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Education level and physical functional limitations among Japanese community residents – gender difference in prognosis from stroke.
I have considered the revised submission and am satisfied that the authors have answered my queries and suggestions well to the significant benefit of the manuscript. I believe that they should be allowed to publish their manuscript within BioMed Central.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
Page 6 – paragraph 2 – hypotheses rather than hypothesis
Replace ‘This study would suggest the role of education to reduce inequalities in physical limitations’ with ‘This study will have implications for how the educational background is related to inequalities in the physical limitations arising as a result of stroke’.

Page 11 – paragraph 3 – ‘the results of further stratified by gender….’ is there something missing from this sentence?

Discretionary Revisions
None

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

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

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