

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

**Supplementary Table 1 Baseline characteristics of enrolled and excluded patients**

|                                    | Excluded patients<br>(n=1956) | Enrolled patients<br>(n=12026) | P      |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Age, year                          | 61.84±11.79                   | 62.42±11.19                    | 0.07   |
| Male, n (%)                        | 1349 (68.97)                  | 8244 (68.55)                   | 0.71   |
| NIHSS at admission                 | 3 (2-6)                       | 3 (2-6)                        | 0.55   |
| Time from event to enrollment, day | 2 (1-4)                       | 2 (1-4)                        | 0.95   |
| Medical history, n (%)             |                               |                                |        |
| Hypertension                       | 1209 (61.81)                  | 7597 (63.17)                   | 0.25   |
| Diabetes mellitus                  | 493 (25.20)                   | 2791 (23.21)                   | 0.05   |
| Stroke                             | 470 (24.03)                   | 2653 (22.06)                   | 0.05   |
| TIA                                | 46 (2.35)                     | 239 (1.99)                     | 0.29   |
| Coronary artery disease            | 269 (13.75)                   | 1197 (9.95)                    | <0.001 |
| Atrial fibrillation                | 155 (7.92)                    | 806 (6.70)                     | 0.05   |
| Hypercholesterolemia               | 148 (7.57)                    | 907 (7.54)                     | 0.97   |
| Current smoker, n (%)              | 599 (30.62)                   | 3830 (31.85)                   | 0.28   |
| Heavy drinker, n (%)               | 277 (14.16)                   | 1704 (14.17)                   | 0.99   |
| Treated with rt-PA                 | 151 (7.72)                    | 1130 (9.40)                    | 0.02   |
| Medication use at discharge, n (%) |                               |                                |        |
| Antiplatelet                       | 1728 (88.34)                  | 10943 (90.99)                  | <0.001 |
| Anticoagulants                     | 84 (4.29)                     | 336 (2.79)                     | <0.001 |
| Antihypertensive agent             | 954 (48.77)                   | 5951 (49.48)                   | 0.55   |
| Lipid-lowering agent               | 1756 (89.78)                  | 11039 (91.79)                  | 0.003  |
| TOAST classification, n (%)        |                               |                                | <0.001 |
| Large-artery atherosclerosis       | 409 (20.91)                   | 3195 (26.57)                   |        |
| Cardioembolism                     | 143 (7.31)                    | 720 (5.99)                     |        |
| Small-artery occlusion             | 193 (9.87)                    | 2896 (24.08)                   |        |
| Other determined etiology          | 7 (0.36)                      | 167 (1.39)                     |        |
| Undetermined etiology              | 1204 (61.55)                  | 5048 (41.98)                   |        |

Variables are presented as median (interquartile range) or number (%).

**Supplementary Table 2 Baseline characteristics of enrolled patients with baseline DWI brain imaging (DWI+) and those without (DWI-) stratified with stroke severity**

