Reviewer's report

Title: Changes in perceived well-being of patients one year after stroke in general practice - Recommendations for quality aftercare

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Comments
This is a re-submission of a cross sectional study of health related QOL in stroke patients who were discharged directly to home in the Netherlands. The authors have adopted much of the recommendations in the last review, but there is still room for improvement.

1. It was not a prospective cohort study. Apart from Barthel index, none of the measurements done at year one was measured on hospital discharge. It was a cross sectional study performed at year one after stroke. Authors should not claim that they have measured changes in anything except Barthel index.

2. The associations between Barthel index and social circumstances and mood are not the subject of this study and the findings are not novel. Suggest deleting table 2 and the presentation and discussion on these associations.

3. The functional status as described by categories of Barthel index should be included in table 1.

4. There was one subject who had missing data. This should be mentioned in results.

5. In discussion, some information has been added on what community interventions may be tried to improve health related QOL in stroke patients. More elaborations will be welcomed.