Reviewer's report

**Title:** Quality of life of elderly ischaemic stroke patients one year after thrombolytic therapy; a comparison between patients with and without thrombolytic therapy

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In this manuscript, the authors explore the thrombolytic therapy in stroke patients realizes better outcomes in daily functioning, quality of life and activities compared to patients without thrombolytic therapy. The work is generally well done and properly controlled. Undoubtedly, the study may represent certain advances in our understanding of thrombolytic therapy seems to be of great value to achieve a better quality of life in ischemic stroke patients who respond to this therapy.

However, the following concerns remain to be addressed, especially:

1#In order to examine whether thrombolytic therapy in stroke patients realizes better outcomes compared to patients without thrombolytic therapy, the authors will need to have a larger sample size to be convincing.

2#As we can see from the Table1. Six baseline characteristics of the two groups are not match ,including Gender#Age#Living situation#Brain hemisphere#NIHSS score and one of the risk factors. And those factors may have an effect on the assessment of the daily functioning, quality of life and activities.

Other minor points:

Several grammar and typing errors still remain in the revised manuscript for example see the title of experimental procedure section and many others throughout the text that is impossible to list here.