|                                    | NIHSS≤5<br>(n=8562) |             |        | NIHSS>5<br>(n=3464) |             |        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|--------|
|                                    | DWI-                | DWI+        | P      | DWI-                | DWI+        | P      |
|                                    | (n=809)             | (n=7753)    |        | (n=123)             | (n=3341)    |        |
| Age, year                          | 63 (56-71)          | 62 (54-69)  | 0.002  | 66 (58-74)          | 64 (56-72)  | 0.07   |
| Male, n (%)                        | 490 (60.6)          | 5489 (70.8) | <0.001 | 63 (51.2)           | 2202 (65.9) | <0.001 |
| NIHSS at admission                 | 2 (1-3)             | 2 (1-4)     | <0.001 | 7 (6-9)             | 8 (7-11)    | <0.001 |
| Time from event to enrollment, day | 1 (0-3)             | 2 (1-4)     | <0.001 | 1 (0-3)             | 2 (1-3)     | 0.005  |
| Time from event to MRI, day        | 2 (1-5)             | 2 (1-4)     | 0.51   | 2 (1-4)             | 2 (1-4)     | 0.47   |
| Medical history, n (%)             |                     |             |        |                     |             |        |
| Hypertension                       | 509 (62.9)          | 4915 (63.4) | 0.79   | 82 (66.7)           | 2091 (62.6) | 0.36   |
| Diabetes mellitus                  | 184 (22.7)          | 1803 (23.3) | 0.74   | 24 (19.5)           | 780 (23.4)  | 0.32   |
| Stroke                             | 216 (26.7)          | 1600 (20.6) | <0.001 | 41 (33.3)           | 796 (23.8)  | 0.02   |
| TIA                                | 26 (3.2)            | 148 (1.9)   | 0.01   | 5 (4.1)             | 60 (1.8)    | 0.07   |
| Coronary artery disease            | 101 (12.5)          | 707 (9.1)   | 0.002  | 15 (12.2)           | 374 (11.2)  | 0.72   |
| Atrial fibrillation                | 28 (3.5)            | 412 (5.3)   | 0.02   | 7 (5.7)             | 359 (10.8)  | 0.07   |
| Dyslipidemia                       | 76 (9.4)            | 600 (7.7)   | 0.10   | 12 (9.8)            | 219 (6.6)   | 0.16   |
| Current smoker, n (%)              | 208 (25.7)          | 2609 (33.7) | <0.001 | 29 (23.6)           | 984 (29.5)  | 0.16   |
| Heavy drinker, n (%)               | 90 (11.1)           | 1156 (14.9) | 0.004  | 13 (10.6)           | 445 (13.3)  | 0.38   |
| Treated with rt-PA                 | 122 (15.1)          | 460 (5.9)   | <0.001 | 30 (24.4)           | 518 (15.5)  | 0.008  |
| Medication use at discharge, n (%) |                     |             |        |                     |             |        |
| Antiplatelet                       | 747 (92.3)          | 7182 (92.6) | 0.76   | 113 (91.9)          | 2901 (86.8) | 0.10   |

|                              |            |             |        |            |             |        |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|--------|
| Anticoagulants               | 9 (1.1)    | 186 (2.4)   | 0.02   | 4 (3.3)    | 137 (4.1)   | 0.64   |
| Antihypertensive agent       | 336 (41.3) | 4002 (51.6) | <0.001 | 59 (48.0)  | 1554 (46.5) | 0.75   |
| Lipid-lowering agent         | 731 (90.4) | 7207 (93.0) | 0.007  | 115 (93.5) | 2986 (89.4) | 0.14   |
| TOAST classification, n (%)  |            |             | <0.001 |            |             | <0.001 |
| Large-artery atherosclerosis | 174 (20.5) | 1853 (23.9) |        | 20 (16.3)  | 1148 (34.4) |        |
| Cardio-embolism              | 38 (4.7)   | 413 (5.3)   |        | 12 (9.8)   | 257 (7.7)   |        |
| Small-artery occlusion       | 0          | 2375 (30.6) |        | 0          | 521 (15.6)  |        |
| Other determined etiology    | 13 (1.6)   | 104 (1.34)  |        | 2 (1.6)    | 48 (1.4)    |        |
| Undetermined etiology        | 584 (72.2) | 3008 (38.8) |        | 89 (72.4)  | 1367 (40.9) |        |

**Supplementary Table 3 Three-month prognosis of patients with baseline DWI brain imaging (DWI+) and those without (DWI-) stratified with stroke severity**

| Outcome                      | DWI-       | DWI+         | Model 1          |        | Model 2          |        |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
|                              | Events (%) | Events (%)   | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P      | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P      |
| <b>Total (n=12026)</b>       | (n=932)    | (n=11094)    |                  |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence            | 32 (3.43)  | 707 (6.37)   | 0.51 (0.36-0.73) | 0.002  | 0.50 (0.35-0.71) | 0.001  |
| New ischemic stroke          | 30 (3.22)  | 665 (5.99)   | 0.51 (0.35-0.74) | 0.003  | 0.48 (0.33-0.69) | 0.001  |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke  | 2 (0.21)   | 54 (0.49)    | 0.45 (0.11-1.84) | 0.27   | 0.64 (0.15-2.70) | 0.54   |
| Combined vascular event      | 32 (3.43)  | 730 (6.58)   | 0.50 (0.35-0.71) | 0.001  | 0.54 (0.37-0.77) | <0.001 |
| Death from any cause         | 6 (0.64)   | 154 (1.39)   | 0.41 (0.18-0.94) | 0.03   | 0.56 (0.25-1.30) | 0.18   |
| Poor functional outcome*     | 58 (6.30)  | 1666 (15.20) | 0.35 (0.26-0.45) | <0.001 | 0.52 (0.39-0.70) | <0.001 |
| <b>NIHSS≤5 (n=8562)</b>      | (n=809)    | (n=7753)     |                  |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence            | 26 (3.21)  | 457 (5.89)   | 0.52 (0.35-0.77) | 0.001  | 0.46 (0.30-0.68) | 0.001  |
| New ischemic stroke          | 24 (2.97)  | 436 (5.62)   | 0.50 (0.33-0.76) | 0.001  | 0.43 (0.28-0.66) | <0.001 |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke  | 2 (0.25)   | 28 (0.36)    | 0.70 (0.17-2.96) | 0.63   | 0.84 (0.19-3.74) | 0.82   |
| Combined vascular event      | 26 (3.21)  | 467 (6.02)   | 0.51 (0.34-0.76) | <0.001 | 0.51 (0.34-0.76) | 0.001  |
| Death from any cause         | 4 (0.49)   | 56 (0.72)    | 0.62 (0.23-1.72) | 0.36   | 0.50 (0.18-1.40) | 0.18   |
| Poor functional outcome*     | 39 (4.88)  | 559 (7.28)   | 0.59 (0.42-0.83) | 0.002  | 0.60 (0.42-0.85) | 0.004  |
| <b>NIHSS &gt; 5 (n=3464)</b> | (n=123)    | (n=3341)     |                  |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence            | 6 (4.88)   | 250 (7.48)   | 0.61 (0.27-1.38) | 0.23   | 0.71 (0.31-1.63) | 0.42   |
| New ischemic stroke          | 6 (4.88)   | 229 (6.85)   | 0.67 (0.30-1.50) | 0.32   | 0.76 (0.33-1.73) | 0.51   |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke  | 0          | 26 (0.78)    | -                | -      | -                | -      |
| Combined vascular event      | 6 (4.88)   | 263 (7.87)   | 0.58 (0.26-1.30) | 0.19   | 0.65 (0.29-1.48) | 0.31   |
| Death from any cause         | 2 (1.63)   | 98 (2.93)    | 0.45 (0.11-1.84) | 0.27   | 0.73 (0.18-3.03) | 0.66   |

|                          |            |              |                  |        |                  |       |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| Poor functional outcome* | 19 (15.83) | 1107 (33.72) | 0.34 (0.21-0.56) | <0.001 | 0.42 (0.25-0.70) | 0.001 |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|

Model 1: Adjusted for: age, sex;

Model 2: Adjusted for: age, sex, NIHSS at admission, event-to-enrollment time, medical history of stroke, TIA, coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation, dyslipidemia, current smoker, heavy drinker, treated with rt-PA, anticoagulants, antihypertensive agent and TOAST classification.

\*Modified Rankin Scale score was missing for 145 patients at 3 months. Logistic regression analysis was conducted in the remaining population.

**Supplementary Table 4. One-year prognosis of patients in the subgroup with or without baseline DWI brain imaging stratified with stroke severity (after exclusion of patients with MRI scans more than 7 days and within 2 hours after stroke onset)**

