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Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? Yes

Reviewer comments: The authors responded well to the main queries about comparison between baseline and follow-up, and about choice of rotation method.

The lack of severe stroke patients is not a detriment since these patients seldom participate in stroke studies and indeed often are lost to follow up.

There was no justification given for uniqueness of a Norwegian population, but it is useful for readers to know that the population is from Norway.

The authors are to be congratulated on a good piece of work.

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