

NIH StrokeNet and the Future of Stroke Research







Vision of NIH StrokeNet

• To be the leading platform for stroke trials in the U.S. and globally

NIH StrokeNet Infrastructure



Overview

- 2013 present
- 27 regional centers with nearly 500 satellite stroke hospitals, a coordinating center, and a data management center
- Phase 2 and phase 3
 clinical trials (ancillary studies) and biomarker
 studies to advance acute
 stroke treatment,
 prevention, and recovery

http://nihstrokenet.org/

Additional infrastructure

- The NIH StrokeNet infrastructure includes:
 - Central Institutional Review Board (CIRB) at the University of Cincinnati, and CIRB with Advarra
 - StrokeNet central pharmacy at UC Health Research Pharmacy
 - Imaging Core at the University of Cincinnati (Dr. Vagal)
 - Training and Education Core

Population covered by network



Characteristic	Distance from StrokeNet Center					Total	% of	
	20 Mile Radius	% of Total	40 Mile Radius	% of Total	65 Mile Radius	% of Total	(50 States)	Total
Total Population	120,758,537	38.3%	157,727,442	50.0%	189,572,54	60.1%	315,219,560	100.0%
Male (adult)	44,518,863	38.1%	58,121,547	49.8%	70,121,776	60.1%	116,781,403	100.0%
RACE White Hispanic/Latino Black Asian Other American Indian Pacific Islander	80,374,323 24,695,940 18,115,454 9,952,233 8,048,767 509,505 197,664	34.5% 44.6% 45.9% 65.3% 53.3% 20.0% 37.6%	.09,783,22: 29,719,245 21,868,666 11,108,254 9,567,560 675,804 235,546	47.1% 53.6% 55.4% 72.9% 63.3% 26.5% 44.8%	136,388,020 33,189,395 24,323,226 11,888,761 10,560,177 866,548 267,158	58.5% 59.9% 61.7% 78.0% 69.9% 34.0% 50.8%	233,168,413 55,429,828 39,451,870 15,244,082 15,111,418 2,550,780 526,408	100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%



Zero to 20 Ongoing Studies in 10 Years



4 Completed Trials

- MISTIE-3 Minimally Invasive Surgery for ICH evacuation (N=500)
- **i-DEF** Deferoxamine mesylate treatment for ICH (N=293)
- DEFUSE-3 Delayed endovascular therapy for select patients (N=182)
- TeleRehab Home-based telerehabilitation stroke recovery (N=124)









Telerehab Trial

Outcomes and impact of StrokeNet trials

- DEFUSE 3, stopped early, highly positive trial Albers GW et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:708-718.
 - Immediate change in clinical practice and Stroke Guidelines with lives changed throughout the world. Distinguished Clinical Research Achievement Award – Top 3 of all clinical trials in US for 2018.



Mismatch volume, 105 ml Mismatch ratio, 5.6

Outcomes and impact of StrokeNet trials

- Telerehab Trial first randomized trial of rehabilitation for stroke patients published in JAMA Neurology. Trial demonstrated that Telerehab is not inferior to in-clinic therapy for improving arm motor status in patients with recent stroke.
 - COVID experience demonstrated the future importance of this technique and how those with limited ability to travel can have impactful rehab therapy.
 - "With widespread adoption of telerehabilitation catalyzed by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is great potential for improved care equity by addressing geographic, demographic, and socioeconomic barriers." Duncan and Bernhardt, Stroke: 2021.

Cramer et al. JAMA Neurology: 2019 Sep 1;76(9):1079-1087





20 Ongoing Trials

PREVENTION OF STROKE (11)

CREST-2 Treatment of asymptomatic carotid stenosis (N=2480)

CREST-H Hemodynamic impairment ancillary study in CREST-2 (N=500)

ARCADIA Apixaban vs. aspirin for cryptogenic stroke (N=1100)

ARCADIA-CSI Apixaban for cognition and silent infarcts (N=500)

SATURN Statin use in ICH survivors (N=1456)

SATURN-MRI Statins for silent stroke (N=912)

ASPIRE Anticoagulation of atrial fibrillation in ICH survivors (N=700)

CAPTIVA Anticoagulation vs antiplatelets for intracranial stenosis (N=1683)

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CAPTIVA MRI MRI biomarkers of recurrent stroke in
intracranial atherosclerotic stenosis (n=300)
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Sleep-SMART Treatment of obstructive sleep apnea (N=3062)

FOCUS Corticosteroids for pediatric stroke due to focal cerebral arteriopathy (n= 80)

ACUTE STROKE TREATMENT (5)

MOST Adjunctive antithrombotics (epfibatide, argatroban) to thrombolysis (N=1200) **FASTEST** FVIIa for acute hemorrhagic stroke (N=860) RHAPSODY-2 3K3A-APC with thrombectomy and thrombolysis (N=1400)

SISTER Dose-finding novel clot-dissolving Ab, TS23, in extended time window ischemic stroke patients (n=300) **STEP Platform** Adaptive, registry-supported trial platform to optimize outcomes after LVO

STROKE RECOVERY & REHABILITATION (3)

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I-ACQUIRE Intensive infant rehabilitation for pediatric stroke (N=240)

VERIFY Acute prediction of motor recovery (N=657)

PRIMARY STROKE PREVENTION IN COVID (2)

ACTIV 4A Antithrombotic approach for inpatient COVID-19 patients

ACTIV 4C Antithrombotic approach for post-discharge **COVID-19** patients - Completed







CREST-H





CAPTIVA











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- **STEP Platform** Adaptive, registry-supported trial platform to optimize outcomes after LVO 2023
- **CLARITY** large secondary prevention study of cilastazol likely to be funded in 2024.

Trial Development Process

- Working groups 1.
 - Acute
 - Prevention
 - Recovery/rehab
- Feasibility assessments 2.
 - Trial-specific and annual surveys
 - Population-level epidemiology assessment
 - DEFUSE-3 example
- 3. StrokeNet leadership grant review prior to submission











Aug/2018 to now:

- 16 StrokeNET trial concepts were submitted to NIH
- 7 (44%) of these grants approved funded

Future Directions:

- GWTG data
- More utilization of advisory groups
 - DEI core







Acute Stroke	Primary and Secondary Prevention	Rec COOrdinators
 Chair: Karen Johnston, University of Virginia Co-chair: Jeff Saver, UCLA Renee' Martin, NDMC Greg Albers, Stanford Imaging Core David Liebeskind, UCLA Imaging Core Adrianne Haggins, U Michigan, Minority Recruitment and Retention Kate Amlie-Lefond, U Washington, Pediatric Advisory Committee Osama Zaidat, Mercy Toledo/CWRU Aneesh Singhal, Massachusetts General Robert Dempsey, U Wisconsin Enrique Leira, U Iowa 	 Chair: Marc Chimowitz, Medical University of South Carolina Co-chair: Ralph Sacco, University of Miami School of Medicine Christy Cassarly ,NDMC Colin Derdeyn, U Iowa Imaging Core Steve Warach, UT Austin Imaging Core Bernadette Boden-Albala, UCLA/UCI Minority Recruitment and Retention Heather Fullerton, UCSF, Pediatric Advisory Committee Dawn Meyer, UCSD Tanya Turan, MUSC 	 Chair: Steve Co-chair: Steve NINDS repre Caitlyn Meir Max Winterr Dorothy Edve Recruitment Warren Lo, Concinnati/OSO, Pediatric Advisory Committee Oluwole Awosika, U Cincinnati Wayne Feng, Duke/Wake Forest Carolee Winstein, USC/UCLA Randy Marshall, Columbia University
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5-10-2023 update: Enrolling sites: 276. Randomized 5872

BJ(1 Broderick, Joseph (broderjp), 3/6/2023

Total Randomizations by Month



Days of the Week



Percent Randomized by Week Day



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hour of the Day





Cumulative Enrollments/Randomizations by Year



Innovations

• A highly effective new treatment, proving the benefit of thrombectomy for imaging-selected patients within 4.5-24h from ischemic stroke onset with a number-needed-to-treat of 3-4 to one functionally dependent patient. (US congressional award was provided to the DEFUSE 3 PI, Greg Albers, <u>MD</u>).

• First multi-center randomized trial of telerehab.

Innovative trial design features

- Multi-arm, multistage adaptive trial (MOST)
- Emergency consent global trial for ICH (FASTEST)
- Randomized, embedded, multi-factorial, adaptive platform trial (STEP)
- Utility score-based dose-finding trial (SISTER).

• A novel randomized trial population: recovery after stroke in infants (I-ACQUIRE)

Innovations

Strong multidisciplinary efforts

- Neurology (including neurocritical care), emergency medicine, cardiology, sleep, pediatrics, rehabilitation, neurosurgery, neuroradiology, neuroscience, and statistics have emerged to design and implement these trials,
- Contact PIs from emergency medicine (MOST), neurosurgery (CAPTIVA), developmental psychology (I-ACQUIRE), and statistics (STEP).
- Crossing between traditional stroke domains, such as an acuterecovery (VERIFY), prevention-recovery (SLEEP Smart, SATURN), prevention after ICH (SATURN & ASPIRE – overlap of neurology and cardiology).

• Trial Expansion beyond US sites:

• Arcadia, SATURN, FASTEST, RHAPSODY 2, MOST, FOCUS, and CAPTIVA

Platform trials for endovascular patients



Deluge of EVT Proposals to NINDS/StrokeNet

Trial Name	Pls	Stage in StrokeNet*	Торіс
ENDOLOW	Demchuk et al	Interest in submitting Q2 RAH2018	EVT for low NIHSS
MATRICS	Lansberg, Albers, Yoo, Zaidat, Nogueira et al.	Held pre-Concept synopsis Q4 2018	EVT for large core
(DEFUSE M)	Lansberg, Albers, et al	ESC review 2018	EVT for large core
(MIRACLE)	Nogueira et al	ESC review 2018	EVT for large core
(TESLA)	Yoo, Zaidat, et al	Concept synopsis 2018	EVT for large core
PETITE	Lee, Albers	Submitted NIH review Q4 2019	EVT for children
AITES	Qureshi	Interest in submitting Q4 2019	Avoid tPA prior to EVT
DEFUSE TNK	Lansberg, Albers, Campbell, Parsons	Concept synopsis Q3 2018	TNK prior to 4.5-16h EVT
ETHER	Mayer	Feasibility survey Q3 2017	BP control after EVT
HEMERA	Linfante, Nogeuira	Held pre-Concept synopsis Q4 2018	Sanguinate peri-EVT
RHAPSODY2	Lyden	Submitted NIH review Q4 2019	3K3A ACP in AIS including prior to EVT
SERENE	Raychev, Kallmes	ESC review Q1 2018	General anesth vs proc sedation during EVT
(ASSIST)	Kallmes et al	Concept synopsis Q2 2017	General anesth vs proc sedation during EVT
(SEACOAST)	Raychev et al	Concept synopsis Q2 2017	General anesth vs proc sedation during EVT
PAST TIME	McMullan, Adeoye	Submitted NIH review Q2 2018	Prehospital LVO scales for EVT routing

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Current Approach to Clinical Trials



Multi-Arm Multi-Stage (MAMS) Trial Platforms Subtypes

Umbrella

Multiple treatments, one disease

Basket

Multiple diseases, one treatment

Minesweeper*

 One treatment, one disease, multiple subgroups



--Berry et al, JAMA 2015; -*Meinzer, Saver, et al, in preparation

Platform Trials – Expanding Adoption

	STAMPEDE	I-SPACE	CEPACIE Adaptive Global Environment	Healey Center for ALS	NH-Helping to End Addiction Long-term	STEP Platform
Platform	STAMPEDE	I-SPY2	GBM AGILE	Healey ALS	EPPIC NET (HEAL)	STEP
Condition	Prostate CA	Breast CA	Glioblastoma	ALS	Pain	Stroke
Year started	2005	2010	2019	2020	2020	2023
Agents/pops tested	10	16	4	5	>4	>4
Centers	>120	>20	>23	>54	>24	38
Patients	>10,000	>1400	>550	>1000	>1000	>3000

