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Title: Economic valuation of informal care on cerebrovascular accident survivors

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Dear Editor:

I have pleasure in enclosing a proposed research paper entitled: “Economic valuation of informal care on cerebrovascular accident survivors”.

Cerebrovascular accidents are one of the leading cause of disability-adjusted life years in high income countries. Cerebrovascular accidents do not only produce serious consequences on the health of those afflicted but in addition result in very high social costs and loss of social welfare. The main purpose of our study is to assess the social cost of informal care associated with the loss of autonomy (dependency) among cerebrovascular accident survivors in Spain and to study the association between the grade of dependency and the total number of hours of care for CVA survivors. We estimated that the minimum social value that informal caregivers contribute with their services can be estimated sits in the range of 6.53 to 10.83 billion €- a huge amount of resources from a social perspective in a country of 46 million inhabitants as Spain- and our statistical analysis underscores the importance of degree of dependency in explaining differences in the number of hours of informal care provided.

We trust in that our manuscript may be of interest to readers of BMC Neurology and you consider their evaluation.

All authors have read and approved the submitted manuscript and it has not been submitted elsewhere nor published elsewhere in whole or in part.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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