



To all ECST-2 Investigators

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Dear Investigator

Missing ECST-2 data

We are delighted that ECST-2 recruitment hit our target in October 2019. This means that we should be able to perform our first analysis of early results from ECST-2 in October of this year, so long as we manage with your help to achieve 2-year clinical follow-up with MRI (or CT if this was the only brain imaging done at baseline) in as many participants as possible with few patients withdrawn or lost-to-follow up. We also need to have as complete a set of data as possible to allow us to perform an analysis of the determinants of outcome. Any patient in whom 2-year follow-up, imaging or key data are missing will not contribute much to the analysis of the trial and effectively all your efforts, and the patients' contributions in entering the trial will be wasted.

We would therefore be very grateful if you would give priority to answering any queries about missing ECST-2 follow-up and data in the next few months, so that we have as complete follow up as possible. We appreciate that nothing has been easy during the pandemic and we are very grateful for your efforts on behalf of your patients and our trial.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any ECST-2 queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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