Master Trial Protocols (Platforms)

- Eliminate cost and duplication of resources with traditional, freestanding, parallel-group RCTs
- Able to compare multiple interventions (arms)
- Examine effects across subgroups of patients with distinct but related clinical features
- Minimize downtime between trials
- Share control groups
- Drop arms early when treatments fail
- Combine promising treatment arms



Registry Based Platform

- Both MM + EVT Patients
 - Get with the Guidelines Stroke (GWTG-Stroke)
 - AHA/ASA
- EVT Patients
 - Neurovascular Quality Initiative-Quality Outcomes Database (NVQI-QOD)
 - SNIS, AANS/CNS CV Joint Section
 - SVIN Neuroendovascular Registry (SVIN-R)
 - SVIN







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 Salvageable brain

Research Opportunity Announcements

A Research Opportunity Announcement (ROA) is a public document that announces the availability of an Other Transaction (OT). It provides the initiative's purpose, type of award, instructions on how to apply, due date for proposals or applications, and research opportunity number.

Platform TrialsOTA-22-of001Thrombectomyin AcuteStroke (OT2)

NINDS is interested in establishing master protocols to enable platform trials in thrombectomy in acute stroke using a seamless rolling approach to be conducted within the existing NIH StrokeNet infrastructure. Trials that further refine patient groups that do or do not benefit from mechanical thrombectomy, and using which management approaches, will also open the door to testing neuroprotectant strategies in an efficient, timely, and cost-effective manner. This ROA will establish the groundwork to include the master protocol for platform trials with the NIH StrokeNet. StrokeNET <u>Scott</u> Janis, PhD

OTA initiated with StrokeNet on Sept 1, 2022

StrokeNet Thrombectomy Platform (STEP)

- Randomized Multifactorial Adaptive Platform (REMAP design)
- 38 NIH StrokeNet sites across the US
- Leverages existing registries for data collection
 - Get with the Guidelines Stroke Registry (ASA/AHA)
 - Neurovascular Quality Initiative-Quality Outcomes Database (NVQI-QOD)NI AANS/CNS CV Joint Section
 - SVIN Neuroendovascular Registry (SVIN-R)
STEP- Master Protocol



- Defines the largest set of Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria to be studied
 ✓ All acute ischemic stroke patients with a large or medium/distal vessel occlusion who present within 24 hrs of LKW
- Broadly defines overall study terminology and research procedures
- Specifies a single underlying statistical model







STEP- Domains



- Studies of mutually exclusive interventions
 ✓EVT vs MM
 ✓Neuroprotectant 1 vs
 - Neuroprotectant 2 vs control
- Patients can be randomized within multiple domains (multifactorial)

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STEP- Domain Specific Appendices



- Defines a I/E criteria for domain-eligible patients
- Details the type/delivery of intervention(s)
- Detailed specifics
 - ✓ Randomization/ adaptations
 - ✓Analysis methods
 - ✓ Additional research procedures
 - ✓ co-enrollment

Berry Consultants Statistical Innovation



STEP-Domains



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STEP- Consent Procedures

Master short consent form:

- Administered to consecutive patients meeting the master protocol inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - ✓ All AIS patients within 24 hours of LKW with a visible intracranial vessel occlusion
- Signed by patient or LAR
- Consenting process will follow NIH StrokeNet policies









STEP- Consent Procedures

Domain specific consent appendices:

- Interactive form
- Domain specific consent appendices are generated according to specific inclusion/exclusion criteria for given domains
- Interactive form can be filled out at specific time points to generate DSA consent forms for all possible domains that a patient may be eligible for at a given time point.





