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Title: Genetic epidemiology of ischemic stroke: A bi-ethnic, population-based stroke surveillance study

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Dear Editor,

We are submitting our manuscript entitled “Genetic epidemiology of ischemic stroke: a bi-ethnic, population-based stroke surveillance study” electronically. We would appreciate your consideration of this manuscript as a research article for *BMC Neurology*.

This paper investigates aspects of the genetic epidemiology of ischemic stroke that have been relatively unstudied. Specifically, the paper studies the relationships between family history of stroke among a first degree relative and multiple outcomes, including stroke subtype, initial stroke severity, age at stroke onset, 90-day mortality and functional outcome, in a bi-ethnic population of stroke cases. Aside from the novel outcomes studied for their potential relationship to familial factors, the study population itself, which is over 50% Mexican American, is of importance as information regarding the genetic epidemiology of ischemic stroke in populations with significant representation from minority groups, such as Hispanic Americans, is currently unavailable. We hope that you will find the manuscript acceptable for publication in your Journal.

All of the authors have seen and agree with the contents of this manuscript. There are no disclosures of financial interest to report. The material in the manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

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Thank you for considering this manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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