



# The Impact of Occupational Therapy on Motor Function and Activities of Daily Living in Stroke Survivors

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1 Reviewer 1

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Reviewer: The research excellently represent the effects of occupational therapy on stroke survivors. However, addressing the above points, particularly related to sample size, study design, and methodology, will enhance the study's robustness and contribute more significantly to the field.

The sample size is small, potentially limiting the generalizability of the findings.

More detail is needed on the study design, particularly regarding the randomization process.

Greater clarity on the interventions provided to the control group is necessary.

More comprehensive methodology for the Fugl-Meyer Assessment (FMA) and Katz Index should be included.

The analysis could be strengthened by including more robust statistical methods or additional analyses.

Consider integrating a broader range of perspectives from the global health community.

More focus on the importance of cultural sensitivity in implementing global health interventions.

Expand the discussion to compare findings with existing literature and highlight the study's unique contributions.  
Address the long-term impact of occupational therapy beyond the follow-up period.  
Acknowledge potential biases and limitations, including the lack of participant and therapist blinding.

The author uploaded the revised document.

### 1.2 *Reviewer 2*

Date: 11 June 2023

Reviewer: This study contributes significantly to understanding occupational therapy's impact on stroke recovery. Enhancements in clarity and depth, particularly in methodology and analysis, will strengthen the study's validity and usefulness for practitioners and researchers in this field.

The article would benefit from more detailed case studies to illustrate the points made.

The scope of the commentary could be more clearly defined in the introduction.

A more critical perspective on the successes mentioned would enhance the depth of the commentary.

Expand the discussion on the challenges faced during implementation and how they were overcome.

Make the recommendations section more concise and actionable.

Ensure that all references and citations are up-to-date and relevant to the discussion.

The author uploaded the revised document.

## 2. **Revised**

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.