**Figure 1: Trial Flow Diagram**

1. HIV patient with cryptococcal meningitis
   - Consents to enter study
   - SCREENING: meets inclusion and exclusion criteria
   - Randomised
   - Optimal antifungal therapy plus DEXAMETHASONE for 6 weeks
   - Optimal antifungal therapy plus DEXAMETHASONE PLACEBO for 6 weeks
   - Primary Endpoint: Survival to 10 weeks
   - Final Follow-up: 6 months