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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Research and Reports in Neurology</a>                                                                                      |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJORRIN_42208                                                                                                                                        |
| Title of the Manuscript: | STROKE SEVERITY VARIATIONS IN A 12 MONTH PROSPECTIVE STUDY INVOLVING SUB-ACUTE STROKE SURVIVORS WITH AND WITHOUT COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN NNEWI, NIGERIA |
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The abbreviations should be explained at the first place of the manuscript (i.e. NCIG, NIHSS)</li> <li>2. There are many grammar and spelling errors in English. The manuscript should be edited.</li> <li>3. There are many categories of stroke such as mild-moderate-severe stroke; functional/neurological recovery in the introduction. The pathophysiology of stroke and the mechanism of neural plasticity have also been added to the introduction. All these concepts make the reader confused. It should be simple and more clear (the following sentences are very complicated: accumulating evidences indicated that exercise training..... or identifying influences that optimize functional recovery following stroke...)</li> <li>4. The results have been included in the discussion. They should be carried from the discussion to the results.</li> <li>5. Is there any assessment of stroke patients according to Brunnstrom motor recovery stages? If yes, it should be added, If not, the authors should explain why they did not.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The abbreviations NCIG, NIHSS has been explained as non-cognitive impaired group and National Institute of Health Stroke Scale</li> <li>2. The grammar and spelling errors have been corrected.</li> <li>3. The introduction have been simplified</li> <li>4. The results in the discussion has been substantially removed</li> <li>5. Brunnstrom motor assessment was not used because the participants were in subacute state. Only NIHSS was used as an outcome measure.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |