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Title: Perception of Stroke and Knowledge of Potential Risk Factors among Omani Patients at Increased Risk for Stroke.

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Dear Jo,

Thank you very much for accepting the article entitled “Perception of Stroke and Knowledge of Potential Risk Factors among Omani Patients at Increased Risk for Stroke” for publication in your esteemed international journal.

Items-wise clarification of the reviewers’ comments is appended below for your kind consideration:

**Reviewer 1: Todd S harwell**

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have adequately addressed my initial review comments.

**Authors:** we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Dr. Harwell for reviewing our paper. His excellent comments improve our paper.

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**Reviewer 2: Desmond O’Neill**

**Reviewer's report**

While this is still an interesting regional/national paper, the authors still have not really developed the level of discussion and context that would truly merit a place in an international journal. A MESH search "Public Health"[MeSH] AND "Developing Countries"[MeSH] AND "Cerebrovascular Accident"[MeSH] would be helpful for them.

**Authors:**

Thanks to Dr. O’Neill

The discussion and the context of the paper have now been improved as desired.
Reviewer 3: Jacqueline MÃ¼ller-Nordhorn

Reviewer's report:

1. Major comment:
I would suggest omitting the results of the univariate analyses as they do not provide any additional information and the result section is too long.

Authors:
We would like to thank Dr. Nordhorn for his valuable comments.

Results of the univariate analyses have now been deleted.

2. Minor comments:
- Page 2, Para 2, last sentence: standardised not standerdised questionnaire –Done

- Please check the manuscript with regard to punctuation: when listing more than one verb, use a comma; for example, Page 2, Para 3, last sentence: â€œorgan involved, stroke symptoms, and risk factors--Done
- Page 4, Para 4, 1. Sentence: omit the second â€œSultan Qaboos University Hospital isâ€–Done
- Page 5, Para 2: replace information resources by information sources or sources of information--Done
- Page 7, Para 3: replace the semicolons by commas--Done
- Page 7, Para 3, 4. sentence: and only a very small proportionâ€¦--Done
- Page 8, Para 2, 3. sentence: 30 (75%) of subjects saidâ€¦--Done
- Page 9, Para 2, 1. sentence: replace reconise by recognise--Done

3. Quality of written English:
Needs some language corrections before being published

Authors:

The text of the article has now been extensively reviewed and edited by taking due care of the language.

We sincerely hope that the modified form of the article will find a place in your esteemed journal.

Thanks

The authors