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Enrollment Example-1











Enrollment Example-2











STEP Data Transfer Procedures

- STEP leverages two major acute stroke/endovascular registries to minimize the burden of data collection through superuser agreements
 - AHA GWTG
 - NVQI-QOD (SNIS, SVIN, AANS/CNS)
- Direct data entry is required for critical data elements for randomized patients









Primary Specific Objective – FASTEST Trial

• The <u>objective</u> of the r<u>F</u>VIIa for <u>A</u>cute Hemorrhagic <u>St</u>roke Administered at <u>Earliest Time</u> (FASTEST) Trial is to establish the first treatment for acute ICH within a time window and subgroup of patients that is most likely to benefit.



NIH Funded: 1U01NS110772-01

Design

- Randomized, double-blind controlled efficacy trial of rFVIIa plus best standard therapy vs. placebo plus best standard therapy (including INTERACT 2 goal of target systolic BP of 140 mm Hg).
- Includes subjects:
 - Age 18-80, inclusive
 - Baseline volume of spontaneous ICH ≥ 2 cc and < 60 cc (measured by ABC/2 or by an FDA-cleared automated ICH volume imaging software (e.g., VIZ.ai, RAPID).
 - No or smaller volume of IVH (IVH score \leq 7)
 - Treated within 120 minutes of stroke onset/last known well (goal: ½ treated within 90 minutes).

How to Minimize Time to Treatment

- Mobile stroke care units
- Exception from informed consent*/emergency research consent procedures
- Improved acute stroke treatment processes as for ischemic stroke, including automatic calculation of ICH volume, door to needle, etc.



* You can enroll participants acutely if consent cannot be obtained (following proper guidelines) but then you must get consent later from the participant or LAR

Inclusion Criteria

- Age
- <u>Spontaneous</u> ICH
- Able to treat with rFVIIa within 120 minutes of stroke onset or last known well
- Efforts to obtain informed consent per EFIC guidelines (U.S.) or adherence to country-specific emergency research informed consent regulations (Canada, Germany, Spain, U.K., Japan)

Major exclusion criteria

- Score of 3 to 7 on the Glasgow Coma Scale
- Secondary ICH related to known causes (e.g., trauma, aneurysm, arteriovenous malformation (AVM), oral anticoagulant use (warfarin or novel oral anticoagulants) within the past 7 days, coagulopathy, etc.)
- ICH volume < 2 cc or \ge 60 cc
- IVH score > 7
- Pre-existing disability (mRS > 2)
- Symptomatic thrombotic or vaso-occlusive disease in past 90 days (e.g., cerebral infarction, myocardial infarction, pulmonary embolus, deep vein thrombosis, or unstable angina)
- Clinical or EKG evidence of ST elevation consistent with acute myocardial ischemia
- Brainstem location of hemorrhage (patients with cerebellar hemorrhage may be enrolled)
- Refusal to participate in study by patient, legal representative, or family member
- Known or suspected thrombocytopenia (unless current platelet count documented above 50,000/μL)
- Unfractionated heparin use with abnormal PTT

Intervention

- Randomize participants in a 1:1 ratio to intravenous rFVIIa or placebo at a dose of 80 μg/kg (maximum 10,000 μg or 10 mg) and administered intravenously over 2 minutes – all investigators and participants will be blinded throughout the course of the trial
 - Enrollment and randomization in the trial will occur upon injection of the study medication
- Only a baseline non-contrast CT is required
- CT angiogram will be collected, if done, but is not required

Blood Pressure Control

- Background:
 - Reduction of SBP <= 140 mm Hg is predictive with improved outcomes (INTERACT2)
 - Further reductions are harmful (ATACH-2)
 - FASTEST will **target** SBP <= 140 mm Hg
- To achieve SBP reduction, calcium channel blockers (e.g., nicardipine) and peripheral alpha blockers (e.g., urapidil) are most common

Primary Safety Measure

- Life- threatening thromboembolic complications during the first four days after completion of study drug and mortality.
- A significant life-threatening complication will be defined as development of:
- acute myocardial infarction,
- acute cerebral infarction,
- acute pulmonary embolism.

