

TB:HIV

an international prospective observational study



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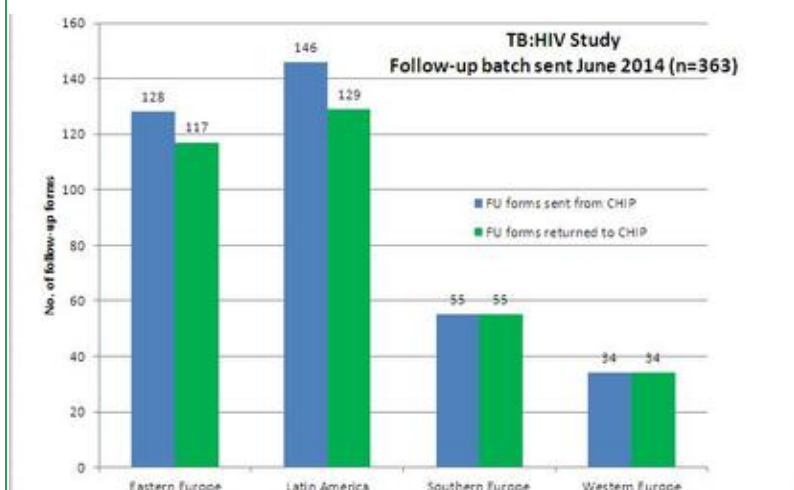
Dear TB:HIV Study Investigators,

The staff at the TB:HIV coordinating centre would like to wish you all happy holidays and we kindly thank you for your excellent work and continues contribution to the TB:HIV study.

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

FOLLOW-UP (FU) STATUS:

In mid-June, 2014, we sent out a new batch of FU forms (6, 12 and 24 months FU forms) and the deadline for returning these was **1 September 2014**. Although some were delayed, we have received most in return. Thank you for completing and returning these forms, it is an important contribution.



On 14 December 2014, we sent out a new batch of forms (12 and 24 month FU forms). The deadline for returning these is **1 March 2015**.

If you have any questions regarding FU forms, please contact Bitten Aagaard (bitten.aagaard@regionh.dk).

LOSS TO FOLLOW-UP (LTFU):

It remains essential to the study that we collect as complete FU data as possible. LTFU may be overcome by contacting other clinics in the area, dispensaries, NGOs, accessing death registries etc. to find any information on patients that are currently LTFU. We strongly encourage all Investigators to prioritize this in order to minimize LTFU.

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

Upcoming deadlines and tasks:

ASAP and no later than **1 March, 2015**:

- Complete and send us FU forms sent to your site in December, 2014.
- Complete and send us IRIS forms for patients who have developed IRIS.
- Complete and send us CoDe forms for those patients who have died.

Upcoming meetings:

- A steering committee TC will be held Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 15:00 CET.

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Central /Northern Europe:

Belgium: Brussels

Denmark: Danish HIV Cohort

France: Aquitaine Cohort

Switzerland: Swiss HIV Cohort

United Kingdom: Cardiff, Leicester, London, Manchester, Sheffield

Eastern Europe:

Belarus: Gomel, Minsk, Svetlogorsk

Estonia: Ida-Viru county

Georgia: Tbilisi

Latvia: Riga

Lithuania: Vilnius

Poland: Białystok, Warsaw, Wrocław, Poznań

costs will be covered. Please contact us when you have samples ready for shipment.

SCIENTIFIC UPDATE:

As most of you may know, the final results from the TB:HIV study were presented at the HIV Drug conference in Glasgow 2-6 November 2014. The abstract: *Major challenges in clinical management of TB:HIV coinfecting patients in Eastern Europe compared with Western Europe and Latin America* was presented as oral presentation, find it [here](#), and poster presentation, find it [here](#).

Furthermore, a manuscript providing further details on patient characteristics at enrolment has been written up and is currently under review with European Respiratory Journal.

The health care survey manuscript has been resubmitted to *HIV Medicine* after a favourable review. We will keep you updated on both manuscripts.

Again, we would like to emphasize that FU data will be extremely important to fulfil the study and further elucidate the course of treatment and outcome thereof for these patients.

Thank you for a continuous fruitful collaboration!



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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

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Update from EuroCoord

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