



EuroSIDA Newsletter

October 2023

Dear EuroSIDA Study Investigators,

The EuroSIDA Coordinating Centre extends warm wishes for a great fall! We sincerely appreciate your ongoing exceptional efforts and significant contributions to the EuroSIDA study. Your dedication greatly influences our scientific research. Below, you'll find key updates from the EuroSIDA study.

Study Updates

Dataset 51 (DS51)

We are pleased to announce the opening of Dataset 51 on the 1st of September and 1st of October 2023 for REST and REDCap sites, respectively. Several REST and REDCap sites have started data submissions. Your continued diligence is appreciated.

To maintain our data collection timeline, we request all data submissions must be completed no later than **1st December 2023**.

For those familiar with the EU-funded [CARE project](#), we are pleased to announce that the two CARE sites situated in Kiev, Ukraine have joined EuroSIDA from dataset 51. A large welcome to the new sites and the study investigators, who will contribute with data from around 1,500 participants!

Covid-19

The COVID-19 form, introduced during the pandemic for participants hospitalized due to COVID-19 has been closed. We appreciate the completion of 156 forms during challenging times.

Cabotegravir

Data on injectable long-acting cabotegravir and/or long-acting rilpivirine treatment are collected annually through two separate REDCap forms. So far, we have received 68 forms. We encourage all the sites to complete the form once annually between October – December.

MISTRAL

The MISTRAL study is progressing well. We are pleased to announce that there are now 21 sites open from 11 countries, and 436 participants have been enrolled in the study. 249 of the 436 participants are new MISTRAL participants not already in EuroSIDA, while 187 are existing EuroSIDA participants. The aim is to enroll 1,200 participants with at least 2 years of follow-up in 2024-2025.

So far, 10 virtual training sessions have been held. If you would like to participate in a training session, you can send an e-mail to the [MISTRAL Secretariat](#).

For more information on the MISTRAL study [click here](#).

EuroSIDA Steering Committee Election 2023/2028

We welcome the new steering committee members representing each of the 5 regions in EuroSIDA (Northern, Western, East Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, including Argentina and Israel).

We would like to show our gratitude to the departing members of the Steering Committee, Giovanni Guaraldi, Jose Miro, Jürgen Rockstroh, Marcelo Losso and Nikoloz Chkhartishvili for their commitment throughout the last five years.

Congratulations to Christina Carlander, Christoph Boesecke, Esteban Martinez, Luba Tau, and Silvia Nozza for joining the Steering Committee. We would also like to thank Gilles Wandeler, Christian Pradier, Inka Aho, Line Rasmussen, Cristiana Oprea, Josip Begovac, and Justyna Kowalska for serving another five years!

We look forward to the support, guidance, and interesting study proposals from the new Steering Committee members. Our first meeting with the new members was held on October 10th.

EuroSIDA Investigators meeting at 19th European AIDS Conference (EACS), Warsaw, Poland. 18-21 October 2023

We are delighted to host our traditional annual EuroSIDA investigator meeting in

Warsaw during the EACS conference on October 18th from 7:30 to 9 AM at Hotel Golden Tulip Warsaw Centre. Please contact us, if anyone from your site is planning to attend the conference so we can send the invitation to them with all the important information.

We will dedicate the meeting to updates on the EuroSIDA, MISTRAL and RESPOND studies, and to discuss future research in EuroSIDA, but more importantly to see and greet you all in person again.

Presentations at EACS, Warsaw, Poland. 18-21 October 2023

We are excited to announce that there will be a total of four EuroSIDA presentations at EACS, three oral and one poster presentation, respectively.

Location: SONATA

Oral presentations:

Thursday 19th October

10:57 – 11:09 AM

Effect of ART, immunological-virological status and prior tuberculosis on mortality among people with HIV in Europe by Erich Tusch.

Thursday 19th October

11:33 – 11:45 AM

Temporal trends and impact of COVID-19 on the HIV cascade of care across Europe between 2016-2021 by Oral Fursa.

