

# Supplementary Information

## S1. Supplementary Figures

### S1.1. Correlation between local geometric parameters

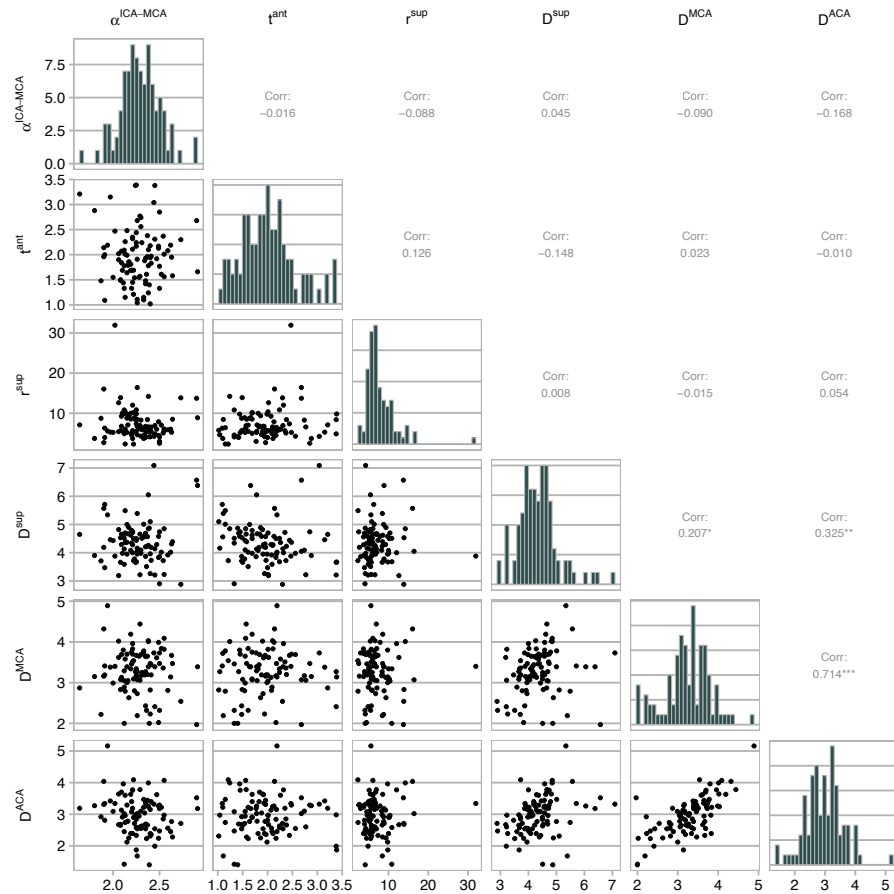
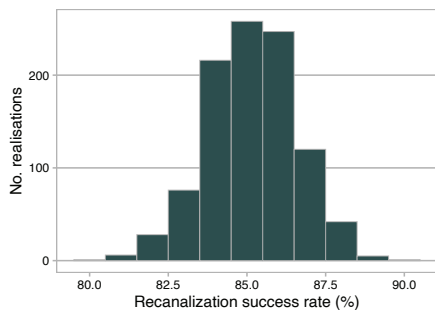
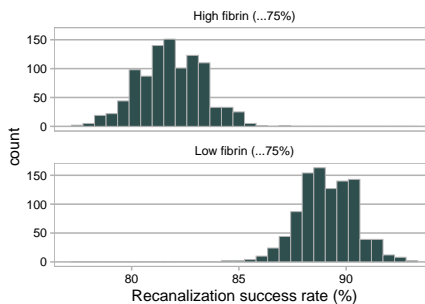


Figure S1: Correlation between the local geometric parameters. We determined the correlation between the different local geometric characteristics that were determined to be significant predictors of thrombectomy outcome. The only correlations that were determined to be significant were those between the three diameter parameters: diameter of MCA ( $D^{MCA}$ ), ACA ( $D^{ACA}$ ), and the ICA superior bend ( $D^{sup}$ ). The remaining parameters in the figure are: the angle between the ICA and MCA ( $\alpha^{ICA-MCA}$ ); tortuosity of the anterior bend ( $t^{ant}$ ); and curvature of the ICA superior bend ( $r^{sup}$ ).