| Outcome                     | DWI-       | DWI+         | Model 1          |        | Model 2          |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
|                             | Events (%) | Events (%)   | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P      | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P      |
| <b>Total (n=11159)</b>      |            | (n=838)      | (n=10321)        |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence           | 53 (6.32)  | 1018 (9.86)  | 0.61 (0.46-0.80) | <0.001 | 0.59 (0.45-0.79) | <0.001 |
| New ischemic stroke         | 47 (5.61)  | 946 (9.17)   | 0.58 (0.43-0.78) | <0.001 | 0.55 (0.41-0.74) | <0.001 |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 6 (0.72)   | 87 (0.84)    | 0.87 (0.38-1.99) | 0.74   | 1.15 (0.49-2.72) | 0.75   |
| Combined vascular event     | 59 (7.04)  | 1074 (10.41) | 0.64 (0.49-0.83) | <0.001 | 0.69 (0.53-0.90) | 0.01   |
| Death from any cause        | 14 (1.67)  | 349 (3.38)   | 0.45 (0.26-0.76) | 0.003  | 0.59 (0.34-1.02) | 0.05   |
| Poor functional outcome*    | 58 (7.13)  | 1445 (14.34) | 0.41 (0.31-0.54) | <0.001 | 0.58 (0.43-0.77) | <0.001 |
| <b>NIHSS≤5 (n=7939)</b>     |            | (n=729)      | (n=7210)         |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence           | 44 (6.04)  | 666 (9.24)   | 0.62 (0.46-0.85) | 0.002  | 0.58 (0.43-0.80) | <0.001 |
| New ischemic stroke         | 39 (5.35)  | 625 (8.67)   | 0.59 (0.43-0.81) | 0.001  | 0.54 (0.39-0.75) | <0.001 |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 5 (0.69)   | 49 (0.68)    | 1.03 (0.41-2.60) | 0.94   | 1.32 (0.50-3.48) | 0.58   |
| Combined vascular event     | 50 (6.86)  | 700 (9.71)   | 0.68 (0.51-0.90) | 0.01   | 0.71 (0.53-0.96) | 0.02   |
| Death from any cause        | 7 (0.96)   | 156 (2.16)   | 0.40 (0.19-0.86) | 0.02   | 0.40 (0.19-0.87) | 0.02   |
| Poor functional outcome*    | 42 (5.90)  | 557 (7.89)   | 0.66 (0.47-0.92) | 0.01   | 0.65 (0.47-0.92) | 0.02   |
| <b>NIHSS&gt;5 (n=3220)</b>  |            | (n=109)      | (n=3111)         |        |                  |        |
| Stroke recurrence           | 9 (8.26)   | 352 (11.31)  | 0.67 (0.35-1.30) | 0.23   | 0.72 (0.37-1.42) | 0.35   |
| New ischemic stroke         | 8 (7.34)   | 321 (10.32)  | 0.65 (0.32-1.31) | 0.22   | 0.70 (0.34-1.42) | 0.32   |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 1 (0.92)   | 38 (1.22)    | 0.81 (0.11-5.91) | 0.83   | 0.86 (0.11-6.50) | 0.88   |
| Combined vascular event     | 9 (8.26)   | 374 (12.02)  | 0.63 (0.32-1.22) | 0.17   | 0.67 (0.34-1.30) | 0.23   |
| Death from any cause        | 7 (6.42)   | 193 (6.20)   | 0.90 (0.42-1.91) | 0.78   | 1.23 (0.57-2.68) | 0.60   |

|                          |            |             |                  |        |                  |      |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------|
| Poor functional outcome* | 16 (15.84) | 888 (29.37) | 0.38 (0.22-0.67) | <0.001 | 0.44 (0.25-0.79) | 0.01 |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------|

Model 1: Adjusted for: age, sex;

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\*Modified Rankin Scale score was missing for 266 patients at 1 year. Logistic regression analysis was conducted in the remaining population.

**Supplementary Table 5. One-year prognosis of patients with baseline DWI brain imaging (DWI+) and those without (DWI-) stratified with detailed stroke severity (NIHSS 0-2 minor vs. 3-5 mild vs. 6-13 moderate vs. 14 for severe stroke)**

