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<b>14. ABSTRACT</b> This study will be a Phase 2/3, randomized, multicenter study performed under Exception From Informed Consent (EFIC) to evaluate the efficacy of administration of FFP in subjects with moderate to severe TBI across eight sites with a history of performing studies under EFIC. The study aims to determine whether administration of 2 units of FFP in patients with moderate to severe TBI due to cerebral contusions attenuates hemorrhagic and/or ischemic progression of brain lesions during the early (24 hours) post-injury period.					
<b>15. SUBJECT TERMS</b> Trauma, TBI, traumatic brain injury, moderate, severe, hemorrhagic progression, ischemic progression, brain lesion, post-injury, cerebral contusion					
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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

This clinical trial aims to determine whether investigational administration of 2 units of fresh frozen plasma (FFP) in patients with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) due to cerebral contusions, attenuates hemorrhagic and/or ischemic progression of brain lesions during the first 24 hours post-injury period. The safety of the administration will be documented using treatment emergent adverse events in those with no FFP requirement for resuscitation. Treatment impact will be measured using the Disability Rating Score (DRS) and Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) at 24 hours and 6 months, along with the Extended Glasgow Outcome Score (GOS-E) at 6 months. Patient intensive-care-free days, mortality and hospital neurologic and functional discharge status will be measured as well.

## 2. KEYWORDS:

Trauma, TBI, traumatic brain injury, moderate, severe, hemorrhagic progression, ischemic progression, brain lesion, post-injury, cerebral contusion

## 3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**What were the major goals of the project?**

Year one goals included the following:

**Major Task : Complete the organizational, contractual, and regulatory work to start the clinical trial**  
**Sub aim 1 Tasks: Complete all university/hospital-level regulatory and contractual requirements for clinical trial**

**Milestones Achieved:**

Recruit Project Manager and Research Staff – **Completed**

Hold the initial Project Launch Meeting - **Completed**

Coordination with NUCATS –**Completed**

Local site CTAs and NDAs – **Initiated discussions**

Contracts with BSA and c-IRB signed – **Completed**

Data collection instruments finalized before external submissions – **50% Completed** (pending final protocol approval)

COT and clinical site monitoring plan finalized – **95% Completed**

DSMB setup completed – **75% Completed**

Finalized selection of any further CS – **N/A**

Local IRB at all CS consulted –**75% Completed**

All DSMB members recruited – **75% Competed** with chair established and 75% of members confirmed

Finalized Organization Chart, Management Plan, Data Management and Evaluation Plan: - **90% Completed with finalization of plans pending regulatory approvals**

Site establishment plans finalized: – **95% Completed** awaiting regulatory approvals to confirm needed procedures

**Sub aim 2 Tasks: Complete all government-level regulatory and contractual requirements for clinical trial**

**Milestones Achieved:**

Study protocol approved for submission to FDA by DoD – N/A (DoD indicated submission proceeds FDA and IRB approval)

Pre-IND communication with FDA completed – **Completed**

ClinicalTrials.gov registration confirmed – **Completed**

**What was accomplished under these goals?**

**Sub aim 1 Tasks: Complete all university/hospital-level regulatory and contractual requirements for clinical trial**

**Sub aim 2 Tasks: Complete all government-level regulatory and contractual requirements for clinical trial**

Most major statement of work (SOW) milestone under Sub aim 1 and 2 tasks, were achieved as listed above including recruitment, project launch, contract finalization and local department and team coordination. Near completion activities include site establishment, data management, and evaluation plans. Awaiting final word from one potential DSMB team member, the DSMB is almost established, and the charter draft is in progress as a result. Response regarding local clinical site required IRB procedures are pending for two sites. Clinical trial agreement timelines fall later in the process than indicated on the SOW. We learned that the DOD only required a submission (HRPO) after FDA IND and IRB trial approval.

At the SOW creation, it was thought that site visits would occur earlier in the planning process because it was thought IRB submission and approval could precede FDA approval. That proved not to be the case, as determined by an IRB submission attempt in the Spring of the year. We achieved a pre-IND meeting request and were able to avoid the actual pre-IND meeting given the FDA requested clarifications and changes were accomplished. The FDA meeting request interactions resulted in exclusion criteria and protocol revisions that included the inclusion of pregnant participants. The FDA IND preparation followed, though slightly behind our anticipated timeline as we gathered accurate Statement of Investigator and other investigator documents for eight trial sites. The ClinicalTrials.gov registration application was completed, and the trial was published to ClinicalTrials.gov during the final quarter of the year.

