

Editor's comment :

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Final edited manuscript accepted

Point-by-point responses to the reviewer's comments on the manuscript

"STROKE SEVERITY VARIATIONS IN A 12 MONTH PROSPECTIVE STUDY INVOLVING SUB-ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE SURVIVORS WITH AND WITHOUT COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN NNEWI, NIGERIA"

The reviewers would like to thank author for giving chances to evaluate the manuscript and providing valuable comments and suggestion to improve the quality of the manuscript. The following responses have been prepared to address accomplishment of the reviewers' comments in a point –by-point fashion.

General Comments

Comment: "This manuscript is actually a Intervention study which shows the report of **STROKE SEVERITY VARIATIONS IN A 12 MONTH PROSPECTIVE STUDY INVOLVING SUB-ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE SURVIVORS WITH AND WITHOUT COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN NNEWI, NIGERIA**. The study which demonstrates and measure to identify sub-acute ischemic stroke population those who are suffering cognitive and non-cognitive impaired among Nigerian population. In this respect the significant scientific manuscript is interesting and could be accepted for publication after minor revision taking into consideration the following points."

Introduction

1. Why key words are not equally distributed especially TSBT. Somewhere mentioned TSB.

Authors' response: Key words revised to have equal distribution 'Stroke, Cognitive Impairment, Stroke Severity, Task Specific Balance Training, Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation' line numbers 30 and 31

Methodology

2. Apparently which is not showing clearly in limitation and delimitation of the study why?

Authors' response: The study was delimited to ischemic stroke survivors of between 35 to 65 years of age of not less than 3 months and not more than 6 months duration. The study limitation is highlighted under limitation of study in line number 409

3. Sampling procedure which was not very clear

Authors' response: The authors used purposive sampling in participants' selection line numbers 105 and 106

4. Why both genders were not equally distributed

Authors' response: The study was not a gender based study. Sub-acute ischemic patients were recruited as they present. The authors there did not bother about equal distribution of the gender.

Results and Discussion

The above said topic which accomplished and delivered good scientific manner

Authors' response: The authors appreciate your comment

Bibliography

5. Why the assessment chart which is not enclosed?

Authors' response: The datasets used and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. Line 433 and 434

6. What is the conflict of interest?

Authors' response: The authors have declared that no conflict of interest exist line number 435

7. Being a reviewer some of spelling error used tense **will** which exhibit in page no 4 last paragraph. Kindly correct.

Authors' response: 'Will' has been revised to read 'would' line numbers 96 and 98

I really appreciate this scientific manuscript which would enhance especially to identify the effectiveness of two specific exercise which performed like PNF and TSBT. I really appreciate the investigator which he used appropriate outcomes of NIHSS. The positive impact of this study especially evaluating and comparing the cognitive and non cognitive affected stroke population. Hope this intervention based report which used for motor recovery affected stroke population. The overall the present manuscript which delivered and could be utilized in stroke recovery in clinical utility. I belief that this specific physiotherapy protocols (PNF and TSBT) which is more unique and could be applied for the treatment of sub acute ischemic stroke.