Reviewer's report

**Title:** Economic burden of stroke in a large county in Sweden

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**Reviewer:** Cor Spreeuwenberg

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My conclusion is that this article is acceptable and needs only discretionary revisions:

- the question posed is well defined
- methods are appropriate and well described. Maybe that more information can be given about the Swedish Health care System, e.g. the role of the acute care hospitals and the tole of the rehabilitation centers. Are there stroke units in Sweden?

Another question concerns the estimation of the municipal costs for the elderly above 85. In a lot of countries it are the daughters who play an important role for this group. So I would be pleased with more grounding of this estimation (the cost per hour for this group may be higher)

I observe also the use of Dollars (see abstract) and Euros and advice to use the Euro only.

The data are sound

Discussion and conclusions are well balanced and the limitations are stated clearly. They are aware of other publications of the costs of stroke.

The title is accurate and the writing is acceptable

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**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 below.