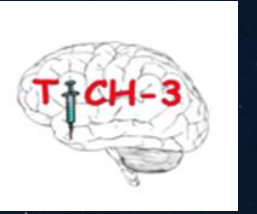




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TRANEXAMIC ACID FOR INTRACEREBRAL HAEMORRHAGE: TICH-3 TRIAL

WARD TRAINING

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Final v2.0 23/04/2024



Introduction



- TICH-3 is a double-blinded, randomised study recruiting patients with confirmed Intracerebral Haemorrhage (ICH)
- Participants must be randomised within 4.5 hours of stroke onset (or symptom discovery following wake-up)
- Participants will also receive usual Standard of Care e.g. blood pressure lowering treatment, DOAC reversal with PCC, referral to neurosurgery

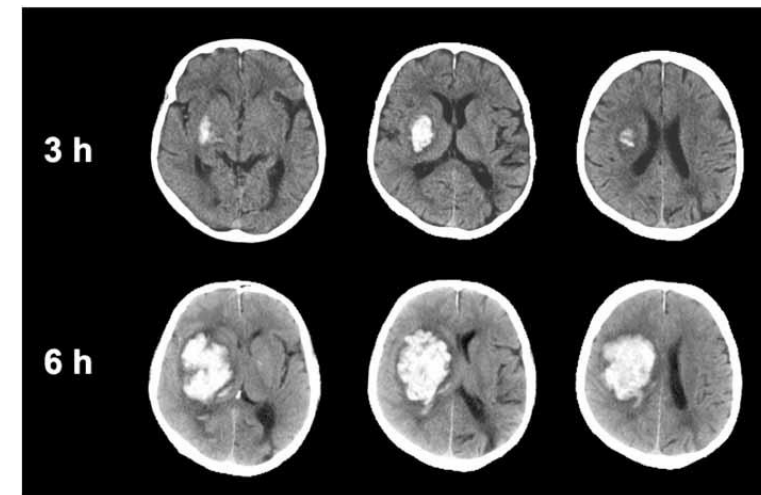


- 1.7 million strokes worldwide per year with a mortality of over 40%
- 10,000+ people suffered an Intracerebral Haemorrhage (ICH) last year in England
- There is no effective drug treatment to stop continued bleeding (haematoma growth) after ICH
- Tranexamic acid (TXA) reduces bleeding and death in other emergency bleeding conditions

TICH-3: does giving tranexamic acid early after ICH prevent haematoma expansion and reduce death and disability



Case courtesy of Dr Farzad Pirzad, Radiopaedia.org, rID: 9620



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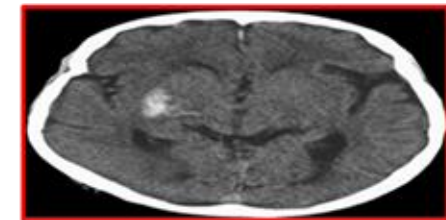


Streamlined recruitment process



CT/MRI scan shows bleeding and is within 4.5 hours of symptom discovery

1. **Confirm eligibility** can be completed by any clinician they do not need to be on the TICH-3 delegation log
2. **Take initial oral enrolment consent** the process of eligibility and consent just needs to be documented in the medical record. We also allow remote recruitment over phone/telemedicine. If no relatives, then ask an independent doctor and use brief consent form to document.
 - *Members of research team taking consent must be appropriately trained and authorised on the TICH-3 delegation log with code J applied (enrolment consent for CTIMPs)*
 - ***If research team are not available*** participant can be consented by a member of clinical team and documented via the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA_06_24 & MA_24_24)
3. **Lowest numbered TICH-3 treatment pack** is prescribed and administered by appropriately trained staff (they do not need to be on the delegation log or GCP trained)
4. **Complete QR code recruitment alert** this is within each treatment pack and can be completed by anyone (do not need to be on delegation log, no logins required to complete the form to alert the team a recruitment has taken place)
5. **When the research team is next on site** you will see the recruitment alert in your emails to know a participant was recruited and then you would find the participant to take the follow-on written consent, add participant to website and begin data entry



Verbal permission

Randomise - open lowest numbered treatment pack



2 ampoules + 100ml NaCl 10 mins 2 ampoules + 250ml NaCl 8 hours

Recruitment Alert



PRAGMATIC METHODS ALLOWS FOR STREAMLINED RECRUITMENT OUT OF HOURS



TICH-3 Eligibility Criteria



Inclusion criteria

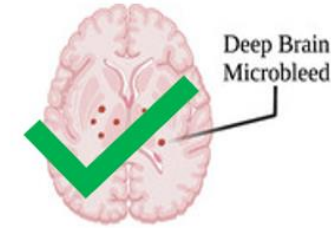
- Spontaneous ICH (confirmed on brain imaging) < 4.5 hours of onset

It is not necessary to exclude underlying vascular lesions – but if they are known please do not include.

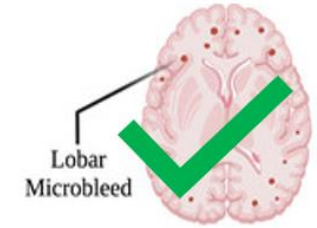
IMP treatment should be started within the 4.5 hours inclusion window.

Exclusion criteria

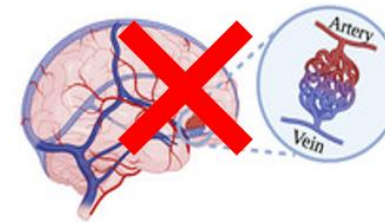
- Known indication for TXA treatment (e.g. traumatic brain injury) *or* contra-indication for TXA treatment (e.g. active seizures) *in view of treating physician*
- Patient known to be taking therapeutic anticoagulation with warfarin or low molecular weight heparin at time of enrolment. **(DOAC is permitted)**
- Massive ICH (usually when haematoma volume > 60ml HV – **only estimation is needed (+/- 10%)**)
- Severe coma, Glasgow Coma Scale <5, palliative (end of life) care



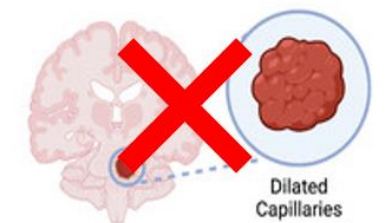
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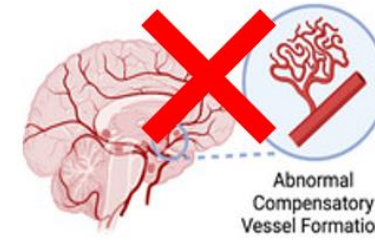
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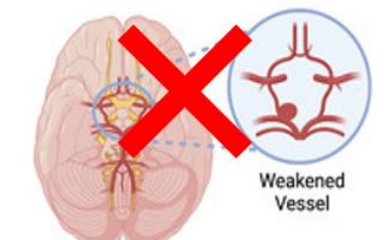
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Cavernous Angioma



Moyamoya Disease



Aneurysm



Emergency Consent Process



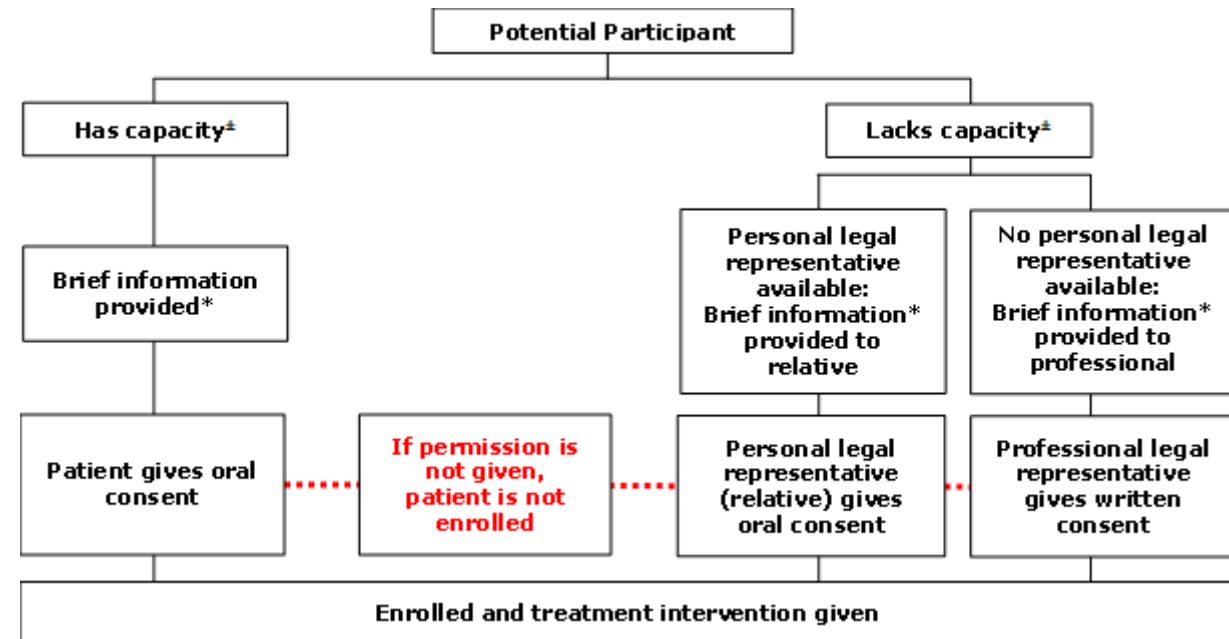
Rapid consent process, initial verbal consent

Full informed written consent to be obtained later after administration of IMP

Hierarchy approach in UK

1. Patient has capacity – gives oral consent
2. Patient does not have capacity – relative or close friend likely to know patient wishes provides oral consent
3. Patient does not have capacity and no relatives available – independent doctor provides written consent

- Oral consent can be given over the telephone and then follow-on written consent obtained when relative is on site
- A delegated doctor may assess the patient via telemedicine to obtain verbal consent.
- Medical record must document that the patient meets TICH-3 eligibility criteria and oral consent was given



± Assessment of capacity is the responsibility of the treating physician

Members of research team taking consent must be appropriately trained and authorised on the TICH-3 delegation log

If research team are not available participant can be consented by a member of clinical team and documented via the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA_06_24)



Professional legal representative enrolment consent by an independent doctor



If patient does not have capacity to consent and no relatives are contactable then an independent doctor can act as professional legal representative for the patient.



Enrolment consent by independent doctor

Short Information Sheet and Consent form should be used (pictured to the right). In this scenario the professional legal representative enrolment consent is handwritten.

Informing relatives

The clinician at site has full responsibility for informing relatives of participant when professional legal representative consent has taken place. In event of a patient dying after being enrolled by a professional legal representative but before relatives can be contacted the clinical team should inform the relatives of the patient's involvement in the study and provide information about the study.

[Form to be printed on local headed paper]


PROFESSIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE SHORT INFORMATION SHEET AND CONSENT

 (Draft Version 0.2 / Final Version 1.0: 03/11/2021)

Title of Study: TICH-3
IRAS Project ID: 297457 **CTA ref:** 03057/0074/001-0001
Name of Researcher:
Name of Participant:

I confirm that I have been given a copy of the Short Professional Legal Representative Information Sheet (Version 1.0 dated 3/11/2021) and I agree as professional Legal Representative on behalf of this stroke patient

- The patient will take part in the TICH-3 study and be given the study medication
- For their medical records to be accessed
- To be followed up at 6 months
- For their GP to be informed
- For their contact details to be collected and used for the purpose of the study
- For their anonymised research data to be used in further research analysis about ICH.

I understand that they are free to withdraw from the study at any point without giving a reason.

For participants who are enrolled following agreement by a professional legal representative as soon as relatives are available or when the patient regains capacity, a detailed information sheet will be provided, and written consent sought for continuation in the trial.

Professional nominee consent - to be completed if participant does not have capacity to consent

Name of Person giving nominee consent	Date	Signature
Relationship to patient (please tick):	Healthcare Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Person taking consent	Date	Signature
Telemedicine used (please tick if Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Name of Witness if consent taken	Date	Signature

3 copies: 1 for participant, 1 for the project notes and 1 for the medical notes

Professional (Legal Rep) Short Information Sheet and Consent - TICH-3 Draft v0.2 Final v1.0 3/11/2021

[Form to be printed on local headed paper]

You have been asked to act as a professional legal representative to consider if you think that the patient named above should take part in the TICH-3 study.

TICH-3 aims to assess whether the drug tranexamic acid reduces the risk of death and/or improves disability 6 months after stroke due to intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH).

Because intracerebral haemorrhage is an emergency and the potential benefits of the study treatment (tranexamic acid) are likely to be related to how soon after stroke the treatment is given, every minute counts. We need to decide about giving the treatment as quickly as possible. As the patient is not well enough to decide, and no relatives are immediately available you have been asked to decide on their behalf. You are able to make this decision in accordance with emergency consent procedures.

The patient has been identified because they have had a stroke caused by intracerebral haemorrhage - and they fit the requirements for this research project. At present they are not able to tell us whether to take part, so we are asking your opinion. If you do decide they would take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. We are inviting approximately 5500 participants with intracerebral haemorrhage to take part from around the UK and worldwide.

Tranexamic acid is approved for use in emergency patients with bleeding after trauma, labour or surgery. The side effects from tranexamic acid are generally mild and can include diarrhoea, low blood pressure and dizziness. Importantly, because the treatment works by stopping bleeding there is a chance it can cause a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or Pulmonary embolism (PE). However, in previous studies in stroke patients, and in people with emergency bleeding due to trauma, involving many thousands of patients, tranexamic acid at the dose used in this study (2g) was safe and did not increase blood clots.

In this study the treatment (either tranexamic acid or saline) is administered as intravenous infusion through a venous cannula with a loading dose infusion over 10 minutes followed by an infusion over 8 hours.

During the next 7 days members of the clinical and research team will monitor the potential participants condition and record relevant information from their medical notes.

For participants who are enrolled following agreement by a professional legal representative as soon as relatives are available or when the patient regains capacity, a detailed information sheet will be provided, and written consent sought for continuation in the trial.

The participants' decision to withdraw would overrule the decision of either a professional or relative acting as the legal representative.

Professional (Legal Rep) Short Information Sheet and Consent - TICH-3 Draft v0.2 Final v1.0 3/11/2021



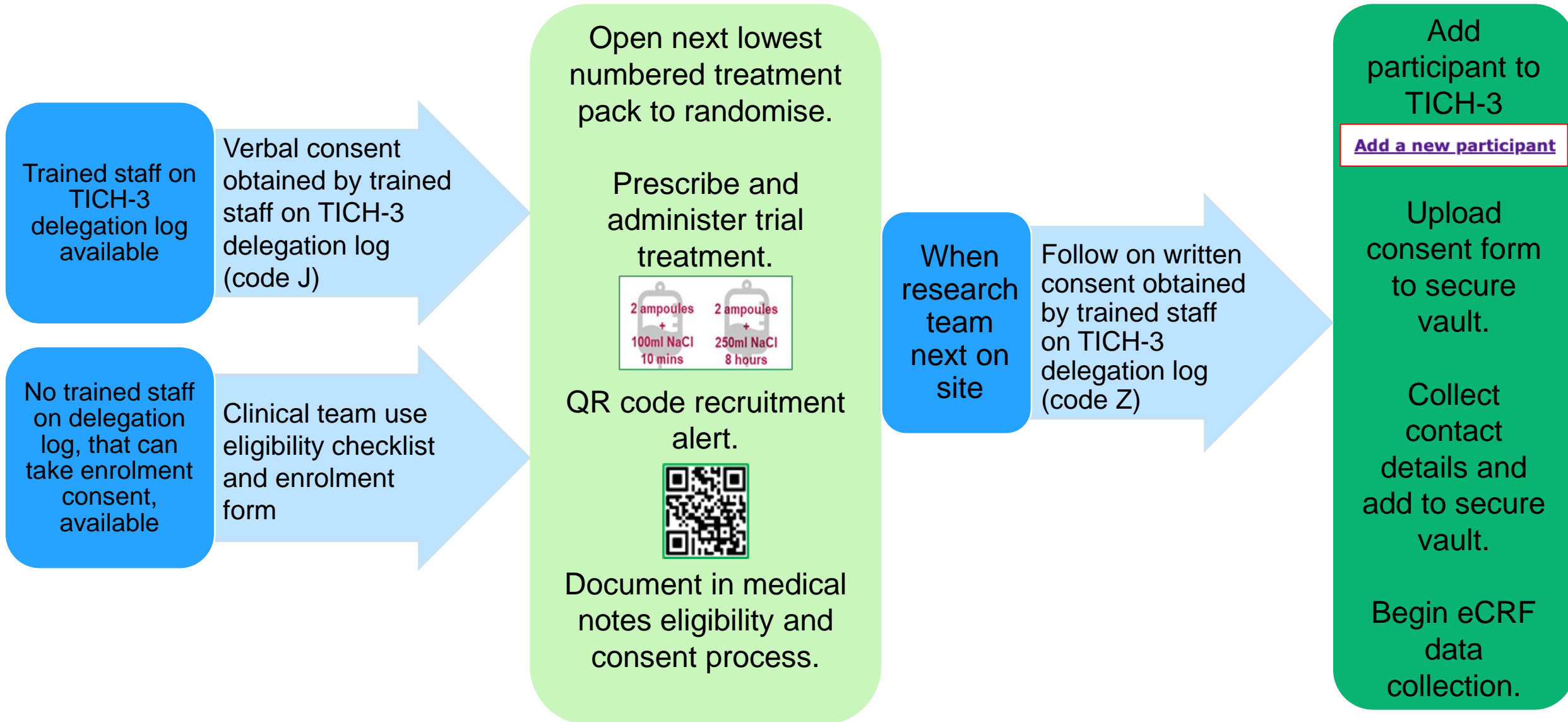
Enrolment consent when research team are not available



- We have received ethical approval to implement the eligibility checklist and enrolment form (SA_06_24 and MA_24_24)
- This form allow clinicians at the local site that are not on the TICH-3 delegation log and may not be GCP trained to be fully informed of the TICH-3 trial by reading the synopsis on the eligibility checklist and enrolment form and then using the checklist to assess their eligibility. If eligible the clinician will discuss with the potential participant and if consent is taken, they will be enrolled into the trial and will receive the trial treatment.
- All study materials, including protocol and related documents, will be available online and there will be a 24-hour telephone service, supported by medical consultant staff and trained coordinating centre research staff.
- Within each treatment pack is a prescribing and administration guide, the team member on site completes a recruitment alert (the team member does not need to be on the delegation log or have a log in for the TICH-3 website to complete) which emails all team members on the sites delegation log and the coordinating centre that a recruitment has taken place so that when the delegated research team are next on site they can follow up the participant as normal and obtain the follow on written consent.
- This approach is to ensure participants do not miss out on the opportunity to participate in the trial because they present when the research team are not present, particularly in smaller hospitals or outside working hours. This approach has the support of our stroke survivor group, and will be monitored closely, and any protocol violations reported to sponsor and the trial steering committee.
- We have worked very closely with our PPI group to develop and co-design this approach which we believe is proportional to risk benefit; tranexamic acid is a relatively low risk intervention, with an established safety profile, in the setting of a time critical medical emergency, ICH is a devastating condition with no effective drug treatment available.



Consent process flowchart





TICH-3 Treatment Packs



- Temperature monitoring is not required. The packs will be stored at room temperature and protected from excessive heat and freezing
- TICH-3 treatment packs contain 4 ampoules: Tranexamic Acid **OR** Sodium Chloride (placebo)
- The IMP is stored in a secure, limited access storage area, this could be in the A&E, stroke ward or thrombolysis bag
- Ensure all members of the local team are aware of where the IMP and related documents (consent forms/PIS) are stored
- Local site is responsible for the accountability and monitoring of the IMP
- Research coordinators will carry out checks monthly to ensure all treatment packs are sealed and accounted for
- TICH-3 drug should **NEVER** be given to patients that are not enrolled in to the TICH-3 trial
- To randomise **open the next lowest numbered treatment pack**





Prescribing and Administering the IMP



Prescribing the IMP

Investigational medicinal product (IMP) is prescribed on the participant's inpatient treatment chart by appropriately trained medical practitioners or health care professionals who are non-medical or independent prescribers. It is acceptable to use a handwritten or electronic prescribing system for IMP prescribing.

Do not need to be on delegation log or GCP trained to prescribe.

Prescribe (write in participants drug chart):

TICH-3 - TRIAL Pack Number XXXXX

TRANEXAMIC ACID OR PLACEBO

2 ampoules (10ml) added to 100ml Sodium Chloride Injection 0.9% administered as an IV infusion over 10 minutes.

AND

TICH-3 TRIAL Pack Number XXXXX

TRANEXAMIC ACID OR PLACEBO

2 ampoules (10ml) added to 250ml Sodium Chloride Injection 0.9% as an IV infusion over 8 hours.

