Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors response to major compulsory revisions is satisfactory.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Abstract. Line 3, "exits" should be changed to "exists."
2. Methods. Page 5. Line 21, "absence of" should to changed to "without."
3. Methods. Page 7. Line 4, change to "...during the three years..."
5. Results. Page 8. Line 13, NIHSS should be spelled out.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.