## **Supplementary Online Content**

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

| Step   | Analysis   | Visual representation  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Step 1 | Regression analysis with X predicting Y to test for path c, Y = $B_0 + B_1 X + e$  | C<br>X Y   |  |  |
| Step 2 | Regression analysis with X predicting M to test for path a, M = $B_0 + B_1 X + e$  | $X \xrightarrow{a} M$  |  |  |
| Step 3 | Regression analysis with M predicting Y to test the significance of path b, $Y = B_0 + B_1M + e$   | $M \xrightarrow{b} Y$  |  |  |
| Step 4 | Multiple regression analysis with X and M predicting Y, $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{B}_{0}+\mathrm{B}_{1}\mathrm{X}+\mathrm{B}_{2}\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{e}$ | $\begin{array}{c} c' \\ X & M \xrightarrow{b} Y \end{array}$ |  |  |

## eTable 1. Four-step approach for testing mediation

|   |            | Lower 05%                        |                               |         |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Predictor                               | Odds Ratio | Lower 95%<br>confidence<br>limit | Upper 95%<br>confidence limit | p-value |
| Follow-up infarct volume (per 10 ml)    | 0.92       | 0.90                             | 0.94                          | <.001   |
| Endovascular therapy                    | 2.21       | 1.52                             | 3.21                          | <.001   |
| Age (per 10 years)                      | 0.62       | 0.57                             | 0.67                          | <.001   |
| NIHSS at baseline (per 5 points)        | 0.82       | 0.74                             | 0.90                          | 0.001   |
| Hemorrhage: HI-1                        | 0.96       | 0.73                             | 1.27                          | 0.79    |
| Hemorrhage: HI-2                        | 0.73       | 0.54                             | 0.99                          | 0.043   |
| Hemorrhage: PH-1                        | 0.92       | 0.63                             | 1.33                          | 0.64    |
| Hemorrhage: PH-2                        | 0.82       | 0.54                             | 1.25                          | 0.36    |
| Hemorrhage: remote PH                   | 1.41       | 0.65                             | 3.03                          | 0.38    |
| Hemorrhage: Intraventricular            | 0.29       | 0.13                             | 0.64                          | 0.002   |
| Hemorrhage: Subarachnoid                | 0.73       | 0.34                             | 1.56                          | 0.42    |
| Hemorrhage: Subdural                    | 0.17       | 0.01                             | 3.28                          | 0.24    |
| Symptom side left (vs right)            | 0.91       | 0.75                             | 1.11                          | 0.36    |
| ASPECTS Caudate involvement             | 1.09       | 0.85                             | 1.40                          | 0.49    |
| ASPECTS Lentiform involvement           | 0.81       | 0.60                             | 1.11                          | 0.20    |
| ASPECTS Internal Capsule<br>involvement | 0.45       | 0.35                             | 0.58                          | <.001   |
| ASPECTS Insula involvement              | 0.78       | 0.60                             | 1.01                          | 0.057   |
| ASPECTS M1 involvement                  | 0.93       | 0.72                             | 1.20                          | 0.57    |
| ASPECTS M2 involvement                  | 0.82       | 0.64                             | 1.06                          | 0.13    |
| ASPECTS M3 involvement                  | 0.98       | 0.74                             | 1.29                          | 0.88    |
| ASPECTS M4 involvement                  | 0.82       | 0.63                             | 1.08                          | 0.15    |
| ASPECTS M5 involvement                  | 0.77       | 0.60                             | 0.99                          | 0.042   |
| ASPECTS M6 involvement                  | 0.77       | 0.58                             | 1.02                          | 0.066   |

**eTable 2.** Associations of predictors with 90-day modified Rankin Scale score in multivariable modeling

Abbreviations: NIHSS, National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale score; HI, Hemorrhagic infarct; PH, parenchymal hematoma; ASPECTS, Alberta Stroke Program Early CT score

