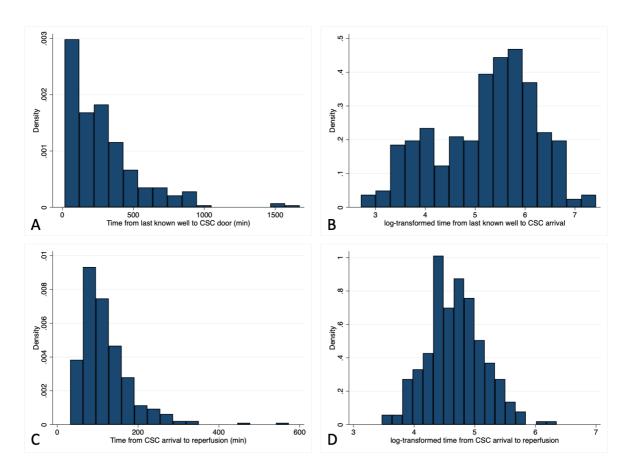
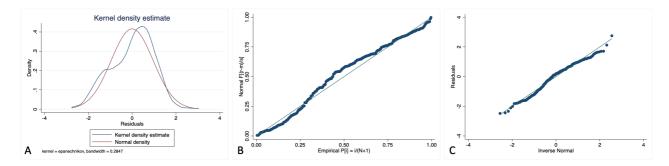
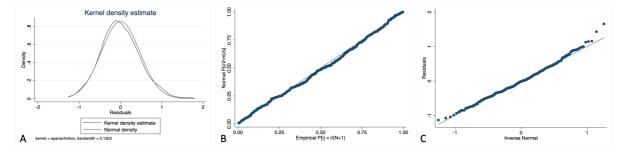
SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL



Suppl. Figure I. Histogram showing last-known well to comprehensive stroke centre arrival time before (A) and after (B) log-transformation as well as comprehensive stroke centre arrival to reperfusion time before (C) and after (D) log-transformation. Note that in case reperfusion was not achieved (final eTICI 0-2a), the last intracranial run time was used as a surrogate for reperfusion time. CSC = comprehensive stroke centre.



Suppl. Figure II. Kernel density plot (A), standardized normal probability plot (B) and quantile-quantile plot (C) for log-transformed time from last known well to comprehensive stroke centre arrival. In addition, normal distribution of residuals was tested with the Shapiro Francia Wilk test, which indicated that the normality assumption was violated (p<0.001).



Suppl. Figure III. Kernel density plot (A), standardized normal probability plot (B) and quantile-quantile plot (C) for log-transformed time from comprehensive stroke centre arrival to reperfusion. In addition, normal distribution of residuals was tested with the Shapiro Francia Wilk test, which indicated that the normality assumption was not violated (p=0.156). Note that in case reperfusion was not achieved (final eTICI 0-2a), the last intracranial run time was used as a surrogate for reperfusion time.

| 90-day modified Rankin Score – | Female patients (n=144) | Male patients (n=159) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| n (%) | | |
| 0 | 10/144 (6.9) | 18/159 (11.3) |
| 1 | 27/144 (18.8) | 26/159 (16.4) |
| 2 | 19/144 (13.2) | 28/159 (17.6) |
| 3 | 22/144 (15.3) | 21/159 (13.3) |
| 4 | 17/144 (11.8) | 17/159 (10.7) |
| 5 | 4/144 (2.8) | 6/159 (3.8) |
| 6 | 45/144 (31.3) | 43/159 (27.0) |

| Suppl. Table I. Modified Rankin Score at 90 days in female vs. male p | atients. |
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Note: modified Rankin Score at 90 days did not differ between female and male patients

(p=0.715).

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| | | (d) If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed | |
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| Results | | | |
| Participants | 13* | (a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers | 3 |
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| | | (b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage | |
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