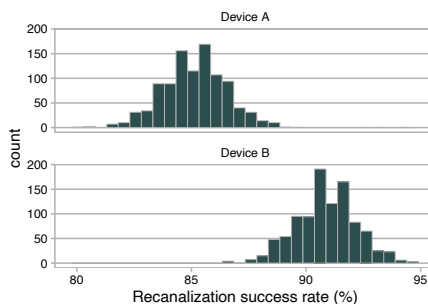
## S1.2. In silico trial distributions



(a) *In silico* MR CLEAN Trial



(b) Thrombus Composition Trial



(c) Device Comparison Trial

Figure S2: Distribution of recanalization success for the ISTs executed in this study. These distributions are obtained from 1000 realisations for each patient in the trial.

## S2. Supplementary Tables

### S2.1. Vascular anatomy parameters

In Section 2.1 (main manuscript) the list of 28 anatomy parameters calculated for each patient-specific vascular model is presented, and in [1] the method for the calculation of the parameters is extensively explained. In Table S1 we report the median and interquartile ranges (IQR) of the parameters based on the analyzed 100 patient-specific vascular geometries.

Parameter	Median (IQR)
Length of the ICA bends:	
$L^{sup}[mm]$	11.77 (6.98)
$L^{ant}[mm]$	14.95 (6.54)
$L^{pos}[mm]$	11.31 (4.47)
$L^{inf}[mm]$	7.25 (3.96)
Average diameter of the ICA bends:	
$D^{sup}[mm]$	4.29 (0.78)
$D^{ant}[mm]$	5.12 (1.14)
$D^{pos}[mm]$	5.21 (1.63)
$D^{inf}[mm]$	4.43 (1.32)
Radius of curvature of the ICA bends:	
$r^{sup}[mm]$	6.21 (3.60)
$r^{ant}[mm]$	3.29 (1.32)
$r^{pos}[mm]$	4.13 (2.64)
$r^{inf}[mm]$	8.15 (7.14)
Tortuosity of the ICA bends:	
$t^{sup}[-]$	0.12 (0.15)
$t^{ant}[-]$	0.94 (0.67)
$t^{pos}[-]$	0.19 (0.34)
$t^{inf}[-]$	0.02 (0.04)
Angles between adjacent ICA bends:	
$\alpha^{sup-ant}[^\circ]$	91.78 (35.80)
$\alpha^{ant-pos}[^\circ]$	131.89 (29.93)
$\alpha^{pos-inf}[^\circ]$	131.10 (48.12)
Distance between the bifurcation point and the starting point of the superior bend	
$d^{T-sup}[mm]$	2.95 (2.82)
Distances between adjacent bends:	
$d^{sup-ant}[mm]$	6.24 (2.53)
$d^{ant-pos}[mm]$	5.44 (2.69)
$d^{pos-inf}[mm]$	3.33 (2.88)
Angles at the T-junction (bifurcation of the ICA into MCA and ACA):	
$\alpha^{ICA-ACA}[^\circ]$	65.48 (12.30)
$\alpha^{ICA-MCA}[^\circ]$	129.46 (15.41)
$\alpha^{MCA-ACA}[^\circ]$	140.85 (15.96)
Average MCA and ACA diameters:	
$D^{MCA}[mm]$	3.34 (0.64)
$D^{ACA}[mm]$	2.95 (0.74)

Table S1: Vascular anatomy parameters: median and interquartile range (IQR) calculated on the 100 patient-patient specific vascular anatomies used for training the thrombectomy surrogate model.

### *S2.2. Comparison of patients with local geometrical characteristics with the complete MR CLEAN Registry population*

Here we provide a the clinical, pre-treatment and workflow characteristics of the complete MR CLEAN Registry population and compare these charac-

teristics between patients with and without local geometrical measurements.

Characteristic	Complete population (n = 3279)	Excluded (n = 3179)	Included (n = 100)	p-value
Clinical				
Age (yr)	72(61-80)	72(61-80)	73(62-81)	1.00
sex—no./%	1696/51%	1646/52%	50/50%	0.8
Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)	150(131-165)	150(132-165)	151(131-163)	0.73
NIH Stroke Scale	16(11-20)	16(11-20)	14(10-18)	0.03
Pre-treatment mRS	0(0-1)	0(0-1)	0(0-1)	0.12
Previous stroke—no./%	546/17%	534/17%	12/12%	0.26
Diabetes mellitus—no./%	532/16%	513/16%	19/19%	0.55
Atrial fibrillation—no./%	772/24%	751/24%	21/21%	0.61
Workflow				
Onset to ER (mins)	57(39-105)	57(39-105)	55(41-103)	0.81
ER to EVT (mins)	119(87-154)	119(87-154)	113(90-150)	0.67
Baseline imaging score				
Collateral	2(1-2)	2(1-2)	2(1-2)	0.02
ASPECTS	9(7-10)	9(7-10)	9(8-10)	0.13