**eTable 3.** Mediating effect of FIV on the association between treatment and ordinal 90-day mRS in subgroup of patients with imaging obtained after 48 hours after onset only

|         | Unadjusted     |       |             |         | Adjusted       |       |             |         |
|---------|----------------|-------|-------------|---------|----------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Pathway | Effect measure | Value | 95% CI      | p-value | Effect measure | Value | 95% CI      | p-value |
| а       | β              | -0.27 | -0.460.09   | 0.004   | β              | -0.13 | -0.230.04   | 0.007   |
| b       | cOR            | 0.43  | 0.38 – 0.49 | <0.001  | acOR           | 0.47  | 0.37 – 0.58 | <0.001  |
| С       | cOR            | 1.75  | 1.33 – 2.29 | <0.001  | acOR           | 1.81  | 1.36 – 2.39 | <0.001  |
| C'      | cOR            | 1.54  | 1.17 – 2.02 | 0.002   | acOR           | 1.74  | 1.31 – 2.31 | <0.001  |

FIV transformed by In(FIV+1). Path *a* represents the regression coefficient of the association between treatment (control or endovascular therapy) and FIV; *b* between FIV and 90-day mRS; *c* between treatment and 90-day mRS; and *c*' between treatment and 90-day mRS, controlling for FIV. Multivariable regression analysis included FIV, location, Hemorrhage type, age, and National Institutes of Health and Stroke Scale score.

Abbreviations: FIV, follow-up infarct volume; mRS, modified Rankin Scale; (a)cOR, (adjusted) common odds ratio; CI, confidence interval

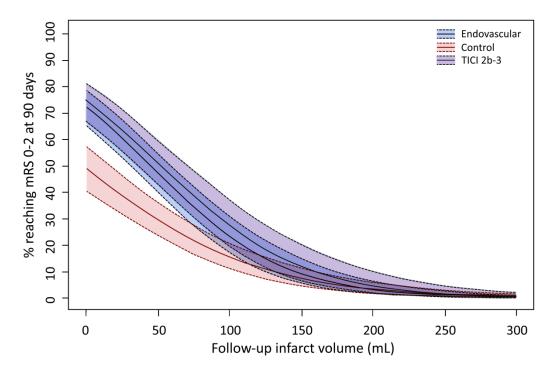
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|         | Unadjusted     |       |              |         | Adjusted       |       |              |         |
|---------|----------------|-------|--------------|---------|----------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Pathway | Effect measure | Value | 95% CI       | p-value | Effect measure | Value | 95% CI       | p-value |
| а       | β              | -0.17 | -0.48 – 0.15 | 0.30    | β              | -0.05 | -0.21 – 0.10 | 0.52    |
| b       | cOR            | 0.40  | 0.33 – 0.49  | <0.001  | acOR           | 0.45  | 0.31 – 0.64  | <0.001  |
| С       | cOR            | 1.70  | 1.11 – 2.60  | 0.015   | acOR           | 2.07  | 1.29 – 3.31  | 0.003   |
| C'      | cOR            | 1.61  | 1.04 – 2.48  | 0.032   | acOR           | 2.08  | 1.30 – 3.34  | 0.003   |

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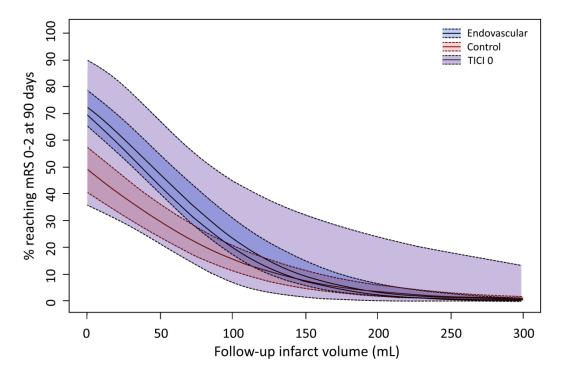
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**eFigure 1.** Relation between adjusted FIV and estimated probability of functional independence between EVT, control, and reperfusion patients



Relation between adjusted FIV and estimated probability of functional independence (point estimates  $\pm$  95% CI), shown for patients allocated to EVT and control and who achieved substantial reperfusion (TICI 2b-3)

**eFigure 2.** Relation between adjusted FIV and estimated probability of functional independence between EVT, control, and nonreperfusion patients



Relation between adjusted FIV and estimated probability of functional independence (point estimates  $\pm$  95% CI), shown for patients allocated to EVT and control and who did not achieve reperfusion (TICI 0)