

Ambulance feasibility study of a rapid blood test for stroke

Submission date 29/04/2024	Recruitment status No longer recruiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prospectively registered <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol
Registration date 03/05/2024	Overall study status Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical analysis plan <input type="checkbox"/> Results
Last Edited 04/06/2024	Condition category Nervous System Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual participant data <input type="checkbox"/> Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Mechanical thrombectomy (MT) is a highly successful treatment for acute ischemic stroke triggered by a blockage in a large blood vessel (large vessel occlusion; LVO). Approximately 15,000 ischaemic strokes are eligible for MT in the UK each year. With the growing technological advances in both arterial imaging and thrombectomy techniques, this number will increase in the future. Due to the proximal site of arterial occlusion in LVO, these strokes tend to cause severe disability or death if untreated. Emergency treatment of LVO by MT reduces the chance of long-term disability and mortality and earlier treatment produces significantly better outcomes and health care savings, but optimising delivery faces many challenges due to:

1. Stroke-like symptoms that mimic LVO can also be due to lacunar stroke from small vessel infarction, intracerebral haemorrhage, transient ischaemic attack (TIA) and non-vascular conditions such as seizures and migraines. Ruling in LVO from such a complex cohort of 'suspected stroke' patients currently requires specialist assessment and brain imaging only performed in-hospital;
2. Less than a third of stroke units are regional MT providers, meaning that many patients are initially taken to their local stroke unit, and then transferred to a thrombectomy centre. This leads to a median treatment delay of 2 hours by the time patients are identified and transferred between sites, with every 1-hour of delay increasing the chance of disability and dependence by 20%.

Currently, no tools are used in the pre-hospital to identify LVO and redirect suspected patients to regional MT providers. Tools to help ambulance clinicians diagnose LVO and transport patients immediately to a thrombectomy centre are vital.

This clinical feasibility study aims at assessing the feasibility of using the LVOne test during ambulance clinical assessment. LVOne is a new finger-prick blood test which is designed to help ambulance clinicians diagnose ischaemic strokes.

The test kit consists of 2 separate blood tests. One of them measures D-dimer. The D-dimer levels are high when a stroke is associated with a blood clot, i.e. ischaemic stroke. The second test measures Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein (GFAP) which is elevated when patients have

haemorrhagic stroke (i.e. brain bleed). You will receive training and guidance on how to use and interpret the LVOne test.

Prior studies have shown that the LVOne test has 90% accuracy in identifying ischaemic strokes.

The purpose of the RADIOS study is to determine whether the LVOne test can be used by ambulance staff to diagnose patients with ischaemic strokes. If they can, this could see these stroke patients being assessed before arriving at hospital.

However, patients in this study will be assessed and treated in the standard way, and the results of the LVOne test will not be acted upon.

Future studies will explore use of the LVOne test in ambulance setting to reduce treatment times for stroke patients and improve their recovery.

Who can participate?

All patients evaluated by ambulance clinicians for a new acute suspected stroke will be evaluated for study eligibility.

What does the study involve?

The study includes performing the LVOne test, which, from the patient perspective, involves collecting a fingerstick blood sample and testing with the device.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

There are no benefits for the participants and we do not expect any significant risk associated to the test procedure as this study is observational and the intervention involves a fingerstick blood sample which is known to be very safe.

Where is the study run from?

Pockit diagnostics Ltd, T/A Upfront diagnostics (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

April 2024 to September 2024

Who is funding the study?

Pockit diagnostics Ltd, T/A Upfront diagnostics (UK)

Who is the main contact?

Dr Edoardo Gaude, edoardo.gaude@pockitdx.co.uk

Contact information

Type(s)

Public, Scientific, Principal Investigator

Contact name

Dr Edoardo Gaude

ORCID ID

<http://orcid.org/0000-0001-8523-7792>

Contact details

University Of Cambridge CRUK
Robinson Way

CAMBRIDGE
United Kingdom
CB2 0RE
+44 1223 363608
edoardo.gaude@pockitdx.co.uk

Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

Nil known

IRAS number

332951

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Nil known

Secondary identifying numbers

REC-292, IRAS 332951

Study information

Scientific Title

Rapid Ambulance Diagnosis Of Stroke (RADIOS): a pre-hospital feasibility study

Acronym

RADIOS

Study objectives

Ambulance clinicians find the LVOne test feasible to use during ambulance assessment.

Ethics approval required

Ethics approval required

Ethics approval(s)

Approved 07/05/2024, Cambridge Central Research Ethics Committee (Equinox House, City Link, Nottingham, NG2 4LA, United Kingdom; +44 207 1048098; cambridgecentral.rec@hra.nhs.uk), ref: 23/EE/0226

Study design

Prospective feasibility cohort study

Primary study design

Observational

Secondary study design

Cohort study

Study setting(s)

Paramedicine

Study type(s)

Diagnostic, Other

Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use contact details to request participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Suspected stroke

Interventions

The intervention associated to this study is performing the LVOne test, which, from the patient perspective, involves collecting a fingerstick blood sample and testing with the device. The total observation is limited to the duration of in-hospital stay and there is no follow-up.

The LVOne test consists of two portable lateral flow assays: assay 1 measures blood D-dimer concentration and assay 2 measures blood GFAP concentration (Upfront diagnostics). The main analysis will include ambulance clinicians' opinions on the feasibility of the LVOne test during routine ambulance visits for the pre-hospital evaluation of LVO stroke.

Intervention Type

Device

Pharmaceutical study type(s)

Not Applicable

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

LVOne

Primary outcome measure

Expert opinions on the feasibility of the LVOne test during routine ambulance visits. The method used to collect this data is qualitative evaluation in the form of a questionnaire.

Secondary outcome measures

There are no secondary outcome measures

Overall study start date

29/04/2024

Completion date

30/09/2024

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Attended by study trained ambulance clinician
2. Evaluated for suspected acute stroke

3. Within 6 hours of symptom onset
4. Age >18 years
5. Local hospital is Cambridge University Hospital (or other thrombectomy-capable hospital)

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Upper age limit

99 Years

Sex

Both

Target number of participants

30

Key exclusion criteria

1. Witnessed seizure at presentation
2. Hypoglycaemia, (blood glucose <3mmol/l)
3. Severe frailty or limited life expectancy <6 months
4. Patient is not conveyed to Cambridge University Hospital (or other thrombectomy-capable hospital)

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2024

Date of final enrolment

30/09/2024

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

Study participating centre

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Hills Road

Cambridge

United Kingdom

CB2 0QQ

Study participating centre
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Unit 3
Whiting Way
Melbourn
Royston
United Kingdom
SG8 6NA

Sponsor information

Organisation
Pockit diagnostics Ltd, T/A Upfront diagnostics

Sponsor details
CRUK Cambridge Institute
Cambridge
England
United Kingdom
CB2 0RE
+44 1223330808
elizabeth.warburton5@nhs.net

Sponsor type
Industry

Website
<https://upfrontdiagnostics.com/>

Funder(s)

Funder type
Industry

Funder Name
Pockit diagnostics Ltd, T/A Upfront diagnostics

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan

Results may be printed in public medical journals, presented at scientific conferences and meetings. No personally identifiable data will be released in publications or to third parties.

Intention to publish date

31/03/2025

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during and/or analysed during the current study will be available upon request from Edoardo Gaude, edoardo@upfrontdiagnostics.com

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request