Reviewer's report

Title: Caregiver Stress In Stroke Survivors: Data from a Tertiary care Hospital: A Cross Sectional Survey

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Statistical methods are very limited and lacking
2. I suggest to analyze not only MCSI score after 1 month history of stroke, but also before (at baseline). I suppose that it’s more interesting calculate the difference of the points (before and after) to evaluate only the stress increasing due to caregivers of patient with stroke event
3. If it’s possible, you can analyze the stroke patients quality of life in relationship with their caregivers.
4. Relationship between caregivers and patients is an interesting argument in the psychology field. Literature is evolving so I suggest to improve references also up to 2014.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. I suggest to change Figure 1; put boxes in vertical position and connect with an arrow only 112 caregivers with final 100 and laterally the other three boxes (5 were excluded …, 2 patients..., 5 were excluded...).
2. In table 1, you can use “±” instead of “+-“.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests