

**Supplementary Table 1.** Search strategy

Search number	Search description	No. of results
Full literature search on PubMed for COVID-19 and stroke		
1	Stroke OR cerebrovascular accident	378,999
2	COVID-19 OR Coronavirus Diseases 2019	160,172
3	Covid-19 OR Coronavirus Disease 2019 AND Stroke OR Cerebrovascular accident	2,179
Full literature search on EMBASE for COVID-19 and stroke		
1	Stroke.mp	543,619
2	Limit 1 to yr="2020 - 2021"	57,592
3	Covid-19.mp.	157,189
4	Limit 3 to (human and English language and yr="2020 - 2021")	143,572
5	2 and 4	2,674

COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019.