| Outcomes                    | DWI-       | DWI+        | Model 1          |      | Model 2          |       |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------|------------------|-------|
|                             | Events (%) | Events (%)  | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P    | HR/OR (95%CI)    | P     |
| <b>0≤NIHSS≤2 (n=4579)</b>   | (n=540)    | (n=4039)    |                  |      |                  |       |
| Stroke recurrence           | 30 (5.56)  | 340 (8.42)  | 0.62 (0.43-0.90) | 0.01 | 0.56 (0.38-0.82) | 0.003 |
| New ischemic stroke         | 27 (5.00)  | 317 (7.85)  | 0.60 (0.40-0.89) | 0.01 | 0.52 (0.35-0.78) | 0.002 |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 3 (0.56)   | 28 (0.69)   | 0.83 (0.25-2.74) | 0.76 | 1.03 (0.29-3.64) | 0.96  |
| Combined vascular event     | 35 (6.48)  | 357 (8.84)  | 0.69 (0.49-0.98) | 0.04 | 0.70 (0.49-1.01) | 0.05  |
| Death from any cause        | 4 (0.74)   | 64 (1.58)   | 0.43 (0.16-1.17) | 0.10 | 0.39 (0.14-1.08) | 0.07  |
| Poor functional outcome*    | 23 (4.36)  | 237 (6.00)  | 0.64 (0.41-1.00) | 0.05 | 0.60 (0.38-0.95) | 0.03  |
| <b>3≤NIHSS≤5 (n=3983)</b>   | (n=269)    | (n=3714)    |                  |      |                  |       |
| Stroke recurrence           | 21 (7.81)  | 376 (10.12) | 0.75 (0.48-1.16) | 0.20 | 0.65 (0.42-1.03) | 0.06  |
| New ischemic stroke         | 19 (7.06)  | 350 (9.42)  | 0.73 (0.46-1.15) | 0.18 | 0.62 (0.39-0.99) | 0.05  |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 2 (0.74)   | 30 (0.81)   | 0.94 (0.22-3.95) | 0.93 | 1.16 (0.26-5.16) | 0.85  |
| Combined vascular event     | 22 (8.18)  | 393 (10.58) | 0.75 (0.49-1.15) | 0.19 | 0.74 (0.47-1.14) | 0.17  |
| Death from any cause        | 5 (1.86)   | 103 (2.77)  | 0.59 (0.24-1.46) | 0.26 | 0.54 (0.22-1.35) | 0.19  |
| Poor functional outcome*    | 23 (8.78)  | 272 (10.23) | 0.62 (0.39-0.99) | 0.05 | 0.65 (0.41-1.04) | 0.07  |
| <b>6≤NIHSS≤13 (n=3030)</b>  | (n=118)    | (n=2912)    |                  |      |                  |       |
| Stroke recurrence           | 12 (10.17) | 316 (10.85) | 0.88 (0.49-1.57) | 0.66 | 0.90 (0.5-1.63)  | 0.73  |
| New ischemic stroke         | 11 (9.32)  | 293 (10.06) | 0.87 (0.47-1.58) | 0.64 | 0.90 (0.48-1.66) | 0.73  |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 1 (0.85)   | 28 (0.96)   | 0.90 (0.12-6.66) | 0.92 | 0.75 (0.10-5.84) | 0.79  |
| Combined vascular event     | 12 (10.17) | 334 (11.47) | 0.83 (0.47-1.47) | 0.52 | 0.82 (0.46-1.46) | 0.49  |
| Death from any cause        | 7 (5.93)   | 136 (4.67)  | 1.10 (0.51-2.35) | 0.81 | 1.16 (0.53-2.53) | 0.71  |

|                             |            |             |                |      |                 |      |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Poor functional outcome*    | 18 (16.51) | 711 (25.14) | 0.51(0.3-0.86) | 0.01 | 0.51(0.3-0.89)  | 0.02 |
| <b>NIHSS≥14 (n=434)</b>     | (n=5)      | (n=64)      |                |      |                 |      |
| Stroke recurrence           | 0          | 64 (14.92)  | -              | -    | -               | -    |
| New ischemic stroke         | 0          | 51 (11.89)  | -              | -    | -               | -    |
| Recurrent hemorrhage stroke | 0          | 15 (3.50)   | -              | -    | -               | -    |
| Combined vascular event     | 0          | 69 (16.08)  | -              | -    | -               | -    |
| Death from any cause        | 0          | 69 (16.08)  | -              | -    | -               | -    |
| Poor functional outcome*    | 1 (20.00)  | 242 (58.31) | 0.15(0.02-1.4) | 0.09 | 0.07(0.01-0.91) | 0.04 |

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