structure, with the following headings: Background, Methods/Design, Discussion.

- The manuscript does not have the correct structure.
  The manuscript itself now has the recommended structure as requested by the editor. We deleted the subheading ‘Results’ and added its contents to the subheading ‘Patients’ under the heading ‘Methods/Design’.

- Table 1 has now been merged into 1 large table.

Requested minor revisions
- As requested, we have removed additional files in this most recent manuscript submission.
- We removed the header ‘Risk factors and prognosis of young stroke. The FUTURE study rationale and protocol’ from all pages of the manuscript.
- The tables are now placed in a section after the references.
- In references 2 and 19, we replaced the term ‘et al.’ by the complete list of authors, as there were less than 30 authors in both articles.