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Peer Review Report for "Electrodiagnostic Findings in Post-Stroke Patients"

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4 Nov 2018

Dear AE,
This is valuable study but the author should be omitted the findings of 10 diabetic patients because diabetes is a cause neuropathy so,you can find abnormal NCV and EMG findings in diabetes. I would like to recommend that to compare the findings of the study of R. BeneckeA. in the title :
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you can find:
"Denervation activity in cases of central paresis first occurred 2–3 weeks after stroke. This could be observed most frequently in the distal arm and hand muscles. In the course of weeks and months the frequency of the denervation activity decreased in parallel with the development of spasticity and the increasing voluntary innervation.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0)

12 Nov 2018

Dear AE,

The study was a valuable work which showed EDx findings in patient with stroke and I think It worth publishing in the journal. There are just some points to improve the quality of the study in future jobs.

1. There were some limited grammatical and dictation problems which are better to correct.

Abstract- Background: Electrodiagnostic study is sometimes used in patients with stroke & it can develop various abnormalities.

Page3- Background: Stroke, a cerebrovascular disease has increasing incidence and mortality rate world wide.

Page4- Methods: Also, deep tendon reflex of all four limbs and manual muscle testing examination results were recorded.

2. Although it is hard, but it would be better to select stroke patients without Diabetes, because it will affect peripheral nerves by itself and we cannot distinguish if the peripheral neuropathy is caused secondary to the stroke and using assistive devices or is secondary to Diabetes.

Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 14 Nov 2018

Dear EIC,

The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs minor revision.

Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 14 Nov 2018

Dear Author,

Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

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,Dear editor

.Thanks for reviewing my article. The article is edited and below are responses to reviewers

.All the changes highlighted in the text

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.R: the whole article is edited by a linguistic

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.R: The article is added in the discussion

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Dear AE,
The study is reviewed carefully. According to comments and revisions by the author, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 12 Dec 2018

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 12 Dec 2018

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.