

## ASX Release

# INTERIM STAGE 2 ANALYSIS CONFIRMS HYPERACUTE AND ACUTE ISCHAEMIC STROKE DETECTION CAPABILITIES

### Highlights:

- *Stage 2 interim data analysis confirms positive AI algorithm performance to help answer the clinical question of ischaemia or not ('clot or not') (see chart on next page).*
- *The AI algorithm displays an encouraging ability to identify patterns and features across complex ischaemic patient data sets, including early onset hyperacute ischaemic stroke which is often challenging to detect on non-contrast computed tomography (NCCT).*
- *This analysis follows encouraging interim data analysis which confirmed strong AI model performance in answering haemorrhage or not ('blood or not')<sup>1</sup>*
- *Patient recruitment for the final Stage 3 of Pre-Validation clinical trial is on track to complete in the coming months with over half the target cohort (up to 30 haemorrhages) recruited to date.*
- *The neuro-diagnostic capabilities observed in interim cross validation analysis of Stage 2 data illustrates the disruptive potential of EMVision's technology to significantly improve the diagnosis, care, and outcomes of both haemorrhagic and ischaemic stroke patients.*

**EMVision Medical Devices Limited (ASX:EMV)** ("EMVision" or the "Company") is pleased to share further positive interim analysis from the latest phase of its clinical trials. These multi-site clinical trials are focused on advancing EMVision's neurodiagnostic AI algorithms to aid in the diagnosis of suspected haemorrhagic or ischaemic stroke.

In Stage 2 of the pre-validation trial, a total of 180 patients were enrolled. Patients presented to the emergency department with stroke-like symptoms, across the three trial sites: Liverpool Hospital, Royal Melbourne and Princess Alexandra Hospital Brisbane. 75 patients had confirmed ischaemic strokes and 105 non-ischaemia cases (including 18 haemorrhagic strokes (caused by bleeding due to a ruptured blood vessel)), 67 stroke mimics and 20 transient ischaemic attacks (TIA).

The Alberta Stroke Program Early CT Score (ASPECTS) was used to measure the extent of brain damage in the ischaemic stroke patients by quantifying early ischaemic changes detected on brain CT scans. The ASPECTS score ranges from 0 to 10, with lower scores indicating more regions of the brain are affected, resulting in more severe brain damage. Scores below 7 are associated with worse functional outcomes for patients. In Stage 2 of the current trial, the average ASPECTS score for the ischaemic stroke cohort was 7.4, representing a diverse range of stroke cases enrolled.

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<sup>1</sup> ASX Release 27 March 2024

## Confidently Diagnosing Ischaemia

For patients suspected of having an acute ischaemic stroke, the American Heart Association recommends brain imaging and neuro-diagnosis should be performed as quickly as possible. In most cases, this initially involves non-contrast computed tomography (NCCT) scan. Rapid imaging is critical for patients who may benefit from treatments such as IV alteplase (clot-busting drugs) and/or mechanical thrombectomy (clot retrieval). NCCT brain scans rule out / exclude haemorrhage ('blood or not') in patients with clinical signs of stroke, which is essential when considering thrombolysis treatment (clot-busting).

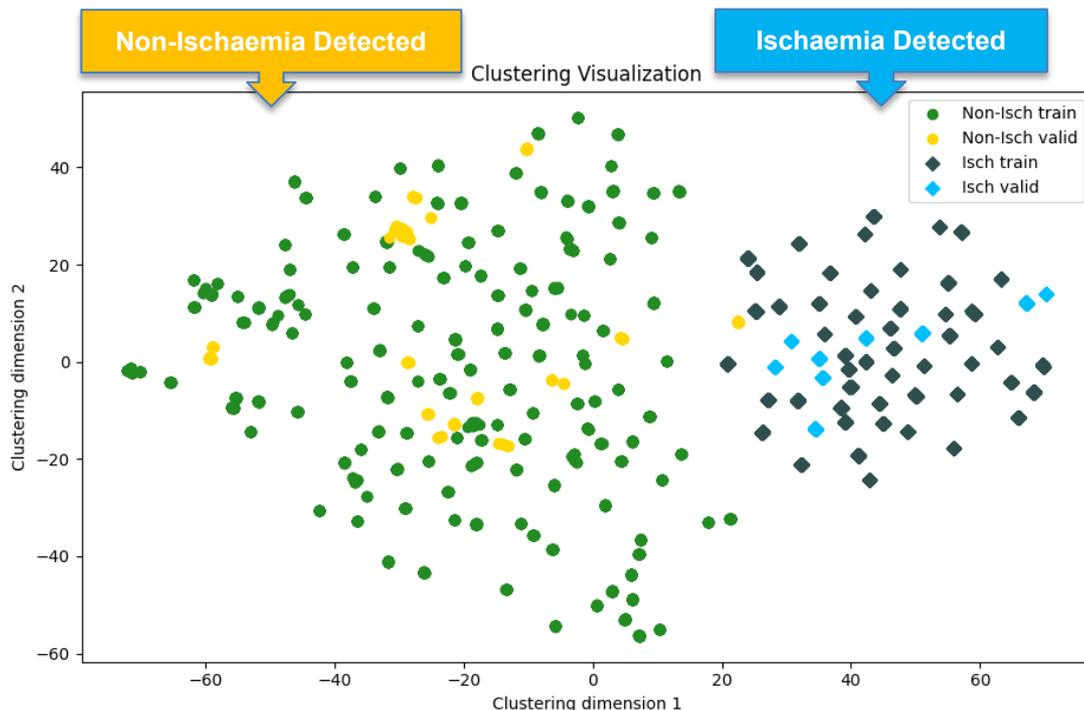
The literature on NCCT shows a limited sensitivity to detecting acute ischaemia. For patients with suspected ischemic stroke, advanced imaging modalities such as CT Angiogram, CT Perfusion or MRI are often used to confirm the presence of ischaemia ('clot or not') and determine a patient's eligibility for thrombectomy (clot retrieval). Depending on the neuro-diagnosis, and treatment capabilities of the hospital to perform urgent intervention, a time critical decision is whether to transfer the patient to a comprehensive stroke centre, or not. The urgency of stroke care underscores the need for accurate and timely tools to aid its diagnosis.