Administering the IMP

Administer in accordance with the prescription. The treatment can be administered by anyone qualified and appropriately trained to give intravenous injections. **Do not need to be on delegation log or GCP trained to administer.**



[Tranexamic acid for hyperacute spontaneous IntraCerebral Haemorrhage (TICH-3)

EudraCT Number: 2021-001050-82

Prescribing and Administration Guide

This guide explains how to prescribe and administer the investigational medicinal product (IMP) for participants enrolled in the TICH-3 clinical trial.

Dispensing

Add participant name and date of randomisation to the label on the outer packaging. Do not discard the outer packaging until you have alerted the coordinating centre that a randomisation has taken place using the QR code or via <http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert> (see Randomisation alert below).

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Administration

Administer in accordance with the prescription. The treatment can be administered by anyone qualified and appropriately trained to give intravenous injections.

Randomisation alert:

Please notify the coordinating centre in Nottingham as soon as possible after the treatment has been administered:

1. Scan the QR code or enter <http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert> in your web browser which will take you to the TICH-3 website. You do not need to have a TICH-3 investigator account.
2. Enter the treatment pack ID number.
3. Enter randomisation details as prompted by the system.

If you cannot access the website, please call the trial office on 0115 8231782 with treatment pack ID, participant's initials, date of randomisation and name of person enrolling the participant (voicemail 24/7).

4. Enter participant details on the IMP accountability log against the allocated pack.

Disposal of IMP packaging can take place only after the following tasks have been completed:

- a. Participant randomisation alert completed on the TICH-3 website.
- b. Participant details added to the IMP accountability log at site.
- c. Prescription written on the participant's drug chart (using the guidance above).

In the event of non-use:

Return any unused ampoules to clinical trials pharmacy AND record reason for non-use on the IMP accountability log.



<http://tich-3.ac.uk/alert>



Randomisation Alert



1. Enter the treatment pack ID (pack number), participant initials and their own initials to alert the coordinating centre to a new randomisation.

SCAN
QR CODE



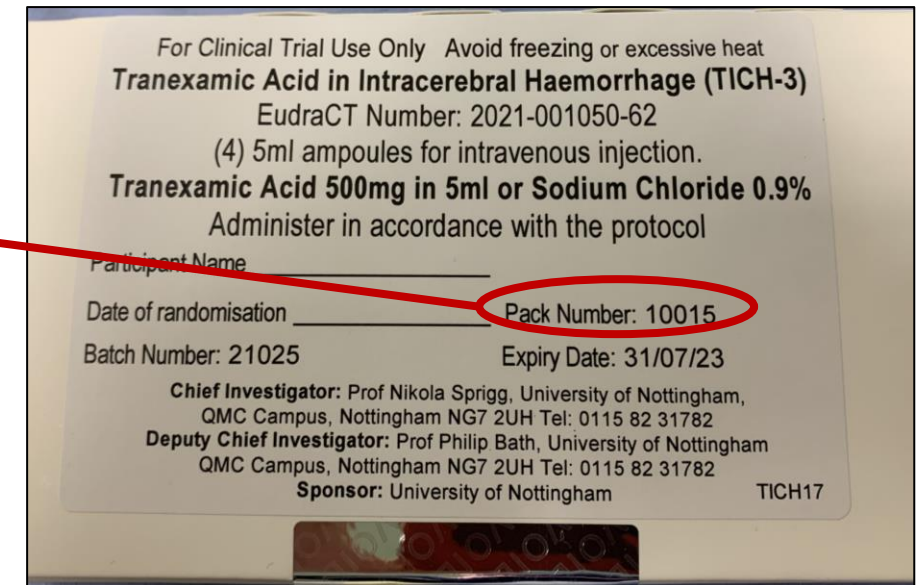
Let us know about a new TICH-3 participant

Treatment pack ID:

Participant's initials:
(2 or 3 letters)

Your initials:
(2 or 3 letters)

For initials, please use first letters from forename then surname and enter a dash (-) if no middle initial



2. Investigator will then confirm that the participant was randomised at the hospital shown in the alert box.

Please confirm that the TICH-3 participant was randomised at the hospital shown below.

Centre ID: **C001**

City/name: **NOTTINGHAM, Nottingham DEMO Hospital**

Country: **United Kingdom**



Broken vials:



Broken prior to randomisation e.g. upon receipt in pharmacy

- ✓ Inform the Nottingham coordinating centre and dispose of the pack(s) in accordance with WPD (Destruction of IMP).

