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Title: Risk Factors, Clinical Presentation and Predictors of Stroke among Adult Patients Admitted to Stroke Unit of Jimma University Medical center, South West Ethiopia: Prospective Observational Study

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Dear Dr. Joseph Minus on behalf of
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Greetings of the day!

Thank you for your constructive comments and suggestions regarding manuscript NURL-D-18-00328R2 titled "Risk factors, Clinical presentation and Predictors of stroke among adult patients admitted to stroke unit of Jimma University Medical center, south west Ethiopia: Prospective observational study." by Ginenus Fekadu, MSc; Legese Chelkeba, PhD; Ayantu Kebede, MPH submitted to BMC Neurology. Thanks for your time and consideration in reviewing over all the manuscript. As per comments here we have listed our response:

Peer reviewer comments and responses:

Editor Comments:

1. Overlap in Method section: some textual overlap with our other previously published works, we have provided a summarizing statement explaining this methodology has been
published previously and provide the attribution to the sources mentioned previously published article of the same project. Additionally we have discussed in the background, method and discussion part of manuscript and referenced accordingly.

2. Other overlaps with previously published articles: We have rephrased and cited the articles appropriately. Additionally we have modified and edited the whole manuscript. We have also edited the English language and corrected our manuscript with two of our colleagues who are English native speaker.

3. Regarding sources questionnaires/ interviews used in your study: The questionnaires/interviews used in our study were developed for this specific study. Some of questionnaires were based on the previous study results obtained from different sites and using the WHO step wise approach to stroke surveillance along with different modifications and incorporations. Thus we haven’t received ready standardized data abstraction tool from other sources but we have developed based on previous result findings. Some of the information we have received (especially some of patient characteristics) from WHO step wise approach to stroke surveillance and we have cited the reference in the method part. The English language versions was previously uploaded as supplementary files on previous comments. Since you haven’t seen it, again have uploaded it.

4. Citation of additional files: all additional files (including tables and supplementary files) have been cited in the main manuscript.

5. Consent form: Removed

6. Response to reviewers: Removed

Thanks for your time and consideration!

I look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,

Ginenus Fekadu