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Title: Exploring conditions for implementation of national stroke guidelines in out-patient health care - a mixed-methods pilot study

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Dear section editors: Onyebuchi A Arah, Dina Balabanova, Anna Gagliardi, Marie-Pierre Gagnon, Oliver Groene, Jeffrey Lazarus, Milena Pavlova and Michael Rosen:

Please consider the manuscript “Exploring conditions for implementation of national stroke guidelines in out-patient health care - a mixed-methods pilot study” for publication in BMC Health Services Research. The study will add to the knowledge on how to use mixed methods to explore conditions for studying implementation of stroke guidelines as well as the feasibility and acceptability of study procedures when used in a complex outpatient health care setting. Based on the results presented in the manuscript, we conclude that by gaining knowledge of conditions for implementation and with a focus on manager and staff collaboration, the care trajectory, and standardized assessments to evaluate outcomes, the backbone of future full-scale implementation studies and interventions within out-patient rehabilitation contexts can be formed.

Sincerely,

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