Broken after randomisation, before treatment:

- ✓ Disregard this pack and use the lowest treatment pack ID that is available at your centre

Broken during treatment i.e. Bolus given but infusion vial breaks:

- ✓ Administer as much drug as possible
- ✓ Record on day 7 form that participant does not receive all of the randomised treatment as per protocol and explain why
- ✗ Do not open another treatment pack

Always record broken vials on the inventory or accountability log as appropriate





Standard of care for ICH – ABC ICH bundle of care

- All participants should receive standard care for ICH as per the local clinical pathway and guidelines. This is likely to include referral to a stroke unit and components of ABC-ICH
- ✓ **Anticoagulation reversal**
- ✓ **Blood pressure lowering as per clinical guidelines¹ target**
For patients with BP 150-220mmHg aim for BP 130-140mmg
- ✗ Do not use the same cannula for study drug infusion and blood pressure lowering infusions—need separate IV access line

aiming for a target of BP < 140mmHg as per clinical guidelines, supported by the recent INTERACT -3 Results [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)00806-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)00806-1)

The third Intensive Care Bundle with Blood Pressure Reduction in Acute Cerebral Haemorrhage Trial (INTERACT3): an international, stepped wedge cluster randomised controlled trial



- ✓ **Consideration of referral to neurosurgery or critical care if appropriate**
- ✓ **Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism with intermittent compression stockings**

Please note tranexamic acid is not standard of care for spontaneous ICH





What to do in Case of Emergency



Safety events during the infusion

If seizure, thrombosis or arterial occlusion occurs during infusion, the infusion must be stopped immediately. This will be recorded as part of the trial documentation and safety monitoring.

- Try to contact the clinician that enrolled the patient if available
- If TICH-3 trained investigators are not available, the emergency numbers should be used for further guidance. Please make sure these numbers are noted down with the TICH-3 treatment packs for if required in an emergency.

For urgent medical enquiries (including **unblinding**), and for randomisation problems, you can contact the following emergency mobile numbers. Please ensure that you have these written down.

+44 (0)7725 580 092 +44 (0)7736 843 592
+44 (0)7798 670 726 +44 (0)7810 540 604

- For non-emergency queries the TICH-3 office can also be contacted on 0115 823 1782 between 8am and 5pm Monday – Friday



Co-enrolment with TICH-3



We are open to co-enrolment however we need to have a co-enrolment agreement in place with other interventional studies before co-enrolment is permitted.

There is a co-enrolment log on the TICH-3 documents page, please check this to review if co-enrolment with the respective trial is permitted

<https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>

If the trial is not listed on listed please contact us so we can start the process to get a co-enrolment agreement in place.

CO-ENROLMENT MUST NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS THERE IS AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE



Further Information and Getting Involved



- The NIHR provides free Good Clinical Practice training and further information
- You can self-register using your NHS email via the this link:
<https://portal.nihr.ac.uk/register?app=LMS>
- The TICH-3 documents page provides further guidance documents
<https://stroke.nottingham.ac.uk/sif/docs/?sid=TICH-3>
- Contact your local Stroke Research Team if you are interested in becoming a TICH-3 investigator



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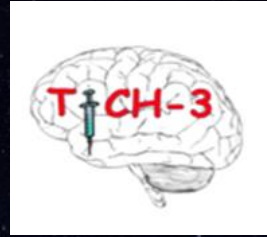


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THANK YOU!

Any questions?
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Audit list of updates to training presentations



Previous version 1.1 08/03/2024

Added information new co-enrolment agreement process

Previous version 2.2 23/04/2024

- Slide Out of hours recruitment clarified members of research team must be delegated code J on delegation log, if research team not available a member of clinical team can take consent and document using the eligibility checklist and enrolment form. Combined streamlined process slide/out of hours slide/remote recruitment process slide.
- Edited Emergency Consent Process slide that person taking consent code J if research team or if not available medic can use eligibility checklist and enrolment form
- Added eligibility checklist and enrolment form slide and FAQ slide
- Added out of hours recruitment slide

This version 2.1 17/12/2024

- Updated SAE review for local PI that now is electronic
- Updated co-enrolment slide, removing specific trial details and to refer to the log so that the training slides don't have to be updated every time a co-enrolment agreement is fully executed
- Updated contact details