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Reviewers Comments:
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I thank the author’s for writing an exceptional paper. It was a joy to read being well organized and ideas well-articulated. The topic area is of great importance in the rehabilitation science literature and particularly within stroke rehabilitation and upper limb recovery. In addition, the concepts examined in this manuscript are pioneering in this area of research and fundamental to the future development of efficacious and effective interventions for individuals with stroke.

This manuscript has a well-defined purpose and outlined the importance of it with a sound introduction. I have no concerns with the methods or interpretation of results. The discussion was link appropriately to the purpose, methods and results. It also provided pivotal points for future examination. I have no major concerns with this paper.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. There is a typo in the abstract, background section; see italics.

‘Two thirds of stroke survivors will achieve independent ambulation, but less than will half recover upper limb function.’

Should it read.....‘but less than half will recover upper limb function’?

2. The same issue is found in the Background section of the paper, page 3, paragraph 1 ‘.....but less than will half recover upper limb function at six months.’

There may have been a few other typos. Also just make sure that you have spelled out in full prior to using an acronym.

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