Reviewer’s report

Title: Gothenburg Very Early Supported Discharge study (GOTVED): a randomised controlled trial investigating anxiety and overall disability in the first year after stroke

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In this article, the authors evaluate the effect of early supported discharge on modified Rankin and level of anxiety. It is an interesting article with importance. However, it is difficult to reach a conclusion with their data.

In the manuscript there is no accounting for premorbid anxiety level/comorbidity. Furthermore, the percentage of patients receiving standard rehab was quite different between the ESD group and control group. This could account for any differences seen at 3 months in mRS. Also multiple typos and grammar errors throughout manuscript. If patients were same at one year in regard to outcomes then I feel like you cannot conclude that ESD was helpful. Too many dropouts during study. The fact that so many patients had to be screened is concerning for data validity. Also most patients had mild stroke so maybe their anxiety level to begin with was not that high (as opposed to those with moderate/severe strokes)-maybe this can account for the lack of differences in outcomes.

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