Reviewer's report

Title: Cost of Stroke: A Controlled National Study Evaluating Societal Effects on Patients and Their Partners

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Reviewer: Rebecca Kandiyali

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Minor essential

1. Please add currency to tables 3 & 5. Please add legend explaining 'net' - from whose perspective?

2. English language needs to be improved and typos corrected. A few I've picked out are those that impede understanding: 'Page 3 line 5 'familial' not familiar. Page 10 line 23 'presented with' - and then, don't you think 'functional limitations' might be what you were initially after? (Sorry for my suggestion of role limitations previously...!

3. Please add references to sources of costs and data.

4. Please remove 'selection against most diseased patients' as not necessary.

5. It may be appropriate to identify this as a cost of illness study at the same time as you clarify observational study design (which you have called case-control).

6. Page 3 line 21 what 'consequences' have you considered? I am not sure this is relevant?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'