Reviewer's report

Title: Process of inpatient rehabilitation and challenges experienced with participation post discharge: Quantitative and Qualitative inquiry of African stroke patients.

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Reviewer: Mary Egan

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The authors have adequately addressed my previous comments, but now need to make a few further changes to ensure consistently — specifically that the focus of the paper is on the availability of in-patient rehabilitation and the post discharge challenges of stroke survivors.

Minor essential revisions

Specific changes recommended by line:
Not process of rehabilitation, but availability of rehabilitation that was examined. Lines 31, 33

Strongly suggest removing text in lines 84-93

84 Rehabilitation post stroke can be conceptualised within the Structure, Process and Outcomes (SPO) framework [8]. The SPO framework has been used to examine outcomes related to differences and relationships between structure, process and outcomes of rehabilitation [9]. When examining the structure of care, the facilities available for rehabilitation and the rehabilitation professionals required to provide treatment are identified. The process of care involves consideration of type, content and intensity of rehabilitative therapy, as well as the length of hospital stay and the starting time of rehabilitation. Changes noted in terms of body structures and functions (impairment), functional abilities and involvement in life situations (participation) following rehabilitation, constitute the patient outcomes [9, 10].

Strongly recommend rewording
The current paper focuses on the process and outcomes of inpatient rehabilitation of stroke survivors in specific African countries. To

The current paper focuses on the availability of inpatient rehabilitation and the post discharge challenges of stroke survivors in specific African countries.

Remove “outcomes and” line 112

**Level of interest:** An article of importance 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