

NIHSS of patients (FACS) - Recovery vs No recovery

	Below threshold ?	P value	Mean of Lack of recovery	Mean of Spontaneous recovery	Difference	SE of difference	t ratio	df
24 hours	No	0.882994	6.105	6.389	-0.2836	1.913	0.1483	35.00
3-5 days	Yes	0.013532	4.471	1.833	2.637	1.011	2.609	33.00
3 months	No	0.072941	4.167	1.235	2.931	1.571	1.866	27.00
> 1 year	Yes	0.006876	4.167	0.3750	3.792	1.292	2.936	26.00

NIHSS of patients (Fluidigm) - Recovery vs No recovery

	Below threshold ?	P value	Mean of Lack of recovery	Mean of Spontaneous recovery	Difference	SE of difference	t ratio	df
24 hours	No	0.657133	5.500	4.714	0.7857	1.735	0.4529	15.00
3-5 days	No	0.245107	4.300	2.429	1.871	1.547	1.210	15.00
3 months	No	0.602566	1.875	1.333	0.5417	1.013	0.5348	12.00
> 1 year	Yes	0.037239	2.429	0.6000	1.829	0.7615	2.401	10.00

Patients showing a decrease of 1 or more NIHSS points from baseline to the chronic phase (3 months and/or 1 year) were categorized as exhibiting neurological improvement (Recovery), whereas those with unchanged or increased NIHSS were categorized as having no neurological improvement (No Recovery).