**What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?**

Nothing to report.

**How were the results disseminated to communities of interest?**

Nothing to report.

**What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?**

During the next reporting period, we expect to submit the IND application to the FDA, receive IND approval, re-submit the initial study application to the single IRB (sIRB), receive IRB approval, distribute IRB approved documents to the sites, and start community consultations within the next two quarters and start the clinical trial phase activities by the third quarter of 2024.

**4. IMPACT:****What was the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?**

Nothing to Report.

**What was the impact on other disciplines?**

Nothing to report

**What was the impact on technology transfer?**

Nothing to Report.

**What was the impact on society beyond science and technology?**

Nothing to Report.

**5. CHANGES/PROBLEMS:**

Nothing to Report.

**Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them**

Nothing to Report.

**Changes that had a significant impact on expenditures**

**Significant changes in use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents**

**Significant changes in use or care of human subjects**

Nothing to Report.

**Significant changes in use of biohazards and/or select agents**

Nothing to Report.

**6. PRODUCTS:**

- **Publications, conference papers, and presentations**

Nothing to Report.

**Journal publications.**

**Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications.**

Nothing to Report.

**Other publications, conference papers and presentations.**

Manuscript Submission: August 30, 2023  
Authors: Marjorie R Liggett, Sharnia Lashley, Hasan B Alam  
Title: Plasma Therapy for Traumatic Brain Injury: Rationale for a Prospective Randomized Trial  
Journal: TRANSFUSION

- **Website(s) or other Internet site(s)**

Nothing to Report.

- **Technologies or techniques**

Nothing to Report.

- **Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses**

Nothing to Report.

- **Other Products**

Nothing to Report.

## 7. PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

### What individuals have worked on the project?

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Sharnia Lashley</i>
<i>Project Role:</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
<i>Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):</i>	
<i>Nearest person month worked:</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Contribution to Project:</i>	<i>Over the course of the year Ms. Lashley performed work that supported DOD, FDA and IRB submission activities, including content generation, collection, review, correction and revision and in the instance of the initial IRB submission, provided the content, filled out the application and made the initial and post-pre-review IRB submission. Ms. Lashley met with contact and collaborated with trial site leads to select the trial short name and logo during year 1 of the planning phase. She filled the continuous role of liaison between collaborating sites and the regulatory consultant, Broom Street associates to gather regulatory documents and content in advance of trial startup. Ms. Lashley drafted technical report content, generated, and disseminated a monthly news update/newsletter and attended and provided content for weekly, bi-weekly and monthly meetings.</i>
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Hasan Alam</i>
<i>Project Role:</i>	<i>Trial Principal Investigator</i>
<i>Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):</i>	
<i>Nearest person month worked:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Contribution to Project:</i>	<i>No change</i>

**Has there been a change in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel since the last reporting period?**

Nothing to Report.

**What other organizations were involved as partners?**

Collaborating Institutions  
Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN  
University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA  
Oregon Health and Science University – Portland, OR  
Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, WI  
University of Texas Southwestern – Dallas, TX  
University of California, Davis – Sacramento, CA  
University of Alabama at Birmingham – Birmingham, AL

**8. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**COLLABORATIVE AWARDS:**

Nothing to Report
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## 9. APPENDIX 1

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## PHS Inclusion Enrollment Report

**1. \* Inclusion Enrollment Report Title**

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**2. \* Using an Existing Dataset or Resource**

Yes  No

**3. \* Enrollment Location Type**

Domestic  Foreign

**4. Enrollment Country(ies)**

x USA: UNITED STATES

Add New Country

**5. Enrollment Location(s)**

Northwestern University; Vanderbilt University; University of Southern California; Oregon Health and Science University; Medical College of Wisconsin; University of Texas Southwestern; University of California, Davis;

**6. Comments**

## Planned

Racial Categories	Ethnic Categories				
	Not Hispanic or Latino		Hispanic or Latino		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	7	8	0	1	16
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	1	0	0	1
Black or African American	15	36	0	1	52
White	51	87	17	32	187
More than One Race	1	4	1	2	8
<b>Total</b>	74	136	18	36	264