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We hereby wish to submit enclosed revised manuscript of “Economic burden of stroke in a large county in Sweden”.

Changes which have been made upon comments from reviewers:

Referee 1:

1. Sensitivity analysis
   Paragraph “Generalizability and comparability” is rephrased.

2. Informal care costs and cost for loss of productivity
   There are three kinds of costs related to loss of productivity, first the patient’s possible inability to go back to work, second the loss due to alternative use of direct time of relatives, and finally the loss of relatives possible professional advancement. Calculations of costs for informal care are based on assessment of the needs in combination with current case-mix. Changing willingness to provide informal care seems to be the most probable issue in an evaluation of the robustness of the calculations. Thereby, patients productivity loss and caregivers informal care are always separated in health economics which is stated in all literature.

3. Figure 2
   Premature death is removed from the figure and title is changed to: Figure 2. Chain of health care for stroke survivors in Sweden.

Quality of written English
Language corrections have been made by an academic writer at Sahlgrenska University hospital.
Best regards,

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