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The manuscript is of interest but from my point of view it needs to be revised in deep. I would like to remark several points: 1) Comments about the different formulations of botulinum toxin and their role in the treatment of spasticity in stroke should be made 2) Talking about the injection method, comments about recommended doses of botulinum toxin per session, per muscle...as well as comments about muscles usually injected should be made 3) I do not understand very well the sentence "...these findings suggest that a low-dose, high-volume strategy should be considered when treating patients with several involved muscles so that the dose will be within the limit specified in the total body dose guidelines...", although this field is not solved by the evidence, current recommendations suggest to inject lower volumes and fewer points close to the neuromuscular junction in those muscle where the neuromuscular junctions are known and to inject higher volumes and more points in those muscles where the neuromuscular junctions are not known 4) Although electromyography and ultrasound could be helpful in targeting the selected muscles the sentence "...BTX-A injections are more efficacious if the affected muscles are targeted via needle electromyography or under ultrasound guidance..." is not supported by the evidence. 5) Comments about the development of neutralizing antibodies in the treatment of spasticity in stroke with botulinum toxin should be made 6) A section of "Conclusions" should be written



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