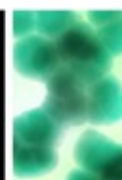


TB:HIV

an international prospective observational study



Newsletter: December 2015

Dear TB:HIV Study Investigators,

In December, 2015, we are collecting follow-up data on patients enrolled into the TB:HIV Study for the **very last time**. Therefore, we would like to **emphasize the importance** of having **follow-up forms** filled out and **returned** since this is the **last chance to provide data to the study**. Further, as this is a cohort study, it is of utmost importance that we **ensure as complete follow-up on all patients as possible** to ensure **high quality data**.

For patients who are lost to follow-up, we once again **underline the importance of trying to locate these patients** (in e.g. dispensaries, shelters, other health departments, registries etc.). If a patient is impossible to locate, we ask you to at least provide vital status. We would like to thank you for all your work. Because of your efforts, the TB:HIV study has been able to produce novel and important results and more will come in the near future. Ultimately, we hope these results will help in leading to an overall improved prognosis for TB/HIV co-infected patients.

Below, please find an update on the TB:HIV study status.

FOLLOW-UP (FU) STATUS:

On 6 December, 2015, we sent out the **very last TB:HIV batch of follow-up forms**. The deadline for returning these is **1 February, 2016**. As no further data on patients will be collected please make sure to **complete all forms and return to the coordinating centre!** High quality data is paramount for a successful outcome. We kindly ask you to carefully **verify all previously provided information** on the forms and correct where appropriate. If your centre has not yet returned 24-month FU forms from previous batches, you will receive them again to ensure complete FU. We kindly ask you to make every effort possible in order to collect as much FU data as possible and return these forms as well.

If you have any questions regarding FU forms, please contact Bitten Aagaard (bitten.aagaard@regionh.dk) or the coordinating centre (tb-hiv.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk). Below, please find the status of the June, 2015 batch of FU forms:

MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES (Mtb samples):

We encourage all investigators to arrange storage of and send us mycobacterial samples cultured from the participating patients. Each sample is reimbursed by 30 Euro and shipment costs will be covered. Please contact us if you have samples ready for shipment.

Upcoming deadlines and tasks:

By **1 February, 2016**, you should have sent the following:

- Complete and return FU forms sent to your site in December, 2015.
- Complete and return IRIS forms for patients who have developed IRIS.
- Complete and return CoDe forms for those patients who have died.

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Belgium: Brussels

Denmark: Danish HIV Cohort

France: Aquitaine Cohort

Switzerland: Swiss HIV Cohort

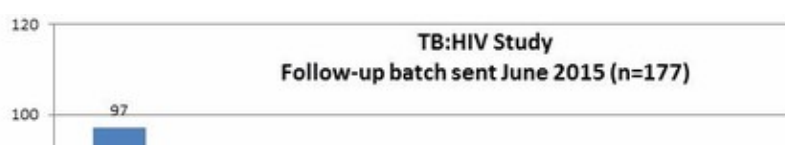
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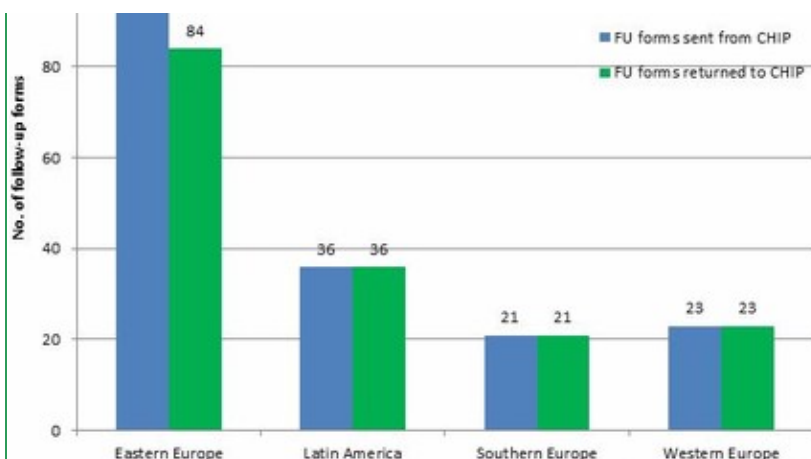
Eastern Europe:

Belarus: Gomel, Minsk, Svetlogorsk

Estonia: Ida-Viru county

Georgia: Tbilisi





SCIENTIFIC UPDATE:

EACS 2015

We were happy to see many of you at the joint face-to-face Steering Committee/Investigator meeting at EACS 2015! We found it to be a productive meeting where many issues and ideas were discussed, as well as a very interesting update from the PENTA pediatric study.

We are proud to say that the TB:HIV study was represented at EACS with one oral presentation and one invited talk. Please find the presentations [HERE](#). A big thank you to all investigators for contributing to our mutual success. The prospective TB:HIV study has now been represented with oral presentations four times at major international conferences (EACS(2013,2015), IAS(2015), and HIV Glasgow (2014)). Moreover, several invited talks at national and international conferences and meetings have so far been presented.

PUBLICATIONS

We are very happy to announce that the following TB:HIV manuscripts have been accepted for publication:

Major challenges in clinical management of TB/HIV coinfectd patients in Eastern Europe compared with Western Europe and Latin America. Anne Marie W. Efsen, Anna Schultze, Frank A. Post, Alexander Panteleev, Hansjakob Furrer, Robert F. Miller, Marcelo H. Losso, Javier Toibaro, Aliaksandr Skrahin, Jose M. Miro, Joan A. Caylà, Enrico Girardi, Mathias Bruyand, Niels Obel, Daria N. Podlekareva, Jens D. Lundgren, Amanda Mocroft, Ole Kirk on behalf of the TB:HIV study group in EuroCoord. Accepted in PLOS ONE.

Tuberculosis-related mortality in people living with HIV In Europe and Latin America: an international cohort study. Daria Podlekareva, Anne Marie W. Efsen, Anna Schultze, Frank Post,, Alena M. Skrahina, Alexander Panteleev, Hansjakob Furrer, Robert F. Miller, Marcelo H. Losso, Javier Toibaro, Jose M. Miro, Anna Vassilenko, Enrico Girardi, Mathias Bruyans, Niels Obel, Jens D. Lundgren, Amanda Mocroft, Ole kirk on behalf of the TB:HIV study group in EuroCoord. Accepted in Lancet HIV.

Congratulations to all for this great accomplishment.

SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS

Latvia: Riga
Lithuania: Vilnius
Poland: Bialystok, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznań, Krakow
Romania: Bucharest
Russia: Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg, Samara
Ukraine: Crimea
Latin America:
Argentina: Buenos Aires
Chile: Santiago
México: México D.F.
Southern Europe:
Italy: Bari, Brescia, Genova, Monza, Palermo, Rome, Sanremo
Spain: Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastián

TB:HIV Study Steering Committee

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Update from EuroCoord

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www.eurocoord.net



A n **abstract from the pediatric TB:HIV study** has been submitted to IWHOD, 2016, and a manuscript will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal shortly. Furthermore, an abstract will be submitted to the global TB conference prior to IAS in Durban, 2016.

Hectic activity is currently ongoing at the coordinating centre where additional scientific projects are being developed. We will keep you updated on these projects.

If you have ideas for scientific projects, please do not hesitate to contact us (concept sheets for research proposals can be found at www.chip.dk, under TB:HIV study).

Thank you for a continuous fruitful collaboration!



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