

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Criteria for eligibility for endovascular therapy for acute ischemic stroke patients as per the ESCAPE trial¹

Patients that met all criteria, both clinical and imaging, were randomly assigned to receive endovascular therapy and best medical management or best medical management alone.	
Clinical Criteria	Imaging Criteria
Functionally independent pre-stroke (Barthel index above 90)	Proximal intracerebral artery occlusion M1-MCA, carotid L/T, basilar, M1-MCA equivalent on computed tomography angiography (CTA) of the extra- and intracerebral arteries
Moderate to Severe symptoms on presentation (National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) score above 5)	Moderate- good collateral circulation on Multiphasic CTA
Time from stroke onset to femoral artery puncture < 6 hours **consideration also given to presentation between 6-12 hours	ASPECTS (Alberta Stroke Program Early CT Score) > 5 on non-contrast computed tomography (CT)

Reference

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