**Supplementary Table.** Characteristics of ischemic stroke patients only

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|   | 2020 pandemic cohort (n=104) | 2019 reference cohort (n=93) | P-value  |
| **Demographic data** |
| Age, mean (SD) | 69.8 (16.9) | 74.6 (13.0) | 0.02 |
| Sex, N male (%) | 48 (46) | 50 (53) | 0.62 |
| **Baseline comorbidities, N (%)** |
| Hypertension | 52 (50) | 60 (65) | 0.80 |
| Dyslipidemia | 36 (35) | 40 (43) | 0.97 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 24 (23) | 19 (20) | 0.20 |
| Atrial fibrillation or flutter | 14 (13) | 18 (19) | 0.67 |
| Prior ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack | 23 (22) | 19 (20) | 0.27 |
| Prior intracranial hemorrhage | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 0.94 |
| Coronary or peripheral artery disease | 12 (12) | 16 (17) | 0.62 |
| Tobacco use | 14 (13) | 17 (18) | 0.80 |
| Excessive alcohol use | 3 (3) | 7 (8) | 0.26 |
| **Prior antithrombotic treatment, N (%)** |
| Antiplatelet | 27 (26) | 27 (29) | 0.63 |
| Direct anticoagulant | 11 (11) | 9 (10) | 0.83 |
| Vitamin K antagonist | 4 (4) | 2 (2) | 0.49 |
| **Patient flow, N (%)** |
| Direct evaluation | 71 (68) | 46 (49) | < 0.01 |
| Transfer from another institution | 33 (32) | 47 (51) |
| **ED assessment, median (IQR)** |
| Pre-stroke mRS | 1 (0-2) | 1 (0-2) | 0.57 |
| NIHSS | 12 (4-19) | 15 (7-19) | 0.08 |

SD = standard deviation; IQR = interquartile range; ED = emergency department.