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(54) **Title:** METHOD OF TREATING OR PREVENTING AN ADVERSE SECONDARY NEUROLOGICAL OUTCOME FOLLOWING A HAEMORRHAGIC STROKE

(57) **Abstract:** The present disclosure relates generally to methods of treating or preventing an adverse secondary neurological outcome in a subject following a haemorrhagic stroke accompanied by extravascular erythrolysis and release of cell-free heme and/or cell-free haemoglobin (Hb) into a cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), the method comprising exposing the CSF of a subject in need thereof to a therapeutically effective amount of hemopexin (Hx) and for a period of time sufficient to allow the Hx to form a complex with, and thereby neutralise, the cell-free heme and, optionally, exposing the CSF of the subject to a therapeutically effective amount of haptoglobin (Hp) and for a period of time sufficient to allow the Hp to form a complex with, and thereby neutralise, the cell-free Hb.