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Sir

Please receive our paper entitled ‘Health, Social and Economic Consequences of Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke: A Controlled National Study Evaluating Societal Effects on Patients and Their Partners’ for submission BMC Health Service Research.
We evaluated the total, factual cost for patients suffering from stroke, before, at time of, and after the incident. We found that a significant contribution to cost is due to indirect cost, that patients suffered from significant health related burden prior to onset and that the patients suffered from significant health related and social cost after the stroke. Furthermore that stroke causes significant mortality.

The data are calculated using national data including all patients with a stroke for the entire period where we used the iCD-10 code (1997+).

As such the data represent a substantial dataset.

We believe that the data is of interest for BMC Health Service Research and submit for publication.

Kind regards