



## Surgical Trial in Traumatic Intracerebral Haemorrhage



# 150 patients recruited!

**Congratulations to Hospital of Universiti Sains Malaysia (Kubang Kerian) and Alexandria Main University Hospital (Egypt) who have both recruited their first patients into the trial since our last newsletter.**

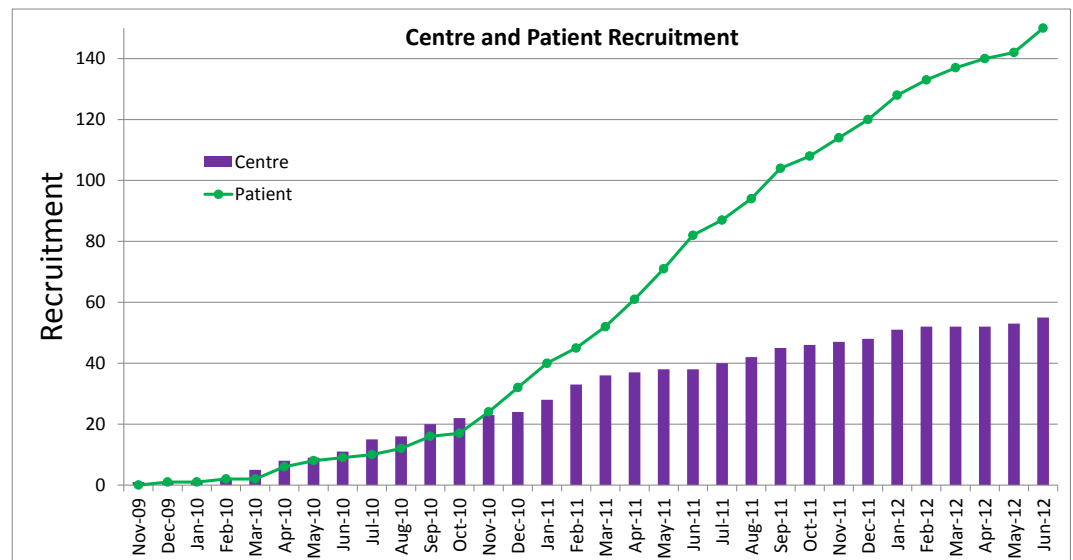
**A big thank you also to CSM Medical University (Lucknow, India), Beijing Tiantan Hospital (China), Neuro Hospital (Nepal), Care Hospital (Visakhapatnam, India) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (New Delhi, India) who have all helped us reach our current total of 150 patients.**

Centre (new centres in purple)	Total Patients Recruited	Change since last newsletter
Lucknow	29	3
Beijing	27	3
Biratnagar	16	1
Dehradun	13	0
Visakhapatnam	8	1
New Delhi	8	2
Shanghai	6	0
Timisoara	5	0
Tianjin	4	0
Alexandria	3	3
Kubang Kerian	3	3
Ludhiana	3	0
Newcastle	3	0
Wardha	3	0
Dundee	2	0
Heidelberg	2	0
Kaunas	2	0
Mysore	2	0
Peshawar	2	0
Bangalore	1	0
Brno	1	0
Chennai	1	0
Cluj	1	0
Haryana	1	0
Munich	1	0
Santander	1	0
Southampton	1	0
Valladolid	1	0
Bangalore	0	0
Bucharest	0	0
Calcutta	0	0
Haywards Heath	0	0
Hyderabad	0	0
Jena	0	0
Johor Bahru	0	0
Kerala	0	0
Klaipeda	0	0
Kentucky	0	0
Leeds	0	0
London (Queen Square)	0	0
London (St Georges)	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0
New York	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0
Portland	0	0
Riga	0	0
Rome	0	0
Sofia	0	0
Szeged	0	0
Toronto	0	0
Ulm	0	0
Ulm—Günzburg	0	0
Yerevan	0	0
Zagazig	0	0

## Can your centre help us recruit 50 patients by the end of September 2012?

Recruitment to the trial will pause on **30th September 2012** and we hope to have recruited **200 patients** by this date. Please continue to screen for potential patients for the trial and help us reach this target.

We would like to encourage all centres who have registered their interest in the trial to continue to complete the regulatory process.



Now that we have recruited 150 patients we will be submitting our next report to the Data Monitoring Committee. Please can all registered centres send us any outstanding data as soon as possible.

As you can see from the graph above 150 patients have been randomised and there are 55 registered centres in the trial.

We have 6 UK centres, 18 in Europe and 31 from the rest of the world. So far 139 centres have registered their interest in participating in the trial.

**Welcome to the following new centres:**

- University of Louisville (Kentucky, USA)
- Emergency Hospital St. Pantelimon (Bucharest, Romania)
- NIMHANS (Bangalore, India)
- University Hospital Pirogov (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- University of Southern California (Los Angeles, USA)

So far 5 centres have received a copy of "Intracerebral Hemorrhage" edited by Carhuapoma, Mayer and Hanley. **Recruit before the end of September to be in with a chance of winning a copy for your centre.**

### STITCH (Trauma) Randomisation Service

Telephone: +44 (0) 1224 273 661

Web: <https://viis.abdn.ac.uk/HSRU/stitch>

#### 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.