Appendix 1: Baseline characteristics of randomized patients who were and were not followed up at 12 months (as supplied by the authors)

	Not followed up (n=44)	Followed up (n=337)	P value
Age	73 (13.7)	72 (11.9)	0.52
Male gender	26 (59%)	193 (57%)	0.82
Ethnicity			
White	31 (70%)	260 (77%)	
Black	8 (18%)	41 (12%)	
Other	5 (12%)	36 (11%)	0.51[+]
IMD score 2007[*]	18.4 (12.6)	18. 4 (10.4)	0.99
Rankin score			
0 No symptoms	10 (23%)	97 (29%)	
1 Minor symptoms which don't affect activities	15 (34%)	89 (26%)	
2 Unable to do all previous activities	12 (27%)	91 (27%)	
3+ Need help with selfcare	7 (16%)	60(18%)	0.88[++]
Abbreviated Mental Test Score 10/10**	33 (77%)	293 (88%)	0.035
Anxious (FEAR questionnaire) (n=376)	7 (16%)	60 (18%)	0.72
Event prior to recruitment (n=336)	n=22	n=316	
TIA	6 (27%)	102 (32%)	0.80[+]
Ischaemic stroke	15 (68%)	190 (60%)	
Haemorrhagic stroke	1 (5%)	19 (6%)	
Both or type unknown	0(0)	5(2%)	
Blood pressure			
Systolic mmHg	137 (24.3)	138 (20.7)	0.78
Diastolic mmHg	74 (16.4)	74 (11.1)	0.98
Body mass index (n=331)	27.3 (6.3)	27.7 (5.2)	0.63
Current smoker (n=379)	8 (18%)	38 (11%)	0.25
Patient reported past history of			
Diabetes	12 (27%)	71 (21%)	0.35
Atrial Fibrillation	11 (25%)	72 (21%)	0.55
Stroke or TIA (prior to presenting event)	12 (27%)	103 (31%)	0.66
Angina or heart attack	7 (16%)	69 (20%)	0.51
Number of antihypertensive drugs	1.9 (1.1)	1.8 (1.1)	0.36

Data are mean(SD) or number (%)

[*] Index of multiple deprivation (IMD) 2007 scale ranges from 0.37 to 85.46.
[**] n=43 and n=332 as some patients had speech problems. Comprehension good and inclusion approved by clinic doctor.
[***] n=43 and n=332
[****] n=22 and n=313, 46 participants stroke type unknown
[*****] n=39 and n=292 as some patients too frail for measurement

[+] Chisquare with 2 d.f.
[++] Chisquare for trend