

Supplementary Table 1. Outcome definitions from the transcranial Doppler monitoring

Outcome variable	Definition	
Early recanalization	Complete or partial recanalization within the first 60 minutes following tPA-bolus	
Delayed recanalization	Complete or partial recanalization within the time interval between 60–120 minutes following tPA-bolus	
Sustained recanalization	Complete or partial recanalization at 120 minutes following tPA-bolus	
Persisting occlusion	Lack of any recanalization within 120 minutes following tPA-bolus	
Timing of recanalization	Elapsed time between symptom onset to beginning of recanalization	
Beginning of recanalization	The time point that at least 1 point improvement in TIBI score is noticed during the TCD monitoring	

tPA, tissue plasminogen activator; TIBI, thrombolysis in brain ischemia; TCD, transcranial Doppler.

Supplementary Table 2. Baseline characteristics of the whole study population (n=480)

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Values are presented as mean±standard deviation, number (%), or median (interquartile range).

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