

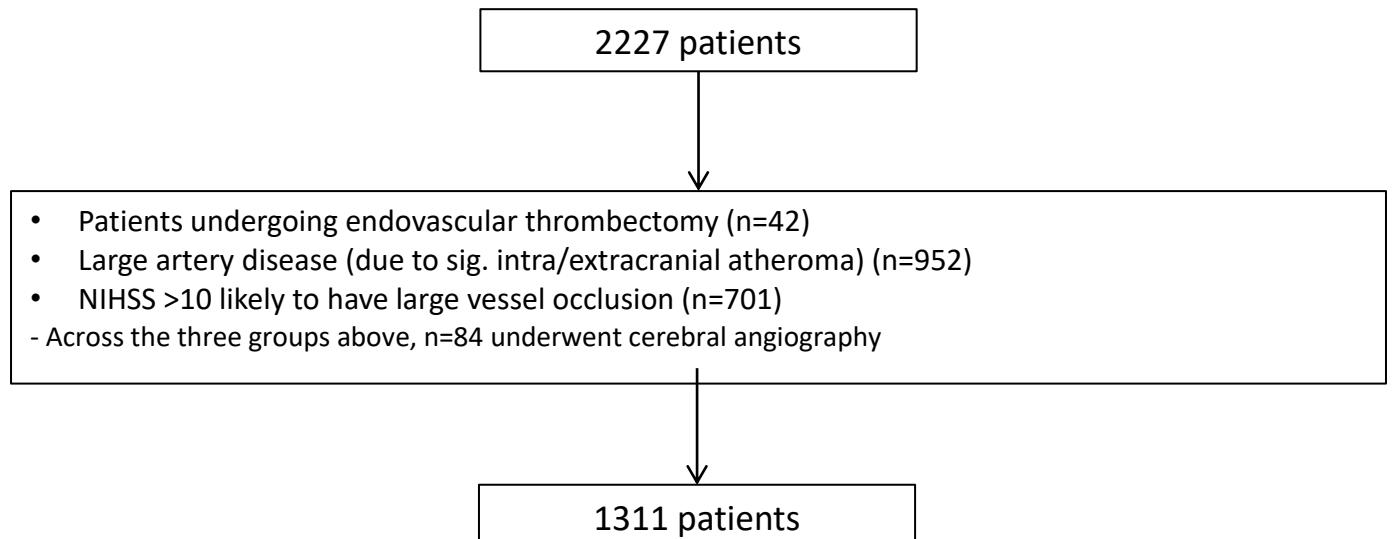
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**Online Figure I.** Patient flowchart



**Online Table I Clinical management over 7 days**

|   | BP lowering group  |                    | P value |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
|   | Guideline (n/N, %) | Intensive (n/N, %) |         |
| Cerebral angiogram  | 40/669 (6.0)       | 44/641 (6.9)       | 0.513   |
| Occluded cerebral vessel identified                                       | 26/40 (65.0)       | 30/43 (69.8)       | 0.643   |
| Endovascular clot retrieval used  | 17/40 (42.5)       | 25/44 (56.8)       | 0.190   |
| IV medication used Day 1  | 265/667 (39.7)     | 411/635 (64.7)     | <0.001  |
| IV medication used Days 2 to 7  | 191/657 (29.1)     | 266/627 (42.4)     | <0.001  |
| Intubation and ventilation  | 35/657 (5.3)       | 49/627 (7.8)       | 0.072   |
| Nasogastric feeding given   | 159/657 (24.2)     | 157/627 (25.0)     | 0.727   |
| Patient mobilized by therapist  | 248/657 (37.7)     | 245/627 (39.1)     | 0.625   |
| Compression stockings used  | 40/657 (6.1)       | 49/627 (7.8)       | 0.223   |
| Subcutaneous heparin used   | 139/669 (20.8)     | 153/642 (23.8)     | 0.184   |
| Any antithrombotic agent (antiplatelet or heparin) used in first 24 hours | 93/668 (13.9)      | 91/640 (14.2)      | 0.877   |
| Intravenous traditional Chinese medicine administered                     | 316/657 (48.1)     | 286/627 (45.6)     | 0.373   |
| Intravenous steroids administered   | 15/657 (2.3)       | 21/627 (3.3)       | 0.247   |
| Hemicraniectomy performed   | 12/657 (1.8)       | 7/627 (1.1)        | 0.292   |
| Any neurosurgery performed  | 21/669 (3.1)       | 12/642 (1.9)       | 0.142   |
| Any stroke unit admission   | 253/657 (38.5)     | 255/627 (40.7)     | 0.429   |
| Any intensive care unit admission   | 163/657 (24.8)     | 168/627 (26.8)     | 0.416   |
| Any rehabilitation given  | 334/657 (50.8)     | 285/627 (45.5)     | 0.054   |
| Decision to withdrawal active care  | 17/657 (2.6)       | 27/627 (4.3)       | 0.091   |

Values are n/ N (%)

BP denotes blood pressure, IV intravenous

**Online Table II. Sensitivity analyzes on efficacy and safety outcomes at 90 days in the final diagnosis of large artery atheromatous disease and high baseline NIHSS (>10) groups**

| Outcome   | Final diagnosis of large artery<br>atheromatous disease |         | High baseline NIHSS (>10) |         |
|---|---|---------|---------------------------|---------|
|   | Odds ratio (95% CI)                                     | P value | Odds ratio (95% CI)       | P value |
| Death or disability at 90 days (mRS scores 2-6)       | 1.02 (0.79-1.31)  | 0.885   | 1.01 (0.73-1.4)           | 0.958   |
| Death or major disability at 90 days (mRS scores 3-6) | 1.04 (0.80-1.36)  | 0.760   | 1.09 (0.8-1.47)           | 0.588   |
| Death within 90 days                                  | 1.09 (0.69-1.73)  | 0.713   | 1.57 (1.08-2.28)          | 0.018   |
| Death or neurological deterioration in 24 hours       | 1.12 (0.76-1.65)  | 0.578   | 1.22 (0.77-1.93)          | 0.395   |
| Death or neurological deterioration in 7 days         | 1.12 (0.79-1.57)  | 0.526   | 1.57 (1.07-2.31)          | 0.021   |
| Symptomatic intracerebral hemorrhage                  |   |         |                           |         |
| SITS-MOST criteria                                    | 0.81 (0.28-2.35)  | 0.698   | 0.68 (0.27-1.69)          | 0.406   |
| NINDS criteria  | 0.78 (0.48-1.27)  | 0.325   | 1.09 (0.70-1.69)          | 0.700   |
| ECASS2 criteria                                       | 0.95 (0.53-1.71)  | 0.866   | 1.04 (0.62-1.73)          | 0.895   |
| ECASS3 criteria                                       | 0.86 (0.34-2.21)  | 0.760   | 0.83 (0.39-1.76)          | 0.630   |
| IST-3 criteria  | 0.66 (0.27-1.61)  | 0.361   | 0.91 (0.46-1.82)          | 0.797   |
| Fatal ( $\leq 7$ days)                                | 0.00 (0.00-2.69)  | 0.947   | 0.45 (0.14-1.48)          | 0.190   |
| Any adjudicated intracerebral hemorrhage              | 0.77 (0.54-1.09)  | 0.136   | 0.91 (0.65-1.26)          | 0.563   |
| Any intracranial hemorrhage                           | 0.76 (0.55-1.05)  | 0.010   | 0.82 (0.60-1.13)          | 0.234   |

BP denotes blood pressure, CI confidence interval, ECASS European Co-operative Acute Stroke Study, IST International Stroke Trial, mRS modified Rankin Scale, NINDS National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, OR odds ratio, SITS-MOST Safe Implementation of Thrombolysis in Stroke Monitoring Study. Note subgroups for confirmed CT or MRI angiogram and non-trial treatment for EVT were too small for sensitivity analyses.