



170 patients recruited!

Recruitment to the STITCH (Trauma) trial has now paused.

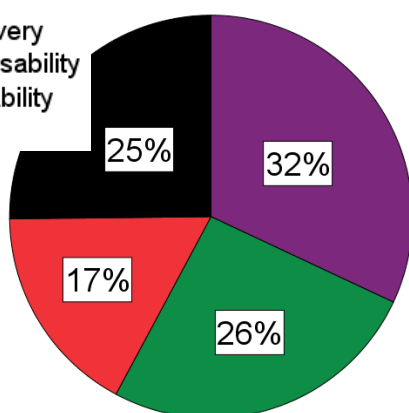
The team would like to say a big thank you to all our investigators who have helped us reach 170 patients.

As you know recruitment to the STITCH (Trauma) trial paused on 30th September 2012 whilst we investigate alternative funding sources to continue the trial. This is still on-going. We hope to restart patient recruitment in the future and we will keep all centres up to date with our progress.

We appreciate the on-going support of all centres in helping to follow up existing patients.

Please ensure you return all follow up data for your centre on time.

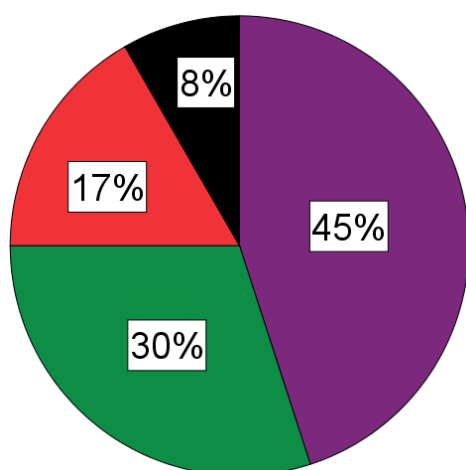
Good Recovery
Moderate Disability
Severe Disability
Dead



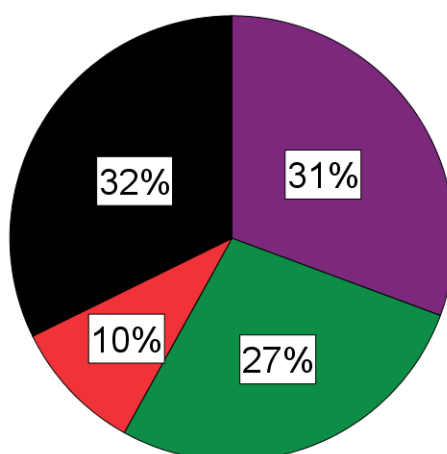
At the beginning of 2013, 6 month follow-up was due for 151 patients and data from 147 had been returned.

The chart (left) shows that at 6 months, regardless of treatment allocated, 16 % more patients had a good recovery or moderate disability than were severely disabled or died.

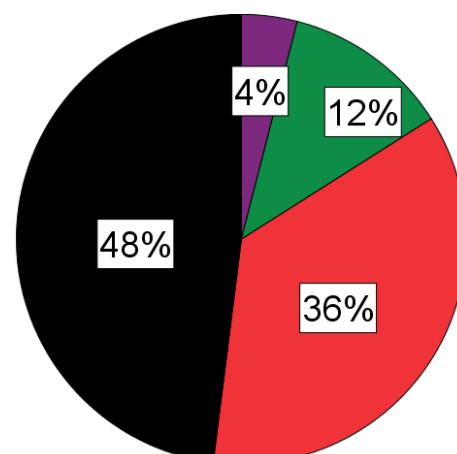
The charts (below) show 6 month outcome, regardless of treatment allocated, depending on GCS at randomisation.



GCS 13-15



GCS 8-12



GCS 3-8

Don't forget to visit our website: <http://research.ncl.ac.uk/trauma.STITCH/> and Facebook page: STICH Trials for the latest information about the trial

Members of the STITCH (Trauma) team will be at the following meetings:

British Neurosurgical Research Group, Manchester; 7-8th March 2013.

Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica (EMN), St Petersburg, Russia; 26-28th April 2013.

8th World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, Seoul, Korea; 8-13th September 2013.