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Only comment will be NIHSS was very low in this population. Median NIHSS of 4 in PPI and 2 in SDPI. This suggests that overall these patients had milder deficits and so it is interesting to know the reason for the same. Also it may be mentioned in limitation of the study as those with severe deficits were not adequately represented in this study.

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