# American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) motor, functional and health related quality of life outcome in traumatic Central Cord Syndrome, a prospective randomized Study

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### Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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EudraCT/CTIS number

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#### ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers H-28962

### Study information

#### Scientific Title

American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) motor, functional and health related quality of life outcome in traumatic Central Cord Syndrome, a prospective randomized Study

#### Acronym

CCSS

#### **Study objectives**

In acute traumatic central cord syndrome, surgical decompression of the spinal cord within 5 days will result in more rapid motor recovery, than decompression 6 weeks following injury.

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

Human Research Protection Office, Health Science Facility I (HSFI), School of Medicine University of Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland), approved on 14 May 2007.

#### Study design

Single center, prospective, randomized study.

**Primary study design** Interventional

Secondary study design Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s) Hospital

**Study type(s)** Treatment

#### Participant information sheet

#### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Traumatic Central Cord Syndrome

#### Interventions

30 patients (15 patients in each group) will undergo standard surgical decompression of spinal cord either within the first 5 days or at 6 weeks following spinal cord injury. Each of the 15 patients enrolled for late decompression will be kept in hard collar while in a rehabilitation facility and will undergo research related Computed Tomography (CT) studies at 3 weeks post

admission. If interim imaging studies indicate glacial translation, earlier decompression and internal fixation may be considered. The choice of surgical technique for decompression is standard of treatment at the Shock Trauma Center. Standard surgical decompression of the spinal cord will be by a select group of Department of Neurosurgery staff with full familiarity with cervical spine surgical interventions.

#### Intervention Type

Other

**Phase** Not Specified

#### Primary outcome measure

ASIA Motor score after 3 months.

#### Secondary outcome measures

1. Functional outcomes will be assessed at 3 and 12 months after injury by the following:

- 1.1. Functional Independence Measure (FIM)
- 1.2. Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM)
- 1.3. Walking Index of Spinal Cord Injury (WISCI)

1.4. Quality of life (Short Form-36)

2. Degree of canal compromise, spinal cord compression and syrinx size, assessed after admission and on pre-operation and post-operation CT and MRI studies of early or late decompression (i.e. after 5 days or after 6 weeks)

#### Overall study start date

15/04/2007

#### **Completion date**

14/04/2009

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

1. All adult patients (>17 years old) admitted to University of Maryland Medical System with traumatic central cord syndrome, canal compromise and evidence of spinal cord compression 2. Allen-Ferguson injury classification:

- 2.1. Distractive Extension Stage 1
- 2.2. Compressive Extension Stage 1
- 2.3. Vertical Compression Stage 1
- 2.4. Compressive Flexion Stage 1
- 3. Patient with American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) level of injury from C4 to T1 inclusive
- 4. Patients with ASIA Impairment Grades B, C, and D/E

5. Pregnant and lactating women are also eligible for the study

**Participant type(s)** Patient

**Age group** Adult Sex

Both

Target number of participants

30

#### Key exclusion criteria

1. Children aged <18

2. Terminally ill patients, patients with non-survivable injuries and patients with demyelinating disease

3. Patients likely not to be able to appear for follow up

- 4. Allen-Ferguson Injuries:
- 4.1. Distractive Extension Stage 2, 3
- 4.2. Distractive Flexion Stages 1-4

4.3. Compressive Extension Stages 2-4

- 4.4. Vertical Compression Stages 2-4
- 4.5. Compressive Flexion Stages 2-4
- 4.6. Vertical Distraction Injuries
- 5. Patients with acute disc herniation in need of urgent decompression
- 6. Patients with progressive neurologic worsening
- 7. Patients with Spinal Cord Injury WithOut Radiological Abnormality (SCIWORA)

8. Central cord syndrome in association with traumatic brain injury (Glasgow Coma Scale [GCS] <15)

9. Patients with previous cervical spine injury and /or surgery.

10. ASIA (American Spinal Injury Association) grade A patients

#### Date of first enrolment

15/04/2007

### Date of final enrolment

14/04/2009

### Locations

**Countries of recruitment** United States of America

### Study participating centre Department of Neurosurgery

Baltimore United States of America 21201

### Sponsor information

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**Sponsor type** Government

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### **Results and Publications**

**Publication and dissemination plan** Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

**IPD sharing plan summary** Not provided at time of registration