Reviewer’s report

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The authors have provided a rapid response to the review with careful consideration of the comments. Several elements have been addressed and the quality and relevance of the paper have improved. This is an important research study. I still think that it would be useful to explain some of the trial terminology and analyses more clearly for the journal readership. One additional question arose when I reread the paper, related to risks of having the research focus of these units, given that the patient profile is different from the traditional stroke unit. Might some "complex" stroke populations be restricted from using these centres because they do not fit the typical profile needed for clinical trials; i.e., exclusion criteria? And therefore, might they miss out on the possible higher quality of care provided at these research/clinical care centres?

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