Friday 20th October

12:50 – 12:57 PM

Disruptions in testing and treatment services for hepatitis C virus during the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic among individuals with HIV susceptible for HCV reinfection: results from the EuroSIDA study by Anders Boyd.

Poster presentation:

Thursday 19th - Friday 20th October

Differences in integrated assessment and management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) for people with HIV across the WHO European Region by Christian Kraef.

For a full overview of the EACS presentations, click [here](#).

Message from Friends: Launch of the ECDC/EACS Survey

Measuring HIV Knowledge and Attitudes in the Healthcare setting

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) are working to better understand HIV knowledge and attitudes in healthcare settings. A survey is being conducted to measure knowledge and attitudes towards HIV in the healthcare setting across the European Region.

The responses will help identify the needs and priorities of healthcare workers and people living with HIV so that we can reduce HIV-related negative attitudes and behaviors in healthcare settings in Europe and Central Asia.

If you work in a healthcare setting in Europe or Central Asia, you are invited to take this survey [HERE](#).

Please share this survey on social media and directly with colleagues who work in healthcare settings.

You can get more information by contacting survey@eacsociety.org.

Be part of something big!



Reminders

Data Processing Agreement (DPA)

We are in the process of collecting DPA from all the sites that supply plasma samples to EuroSIDA. If your site has received a DPA template, kindly fill out and return the document.

Staff changes

Remember to inform the EuroSIDA Coordinating Centre if there are any replacements of staff or principal investigators. Also, if there is a change in staff, we will remove or assign REDCap access, and update the study group and our database accordingly.

Reimbursement

Unfortunately, the reimbursement has been delayed this year. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused but promise that everyone will be correctly reimbursed ASAP this month.

Please remember to review the payment information in the site contract and inform the coordinating staff if the contract renewal needs to be made to ensure accurate payment.

Publications and Presentations

EuroSIDA reaches 335 Publications!

The EuroSIDA study group has reached 335 publications. Four manuscripts have been published in 2023. Details of recent publications and those in press are:

Published in 2023

- 1. Hepatitis delta infection among persons living with HIV in Europe.**
EuroSIDA and SHCS. Liver Int. 2023. [ABSTRACT](#)
- 2. External validation of the PAGE-Bscore for HCC risk prediction in people living with HIV/HBV coinfection.** Swiss HIV Cohort Study, ATHENA Observational Cohort Study, EuroSIDA, ANRS CO3 Aquitaine Cohort. J Hepatol. 2023:S0168-8278(23)00011-9. [ABSTRACT](#)
- 3. Plasma HIV-1 RNA and CD4+ T-cell counts are determinants of virological non-suppression outcomes with initial integrase inhibitor-based regimes. A prospective RESPOND cohort study.** RESPOND (International Cohort Consortium of Infectious Diseases) Study Group. Clin Infect Dis.2023:ciad219. [ABSTRACT](#)
- 4. Trends in Cancer Incidence in Different Antiretroviral Treatment-Eras amongst People with HIV: RESPOND and D:A:D Study Groups.**
Cancers.2023. Jul 15;15(14):3640. [ABSTRACT](#)

In PRESS

- 1. Heavy ARV exposure and exhausted/limited ARV options: predictors and clinical outcomes.** RESPOND cohort collaboration. AIDS, 2023.

A list of all EuroSIDA publications can be found [here](#).

RESPOND Update

RESPOND is collecting dataset 6, which opened on 1 September 2023. EuroSIDA remains the largest contributor of participants in RESPOND.

RESPOND oral presentation at EACS, Warsaw, Poland. 18-21 in October 2023

- **Modifiable risk factors and their population attributable fractions for TB in People with HIV across Europe** will be presented by Christian Kraef.

RESPOND presentations at APACC and IAS 2023 can be found [here](#).

All RESPOND publications can be found [here](#).

EuroSIDA Staff Update

Please say goodbye to our Data manager, **Ken Andersen** in the Cohort team. It has truly been a pleasure to be working with him. We wish him all the best and thank him for his great contributions to CHIP and the EuroSIDA study during his employment.

We wish everyone in the EuroSIDA study a wonderful fall and we look forward to continuing the great partnership we have with all of you!



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