

Table SI. Baseline characteristics of control and experimental groups

Characteristics	Control group (n = 14)	Experimental group (n = 19)
Sex, n (%)		
Male	9 (39.1)	14 (60.9)
Female	5 (50.0)	5 (50.0)
Age, years, mean (SD)	64.43 (10.04)	55.37 (16.22)
Duration, days, mean (SD)	307.21 (306.68)	266.47 (453.75)
Height, cm, mean (SD)	165.14 (8.45)	169.05 (8.26)
Weight, kg, mean (SD)	63.11 (9.14)	70.30 (12.86)
MMSE, mean (SD)*	18.86 (5.45)	24.11 (6.38)
MAS, mean (SD)	0.36 (0.74)	0.50 (0.78)
Affected side, n (%)		
Right	5 (31.3)	11 (68.8)
Left	9 (52.9)	8 (47.1)
Type, n (%)		
Infarction	4 (44.4)	5 (55.6)
Haemorrhage	10 (41.7)	14 (58.3)

* $p < 0.05$ by independent 2 sample t -test. MMSE: Mini-Mental State Examination; MAS: modified Ashworth scale.