Reviewer's report

Title: Outcome and upper extremity function within 72 hours after first occasion of stroke in an unselected population at a stroke unit. A part of the SALGOT study.

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Reviewer: Francesco Coreaw

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The new version of the paper fully respond to the remarks raised.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

i received modest travel grants from Merck Serono, Biogen Idec and Chiesi Pharmaceuticals.