Table S2: Comparison between the patients with local geometrical parameters and the patients of MR CLEAN Registry

### S3. Supplementary Methods

#### S3.1. Finite-element thrombectomy simulations

Simulations were performed using mesh geometries extracted from AIS patient geometries. Segmentations of cerebral vessels from 100 stroke patients were collected from the MR CLEAN Registry [2], and vessel centerlines

and diameters were extracted. Three-dimensional reconstructions of the vessels most commonly affected by acute ischemic stroke: the internal carotid artery (ICA), the middle cerebral artery (MCA) and the anterior cerebral artery (ACA), were obtained with the software SolidWorks (Dassault Systèmes, France). The vascular models were discretized with quadrilateral rigid elements of 0.2 mm average element size.

In each vascular geometry model, a thrombus was placed in the M1 segment of the MCA, the most frequent occlusion location [3]. The thrombus diameter was set to occlude 90% of the M1 lumen. The length and composition (percentage of fibrin/platelets content) of the thrombi were not available for the patients. Consequently, for each geometry, two FE simulations were run with different thrombus characteristics (one red blood cells-rich and one fibrin/platelets-rich) which were sampled from population distributions in the MR CLEAN Registry (Fig. S3).

The thrombi were discretized with linear tetrahedral elements (0.2 mm average element size) and modeled with a quasi-hyperelastic foam material available in the finite-elements (FE) solver LS-DYNA (ANSYS, USA). The material parameters were calibrated with unconfined compression tests conducted on *ex vivo* thrombi directly after the retrieval [4]. The compression tests were performed on different thrombus compositions, from red blood cells-rich to fibrin/platelets-rich, and the material curve was interpolated for untested thrombus compositions using linear regression.

Two sent-retriever models were created, which we denote Device A and

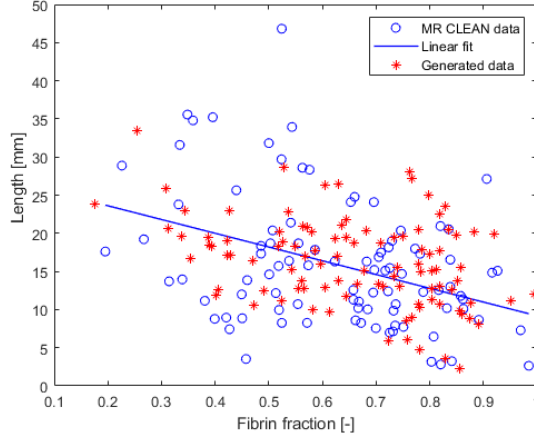


Figure S3: Thrombus length and fibrin fraction from patients in the MR CLEAN Registry (blue dots with indicated linear fitting) and generated for the 100 computational simulations (red stars).

Device B. In one case the stent geometry was reconstructed by observing the real device, while for the other the CAD model was already available. Both stent models were discretized with Hughes-Liu beam elements of 0.2 mm average element size. The nickel-titanium material was modeled with the shape memory alloy material formulation available in LS-DYNA, and the material parameters were calibrated with uniaxial tensile tests on the real devices [5]. A micro-catheter of 0.8 mm diameter was also modeled and discretized with quadrilateral rigid elements (0.2 mm average element size).

The simulation reproduces a clinical thrombectomy procedure performed with stent-retriever, without aspiration catheters, and with blood flow arrest (using a balloon guide catheter). Moreover, an optimal stent positioning is assumed with respect to the occlusion location, i.e. with two thirds of the stent length beyond the thrombus terminus, following clinical guidelines [6].

The steps of the simulation are (see Fig. 2 in Section 2.1):

1. catheter positioning and stent crimping: the micro-catheter is positioned inside the vessel and pushes the thrombus against the vessel wall; in the meantime, the stent-retriever is crimped inside an auxiliary catheter;
2. stent tracking: the crimped stent moves inside the micro-catheter and reaches the occlusion;
3. stent deployment: the micro-catheter unsheathing is simulated by rigidly moving the catheter, so that the stent is released, expands and entraps the thrombus;
4. retrieval: the stent-thrombus complex is retrieved along the micro-catheter centerline.

Further information about the simulation settings can be found in Luraghi et al.[5]. The models were prepared with ANSA (BETA CAE Systems, Switzerland) and the simulations were run with LS-DYNA on 28 CPUs of an Intel Xeon64 with 250 GB of RAM and lasted 29–50 hours. The simulation outputs were post-processed and recanalization success of the procedure was determined. Successful recanalization was defined as removal of the thrombus from the vessel.

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