

## Newsletter week 25

Dear STATICH collaborators,

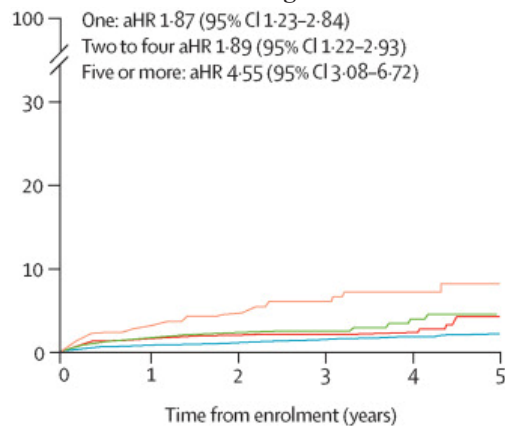
### Trial status

We would like to thank **Motala Hospital** in Sweden for including their second participant! At total of **19 participants** have now been included: 8 in STATICH-Antiplatelets and 11 in STATICH-Anticoagulants.

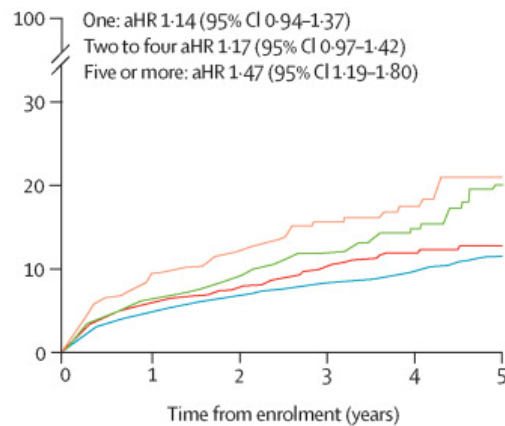
### Microbleeds and risk of ischaemic stroke or intracranial haemorrhage

At ESOC 2019, professor David Werring presented results from the global Microbleeds International Collaborative Network, which included more than 20.000 patients with recent ischaemic stroke or TIA, and with a follow-up time of over 35.000 patient-years. They observed that with an increasing number of microbleeds, the rate of intracranial haemorrhage increased more steeply than that of ischaemic stroke. However, irrespective of microbleed number or localisation, **the absolute risk of ischaemic stroke by far exceeded the risk of intracranial haemorrhage** ([Wilson, The Lancet Neurology 2019](#)):

#### Intracranial haemorrhage



#### Ischaemic stroke



Number of microbleeds: **Absent. One. Two to four. Five or more.**

These results are reassuring for STATICH and give **support to our practice of allowing the inclusion of patients with microbleeds**. In order for STATICH to be able to investigate the importance of cerebral microbleeds and other imaging findings we need **both CT and MRI scans from as many participants as possible**. The MRI protocol must include SWI, and both the CT and MRI scans need to be performed before randomisation.

### Let us continue to look for eligible patients during the summer months!

**We will be available 24/7** during the holiday weeks, and hope to hear from you whenever you have questions or need help with inclusion of patients: Tel. number **+47 22119911**; e-mail address: [k.t.larsen@medisin.uio.no](mailto:k.t.larsen@medisin.uio.no). We are very grateful that you will be looking for eligible patients, also during the summer! Who will include participant number 20?

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