

Newsletter week 38, 2019

Dear STATICH collaborators,

September 16th, 2019

Trial status

Congratulations to **Ålesund Hospital** (Norway) for including **two participants**, and to the **University Hospital of Umeå** (Sweden) for including their **third participant!** We have now reached **26 participants: 12 in STATICH-Antiplatelets** and **14 in STATICH-Anticoagulants**. Thank you very much to all contributing investigators!

Indications for antiplatelet drugs

During the collaborators' meeting at the Nordic Stroke Congress, we discussed indications for antiplatelet drugs, and would like to remind you of the eligibility criteria for STATICH. The protocol says the following (chapter 4.1): ***"...indication for antithrombotic (i.e. anticoagulant or antiplatelet) drug for the prevention of ischaemic events, either antiplatelet drugs (for patients with vascular disease), or anticoagulant drug for patients with atrial fibrillation."***

The protocol also gives some examples of typical indications for antiplatelet drugs: ***"Indication for antiplatelet drugs can be previous ischaemic stroke, myocardial infarction, other occlusive arterial disease, or arterial stents or other arterial implants (secondary prevention), or patients with known significant atherosclerotic arterial disease, such as carotid or coronary artery stenosis or mobile aortic atheromas (primary prevention)."***

Finally, the protocol says that there must be ***no clear indication for antiplatelet or anticoagulant treatment*** (e.g. prosthetic heart valves, see protocol chapter 4.1).

Please contact us if you have questions or specific patients you would like to discuss.

STATICH collaborators' meeting during Bergenkonferansen

We will host a collaborators' meeting during the stroke conference in Bergen.

Time: **Friday October 18th at 12.15-12.45 (the break just before lunch)**

Place: **Meeting room on the floor below the hotel reception, on the left-hand side**

We hope you will have a chance to attend, please reply to k.t.larsen@medisin.uio.no.

Interested centres that are not already participating are also welcome!

We are grateful that you keep STATICH in mind for your patients!

Best wishes,

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