

## To Whom It May Concern

I would like to begin this report by expressing my gratitude to ESO for granting me the opportunity of learning the principles of clinical trials from such an enthusiastic and dedicated team such as the one professor Sprigg is coordinating at The University of Nottingham for the TICH-2 trial. Considering my professional background (4<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medicine resident), this study visit has been a consistent and substantial training in the field of my future research, tranexamic acid in intracerebral hemorrhage.

During this one week visit (June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016), I have been given the opportunity of observing various aspects of clinical trials, including a monthly team meeting, site initiation trainings, telephone surveys and private sessions with trial manager, statistician, web programmer. This incredibly well structured programme has been organized in advance by professor Sprigg, who has also been kind enough to revise my research protocol and offer me guidance on several occasions during my time there, along with her colleague Zhe Law.

From a personal point of view, the most significant gain of this experience has been the general overview on the multiple aspects of a clinical trial, including logistics and legal aspects. Considering that my department has never implemented a clinical trial, this study visit has been a valuable learning experience. The only short coming of this experience is not having the opportunity of observing the recruiting process of a TICH-2 patient, though I have observed recruitment for other studies during the day I have spent on the neurology ward observing the work of a trial nurse.

As future perspectives, professor Sprigg expressed her interest in further collaborations on the subject of tranexamic acid in intracerebral hemorrhage and not only. We have discussed the opportunity of working together on various articles and preparing a paper for the coming ESO Conference in Prague, 2017.

Modern medical research is rather at its beginnings within our local institutions (university and hospitals) and study visits like the ones endorsed by ESO through the Department-to-Department Visit program lay the foundation of encouraging young researchers to implement innovative trials and conduct them in a professional manner that will lead to quality results that could aid to the development of medicine, regardless of their speciality.

With consideration,

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