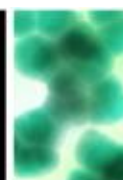


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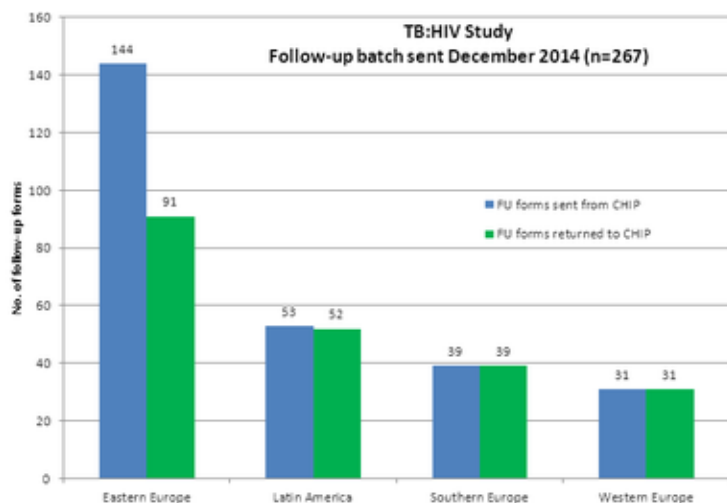
Dear TB:HIV Study Investigators,

Thank you for your excellent work and continued contribution to the TB:HIV study.

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

FOLLOW-UP (FU) STATUS:

On 14 December 2014, we sent out a new batch of FU forms (12 and 24 months FU forms) and the deadline for returning these was **1 March 2015**. If you have FU forms not yet returned to the coordinating centre, we kindly ask you to do this as soon as possible. FU data is essential for ensuring solid results of the ongoing statistical analyses of clinical outcome within the first 12 months after the TB diagnosis. 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).



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

Upcoming deadlines and tasks:

By **1 March, 2015** you should have sent the following:

- 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.

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Georgia: Tbilisi

Latvia: Riga

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Poland: Bialystok, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznań, Krakow

Romania: Bucharest

Russia: Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg, Samara

Ukraine: Crimea

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SCIENTIFIC UPDATE:

Major differences in organisation and availability of healthcare and medicines for HIV/TB coinfectd patients across Europe. M Mansfeld, A Skrahina, L Shepherd, A Schultze, AM Panteleev, RF Miller, JM Miro, I Zeltina, S Tetrarov, H Furrer, O Kirk, A Grzeszczuk, N Bolokadze, A Matteelli, FA Post, JD Lundgren, A Mocroft, AM W Efsen, DN Podlekareva for the TB:HIV study group. HIV Medicine, January 2015. (IF: 3.454)

The **baseline manuscript** providing details on patient characteristics at the time of TB diagnosis is currently under review with *AIDS*.

The manuscript on **mortality at 1 year after TB diagnosis** is currently under development.

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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