Enrollment of Study Population

- Subjects to be enrolled maximum 860.
- Anticipated number of trial sites 100 including 15 mobile stroke units.
- Countries participating U.S., Canada, Germany, Spain, U.K., and Japan.
- The primary outcome measure is the distribution of the ordinal mRS at 180 days (specifically: 0-2, 3, and 4-6, per FDA).
- Other secondary outcomes including growth of ICH at 24 hours.

Site start-up and subject enrollment



As of 10-5-2023, 277 enrolled – 32% of planned maximum. 86 sites

Site start-up and subject enrollment





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Funding sources

- NINDS
- Janssen providing rivaroxaban and funding for placebo
- AstraZeneca providing ticagrelor

CAPTIVA Trial – Three arm trial

- 1683 subjects with symptomatic infarct due to 70-99% sICAS
- Participants: non-disabling symptomatic infarct <30 days with 70-99 stenosis of ICA, MCA, basilar, or intracranial VA by DSA, CTA, or MRA
- Randomize 1:1:1, double-blinded
- Ticagrelor (180mg load, then 90mg BID) + Aspirin (81mg QD)
- Rivaroxaban (2.5mg BID) + Aspirin (81mg QD)
- Clopidogrel (600mg load, then 75mg QD) + Aspirin (81mg QD)
- Sample for CYP2C19 genotype test, blinded
- Intensive Risk Factor Management (same as SAMMPRIS and CREST-2)
- Follow-up visits 1 month, 4 months, 8 months, 12 months

Rationale for a 3-Arm Study

- Timely
- Compelling data for clopidogrel + aspirin (POINT¹ and CHANCE²) ticagrelor + aspirin (THALES³ and PRINCE⁴) and low dose rivaroxaban + aspirin (COMPASS⁵ and COMMANDER HF⁶)
- Efficient: one control arm
- Comparison is to clopidogrel arm not against each other
- 1. Johnston et al, NEJM 2018
- 2. Wang et al, NEJM 2013
- 3. Johnston et al, BMJ 2019
- 4. Wang et al, BMJ 2019
- 5. Eikelboom et al, NEJM 2017
- 6. Zannad et al, NEJM 2018

Ticagrelor

- Direct P2Y12 receptor antagonist
- Maximal platelet reactivity inhibition 1 hour vs clopidogrel 6-12 hours¹
- Does not require CYP2C19 activation
- However, ticagrelor more effective than clopidogrel irrespective of CYP2C19 LOF carrier status (PLATO², ONSET/OFFSET,³ RESPOND³)

1. Gurbel et al, Circulation 2009

- 2. Wallentin et al, Lancet 2010
- 3. Tantry et al, Circ Cardiovasc Gen 2010

Ticagrelor + aspirin in large artery atherosclerosis

	Ticagrelor 90 mg bid								
	(N=5523)			Placebo (N=5493)					
Characteristic	n	Patients with events (%)	KM %	n	Patients with events (%)	KM %	Hazard ratio	95% CI	p- value
Patients with ipsilateral atherosclerotic stenosis ≥30%	1136	92 (8.1)	7.9	1215	132 (10.9)	10.9	0.73	(0.56, 0.96)	0.023
In extracranial artery ≥30%	834	63 (7.6)	7.6	873	78 (8.9)	8.9	0.84	(0.60, 1.17)	0.306
In intracranial artery ≥30%	<mark>516</mark>	53 (10.3)	<mark>9.9</mark>	558	85 (15.2)	15.2	0.66	(0.47, 0.93)	0.016

THALES Trial: Amarenco P, et al. Stroke 2020

Low dose rivaroxaban and aspirin

COMPASS Trial	Low dose rivaroxaban + ASA	ASA	P-value	
Cardiovascular death, stroke, MI	4.1%	5.4%	<0.001	
Stroke (ischemic and hemorrhagic)	0.9%	1.6%	<0.001	
Major hemorrhage	3.2%	1.9%	<0.0001	
ICH	0.4%	0.3%	0.54	
Subjects with previous stroke: ischemic stroke	1.1%	3.4%	0.01	

