Reviewer's report

Title: Multiple Causes for Delay in Arrival at Hospital in Acute Stroke Patients in Aydin, Turkey

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The authors carefully looked at the comments and made revisions that improved the manuscript.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Please recheck this sentence. It is counterintuitive that helicopters would decrease rapid access to treatment facilities. It seems like they should increase rapid access.

2. The authors need to add one more sentence to clarify this participation rate. Something like, "The remaining 68% were not eligible to participate" or "The other 204 patients were either not eligible (XX%), refused to participate (XX%), or could not be contacted for participation (XX%)."

3. Change patient to patients.

4. Change Please1 to Please

4. On this line and other lines on this page the less than/equal to sign has been replaced with an underscore symbol.

5. Change Thisstudy to This study.

5. Change "came by ambulance" to "were more likely to come by ambulance".

6. Add an additional sentence that the time interval that was chosen for this study was 3 hours of less. If 2 hours or less had been chosen there may have been substantially more patients who would have been classified as delaying.

7. Add the % in the parantheses.

8. Remove the sentence that starts with, "It appears that Aydin..."

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.