Application for access
An application for access to the data must meet the following criteria

- It is submitted by a bona fide research group (e.g. evidenced via CVs and the involvement of a qualified statistician)
- The application details
  - the specific data requirements
  - a proposed research
  - A publication plan
  - Proposed authorship arrangement

Applications will be reviewed by the IST-3 trials publications group.

Applicants will then be asked to sign an IST-3 Data Use Agreement

This agreement governs the terms on which access will be granted to the trial data detailed below. In signing this agreement the data requester is agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions of access set out in this agreement. The terms of access set out in this agreement apply both to the data requester and the data requester’s Institution.

In signing this Agreement:
1. You agree to use the data only for the advancement of medical research, that access to the data is limited only to what is relevant to the completion of the project as described in the approved research proposal, and that all supplied data and any copies made thereof, will be destroyed at the end of the project.
2. You agree to use the data according to the terms specified in this Data Use Agreement. You accept that the data are protected by and subject to international laws, including but not limited to the UK Data Protection Act 1998, and that you are responsible for ensuring compliance with any such applicable law.
3. You agree to preserve the confidentiality of information and data pertaining to trial participants. You undertake not to use, or attempt to use the data to compromise or otherwise infringe the confidentiality of information on participants and their right to privacy.
4. You will not attempt to establish the identity of, or communicate with, any of the trial participants. You agree not to attempt to link the data provided under this agreement to other information, even if access to that data has been formally granted to you, without specific permission being sought from the [data custodian].
5. You agree not to transfer or disclose the data, in whole or part, to others outside the research team listed in the approved research proposal. You will require anyone listed in the research team who utilises these data to comply with the terms of this agreement.
6. You will refer to the IST-3 trial data source http://dx.doi.org/10.7488/ds/1350 and acknowledge the data custodian ‘Peter Sandercock on behalf of the IST-3 Collaborative Group’ in any publication arising from the use of these data using the following wording ‘we gratefully acknowledge the IST-3 Collaborative Group, the trial joint sponsors (The University of Edinburgh and the Lothian Health Board), and the chief funding agencies of the study: UK Medical Research Council, Health Foundation UK, Stroke Association UK, Research Council of Norway, Arbetsmarknadens Partners Forsakringsbolag (AFA) Insurances Sweden, Swedish Heart Lung Fund, The Foundation of Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg, Polish Ministry of Science and Education, the Australian Heart Foundation, Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Swiss National Research

Project title: IST-3 (International Stroke Trial)
Identifier of the trial data being shared: http://dx.doi.org/10.7488/ds/1350
Foundation, Swiss Heart Foundation, Assessorato alla Sanita, Regione dell’Umbria, Italy, and Danube University.

7. You will contact the Peter Sandercock if any safety concerns are identified during the project.

8. You will ensure use of appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the data other than as provided for by this Agreement.

9. You accept that if the conditions relating to the release of data as per the terms specified by Peter Sandercock are knowingly disregarded that this will be considered a serious offence and could result in further action being taken against you as the data requester.

10. You understand that research using the data should be published according to the publication plan described in the approved research proposal.

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