12-month dual antithrombotic Rx: Rationale

- SAMMPRIS: rates of recurrent ischemic stroke in territory of stenotic artery more than doubled from 3 (7.8%) to 12 (19.7%) months¹
- Half of US stroke neurologists surveyed already use clopidogrel + aspirin for longer than 3 months²

 SAMMPRIS medical arm subjects who qualified by symptomatic infarct (Lynn, personal communication)
Turan et al, Cerebrov Dis 2014

12-month dual antithrombotic Rx: Rationale

	No clopidogrel beyond 3 months N=158 medical subjects	Clopidogrel + ASA > 3 months N=50 medical subjects
Primary Endpoint >3 months	10.8%	6.0%
Major Hemorrhage > 3 months	2.5%	4.0%

In SAMMPRIS, 50 medical arm subjects took clopidogrel + ASA longer than 3 months for cardiac reasons

CAPTIVA timeline

- Planned for 5-year trial
- 6 months for start-up, 38 months for enrollment, 12 months to follow the last patient to close-out, and 4 months for data analysis
- Project 4.6 subjects per site per year (based on SAMMPRIS)
- 115 sites needed to recruit 1683
- First enrollments just starting 10 randomized by September 22.





NIH StrokeNet National Meeting September 16, 2022







Coming to you in 2023-24: Rhapsody 2

- Neuroprotective global trial in setting of patients undergoing reperfusion within 24 hours of onset.
- Favorable peer review and Council review in 2021
- cIRB approval of ICF on September 29, 2021
- FDA approved protocol pending a few outstanding items:
 - Pediatric study plan
- Company gearing up to manufacture drug and placebo
- OUS sites submitting regulatory documents and grant applications.

ACTIVATED PROTEIN C(APC): Pathways and the Structure of Signaling-Selective 3K3A-APC

APC, a serine protease and active form of **protein C** produced by the liver

- Anticoagulant activity
- Cell signaling activities

3K3A-APC, a signaling selective *APC mutant* with 3 Lys residues replaced by Ala residues resulting in < **10%** of the APC anticoagulant activity, and fully preserved cell signaling activities.





3K3A-APC: Multiple-action multiple-target approach

- Endothelium: Vasculoprotective, Stabilizes BBB integrity
- Neurons: Direct Neuronal Protective + promotes neurogenesis
- Microglia: Anti-inflammatory
- Anticoagulant activity: lowered by >90%





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540 µg/kg is the maximum tolerated dose, with an estimated DLT rate around **7%**

Lyden et al.... Zlokovic, Annals Neurology, 2019
Phase 3 study: RHAPSODY-2 design

Primary Aim

To evaluate the safety and efficacy of 3K3A-APC for acute ischemic stroke in the setting of reperfusion therapy.

Primary Outcome

• Ordinal shift analysis of the 3-month mRS (Rankin)

Key Secondary Outcome

• Proportion of patients alive and without intracerebral hemorrhage at 30 days after ischemic stroke.



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Major inclusion criteria

- Age 18 to 90 years, inclusive
- Acute ischemic stroke defined as focal, neurological deficit(s), secondary to a presumed vascular occlusive event
- Eligible to receive standard of care IV thrombolysis within 4.5 hours of last known well time OR standard of care mechanical thrombectomy within 6 hours of last known well time OR standard of care mechanical thrombectomy 6 to 24 hours after last known well time due to favorable salvageable tissue profile on multimodal CT or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) imaging. Other patients may be considered, subject to the following:
- Patients who awaken with stroke symptoms or have unclear time of onset >4.5 hours from last known well time may be treated if MRI identifies diffusion-positive, FLAIRnegative lesions, and the patient can begin IV thrombolytic administration within 4.5 hours of stroke symptom recognition.
- Note: Subjects must receive IV thrombolysis OR begin mechanical thrombectomy before they can receive 3K3A-APC.
- NIHSS score ≥5 at time of randomization





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