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Title: Perceived wellbeing of patients one year post stroke in general practice - Recommendations for quality aftercare

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. In the abstract in the results section it mentions mean Barthel Index value when it should be median Barthel Index value. It is important to be consistent throughout and ensure that median Barthel Index is mentioned everywhere and not mean Barthel Index as that is incorrect.

2. It may be a good idea to ensure that units are given whenever age is mentioned.

3. In the results chapter in the section on ‘Functioning’ it is worth noting that the p-value for depression is only 0.057 which is borderline and would suggest that there may still be evidence that depression may be related to being more dependent. If you compare the p-value for depression to anxiety or experienced quality of life then it seems that the conclusion for them does not completely apply to the relationship between depression and dependency.

4. It is still unclear what ‘general health and change in health’ in the section on ‘Caregiver strain’ are. If they do not refer to anything to the review then they should be removed.

Discretionary Revisions

1. It may be worth double-checking all of the manuscript for inconsistencies and errors before publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.