EMVision's encouraging AI algorithm performance with the AI model answering the critical clinical question in acute stroke diagnosis – **"Is it a haemorrhage or not?"** ('blood or not') was previously reported in the ASX announcement on 27th March 2024 ('Stage 2 insights confirm diagnostic and clinical viability'). EMVision now presents interim analysis which confirms positive AI algorithm capability to also detect the presence of ischemia to help answer the clinical question – **"Is it ischaemia or not?"** ('clot or not').

### New Interim Analysis

Data from Stage 2 is being used to enhance AI algorithms, per protocol. Cross validation interim analysis has been undertaken to prepare for the upcoming Validation (sensitivity/specificity confirmation) trial. Cross validation (below, 'ischemia or not,' Stage 2 data) is a statistical method for evaluating AI algorithms by randomly dividing data into multiple subsets: in each iteration, a subset is used to validate the model on unseen data, while the remaining subsets are used to train the model.

The detection and classification performance of the AI algorithm can then be estimated by observing the clustering that occurs in the cross validation data. The ideal clustering being ischemic and non-ischemic cases are distinctly separate.



*Clustering shows validation cases of confirmed ischaemia (blue) and non-ischaemia (orange) as distinctly separate, demonstrating the AI algorithm's ability to identify and classify ischaemic stroke from non-ischaemia.*

The AI model demonstrates an encouraging ability to identify patterns and features in the signals across complex ischaemic patient data sets, including cases of very early onset hyperacute ischaemic stroke where there are no or minimal non-diagnostic radiological findings on traditional CT (NCCT). The mean time from onset for the Validation ischaemia cases was 7.5 hours (range 1.52 to 20.55). Cross validation is used in the development and algorithm training phase and directing continuing refinement. The determination of diagnostic sensitivity and specificity will be made after development completion and when the upcoming Validation clinical trial is concluded.

The neurodiagnostic capabilities shown in this interim cross validation analysis across Stage 2 data continue to demonstrate the potential of the EMVision technology to significantly improve the diagnosis, care, and outcomes for both haemorrhagic and ischaemic stroke patients, from early at the patient presentation, including prioritised care of hyperacute/acute strokes (as opposed to stroke mimics), at the point-of-care.

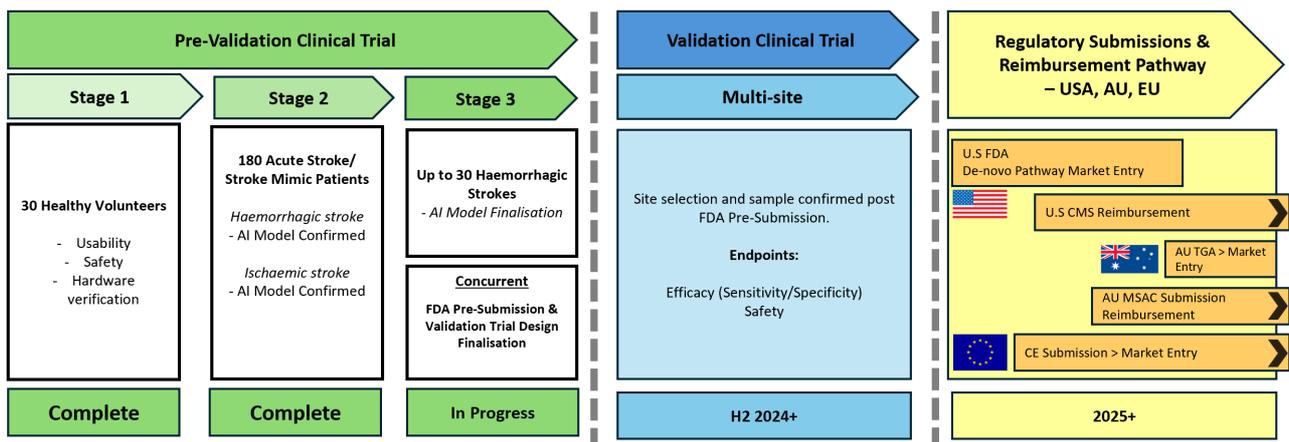
**Principal investigator at Royal Melbourne Hospital Dr Angela Dos Santos commented** “The positive interim results for ischaemia detection, considered alongside those previously for haemorrhage detection, illustrate the technology’s evolving capability in addressing 2 of the most pressing questions at acute suspected stroke presentation: is there a stroke, and if so is it haemorrhagic or ischaemic? Timely answering of these questions allow the most effective care pathway to be activated as early as possible.”

