

## ***Inclusion Criteria***

**Men or women aged  $\geq 18$  years with all of the following:**

- Clinical diagnosis of stroke 2-15 days previously (Day of stroke onset=Day 0, randomise on Day 2-15)
- Brain imaging consistent with ischaemic or haemorrhagic (intracerebral and/or subarachnoid) stroke (including normal CT brain scan)
- Persisting measurable focal neurological deficits (e.g. motor, somatosensory, visual, language, cognitive) present at randomisation and severe enough to produce a modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score of  $\geq 1$  and to warrant treatment from the perspective of patient or carer(s)