



STITCH (Trauma) NEWSLETTER



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117 patients now recruited!

Centre	Total Patients	Change since last newsletter
	Recruited	
Lucknow	24	3
Beijing	20	0
Biratnagar	14	2
Dehradun	12	0
Visakhapatnam	7	0
Shanghai	5	3
Timisoara	5	3
Tianjin	4	1
Ludhiana	3	0
Newcastle	3	0
Wardha	3	0
Dundee	2	0
Kaunas	2	0
Mysore	2	0
Peshawar	2	0
Bangalore	1	0
Brno	1	0
Chennai	1	0
Cluj	1	1
Haryana	1	0
Heidelberg	1	0
Munich	1	0
Southampton	1	0
Valladolid	1	0
Calcutta	0	0
Haywards Heath	0	0
Hyderabad	0	0
Jena	0	0
Johor Bahru	0	0
Kerala	0	0
Klaipeda	0	0
Kubang Kerian	0	0
Leeds	0	0
London (Queen Square)	0	0
London (St Georges)	0	0
New Delhi	0	0
New York	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0
Portland	0	0
Rome	0	0
Santander	0	0
Szeged	0	0
Toronto	0	0
Ulm	0	0
Ulm—Günzburg	0	0
Yerevan	0	0
Zagazig	0	0

Centres who have joined the study since the last newsletter are highlighted in green.

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

BNRG, Darlington, UK; 8-9th March 2011

Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury, Edinburgh; 21st-25th March 2012

SBNS, Aberdeen; 18-20th April 2012

EMN, Cluj, Romania; 27-28th April 2012

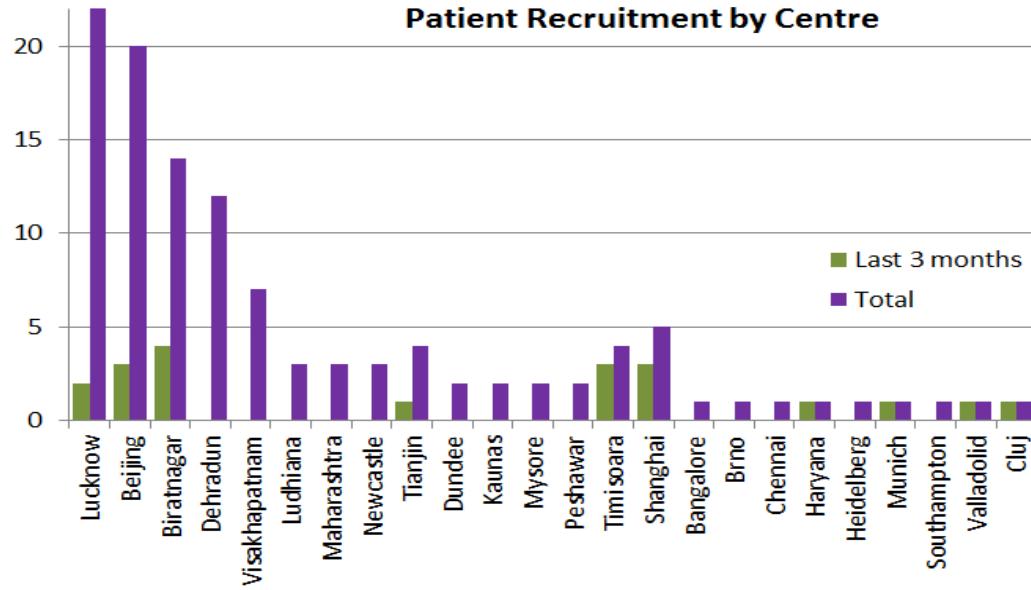
ICRAN, Novosibirsk, Russia; 19th-22nd June 2012

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The STITCH (Trauma) team would like to say a big thank you to all of our centres who helped us reach our interim target of 110 patients by November 2011!

Congratulations to CSM Medical University (Lucknow, India), Huashan Hospital (Shanghai, China) and County Hospital (Timisoara, Romania) who have recruited 3 patients each since our last newsletter.

We would also like to welcome our two new centres, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (New Delhi, India) and The National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery (London).



The graph above shows patient recruitment up to the end of November 2011. A total of 24 centres have now recruited patients into STITCH (Trauma), just over half of our total number of centres registered. 10 centres have recruited in the last three months (September—November 2011) including 4 centres who recruited their first patient to the trial. Over these last three months, Biratnagar has been our top recruiting centre with 4 patients.

Please continue to screen for suitable patients for the trial!

Inclusion Criteria

- Adults aged 14 or over.
- Evidence of 1 or 2 TICHs or contusions with a confluent volume of attenuation significantly raised above that of the background white and grey matter that has a total volume greater than 10mls (calculated by width x height x length /2 in cm).
- Within 48 hours of head injury.
- Clinical equipoise: only patients for whom the responsible neurosurgeon is uncertain about the benefits of either treatment are eligible.

Exclusion Criteria

- A significant surface haematoma (EDH or SDH) requiring surgery.
- Three or more separate haematomas fulfilling inclusion criteria.
- If surgery cannot be performed within 12 hours of randomisation.
- If the haemorrhage/ contusion is located in the cerebellum.
- Severe pre-existing physical or mental disability or severe co-morbidity which would lead to a poor outcome even if the patient made a full recovery from the head injury.
- Permanent residence outside a study country preventing follow up.
- Patient and/or relative has a strong preference for one treatment modality.

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