**Principal investigator at Liverpool Hospital Dr Dennis Cortado commented** “The latest advancement in this novel technology demonstrates its unique position within neurodiagnostic tools. The ability to indicate likely haemorrhagic or ischaemic stroke, in an accessible and easy to use technology, is not generally available today. As the clinical trial and device development progresses, we look forward to seeing how this device will expand our neurodiagnostic capabilities.”

**EMVision CEO Scott Kirkland commented,** "The ability of our technology to also detect hyperacute and acute ischaemic cases in this cross validation interim analysis is incredibly exciting for our team, our clinical collaborators, and most importantly, what this may mean for the improvement of care pathways and outcomes for future stroke patients."

### Stage 3 Progress

Patient recruitment for the final Stage 3 of Pre-Validation clinical trial is well on track to complete in the coming months with over half the target cohort (up to 30 haemorrhages) recruited to date. See clinical, regulatory and reimbursement roadmap below.



This roadmap is indicative only and subject to change.

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## Clinical Investigations Roadmap

The sites have been activated progressively, commencing with Liverpool Hospital. All sites that have been selected are major stroke centres that treat significant volumes of stroke patients each year.

<b>TITLE</b>	'EMVIEW' EMVision Gen 1 Brain Scanner Study on Acute Stroke Participants									
<b>DEVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	The EMVision Brain Scanner is a device system which obtains images of human brain using electromagnetic (microwave) techniques.									
<b>STUDY SITES</b>	<b>Site 1</b> - Liverpool Hospital <b>Site 2</b> - Royal Melbourne Hospital <b>Site 3</b> - Princess Alexandra Hospital Additional site to be added and activated as required									
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<b>DURATION &amp; REPORTING</b>	Anticipated to be 12+ months. The Company expects to provide updates to the market as it reaches relevant milestones throughout the clinical testing									
<b>INCLUSION CRITERIA</b>	Adults ≥ 18 years of age. Presenting to hospital with acute neurological deficit suspect to be stroke and within 24 hours of symptom onset. The use of the EMV Brain Scanner will not delay the treatment of the participant. CT brain imaging following clinical evaluation in Emergency Department per standard of care. Ability to provide informed consent. Participants will provide written informed consent. Where this is not possible, consent from a legal authorized representative will be obtained. Head size deemed suitable for scanning with the EMVision Brain Scanner.									
<b>EXCLUSION CRITERIA</b>	Has received treatment for current (suspected) stroke event prior to initial CT scan AND EMVision Brain Scanner scan. Pregnant or breastfeeding. Contraindication to neuroimaging, such as a contrast allergy or other condition that prohibits CT, MRI and/or angiography. Presence of any implanted electro-stimulating devices in the head and neck. Presence of any large metallic craniofacial implants, such as bone fixation plates, mesh etc. (Note that small metallic objects, such as aneurysm coils etc., are acceptable) Presence of an intracranial pressure monitor or any other similar sensor that may compromise the placement of the investigational device Inability to wear the investigational device (skin lesions on scalp, previous intracranial surgeries etc.). Unable to lie still for the duration of the scan. Any other condition or symptoms preventing the participant from entering the study, according to the investigator's judgment									
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## **About EMVision Medical Devices**

EMVision Medical Devices Limited (ASX:EMV) is an innovative Australian medical device company developing a novel approach to looking inside the human body. Our product pipeline includes portable, non-invasive, affordable and safe neuroimaging devices.

Our vision is to help transform and improve the timely diagnosis and treatment of stroke and other time sensitive medical emergencies, at the point-of-care.

EMVision has offices in Sydney and Brisbane [www.emvisionmedical.com](http://www.emvisionmedical.com)

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