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Dear Editors

We once again thank all concerned for suggesting further improvements to our manuscript, “Patients’ age as a determinant of care received following acute stroke: A systematic review”. MS: 1842998494516519

All corrections have been made as suggested, and these are highlighted in the manuscript and summarised in the table below. Formatting changes have been made to align with journal requirements and these are also summarised in the following table.

We hope that you will find our revisions acceptable, and look forward to your final decision.

Yours sincerely

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<td>Methods section of the abstract has added text “and meta-analysis was undertaken for studies with sufficient heterogeneity”. I suspect the authors mean “sufficient similarity” — and I would avoid homogeneity/heterogeneity terms as these have statistical significances….</td>
<td>The abstract wording has been changed as suggested to “….sufficient similarity” This wording change has also been made in the Methods section of the main text.</td>
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### Editorial comments

| Formatting changes needed to meet journal requirements eg tables removed from the main text | Figure titles are listed after the Reference list as per the BMC template  
Tables have now been removed from the main body of the manuscript and are now after the list of Figures.  
NOTE: Table 1 is oversized and is therefore uploaded with the Additional files as requested  
The term “Appendix “ has been changed to “Additional file” throughout the manuscript and in the Title of Additional files.  
Table 2 has been reformatted to fit on portrait format  
Figure 2 has been cropped and text integrated better into the figure boundaries. Titles removed from the uploaded Figure files | Pg 21  
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Pg 5, 9, 10. Additional files 1-4.  
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