

# TB:HIV

## an international prospective observational study



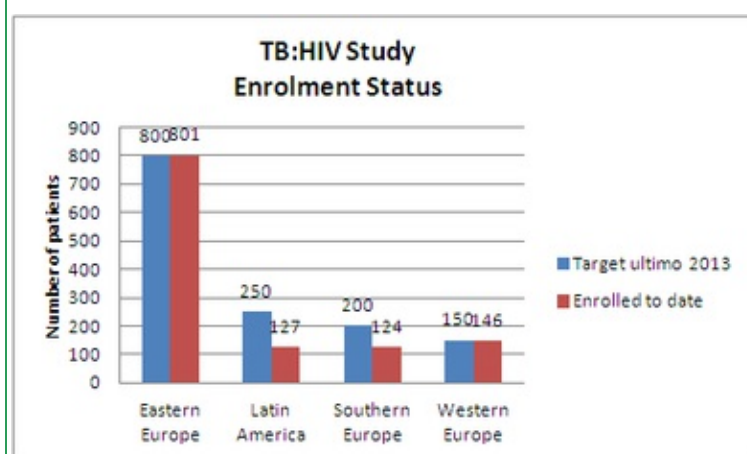
### Newsletter: December 2013

Dear TB:HIV Study Investigators,

We kindly thank you for your excellent work and continuous contribution to the TB:HIV study. Your efforts are much appreciated! Below please find an update on the TB:HIV study.

#### ENROLMENT STATUS

1198 patients have now been enrolled to the TB:HIV Study. Enrolment status per region and required enrolment numbers are shown below. An additional 130 patients from Latin America have been identified and will be enrolled in the near future. Thus the scheduled number of enrolled patients have been reached and the enrolment period is closing on December 31, 2013. Therefore: Please remember to send us any pending enrolment forms for eligible patients seen at your department. We need to receive these enrolment forms by 15 January, 2014.



#### FOLLOW-UP (FU)

Next round of FU forms (6-months, 12-months and 24-months FU) will be send to all sites mid-January 2014. To limit resources, the next batch of FU forms will be send out via e-mail with forms attached in a .pdf version. Deadline for returning these forms via e-mail or postal mail will be 1 March, 2014.

#### LOSS TO FOLLOW-UP (LTFU)

We strongly encourage all investigators to send us as complete FU data as possible. Loss to follow-up may be overcome by contacting other clinics in the area, dispensaries, NGOs, accessing death registries etc. to find any information of patients that are currently LTFU.

#### BUDGET

#### Upcoming deadlines

- Send enrolment forms no later than **15 January, 2014**
- Return FU forms **by 1 March, 2014**

#### TB:HIV Study Group

##### *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: da-Viru county  
Georgia: Tbilisi  
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

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Anne Marie Werlinrud Efsen and Daria Podlekareva have returned from maternity leave and will continue the study coordination. Maiken Mansfeld will be on leave as of January 15, 2014.

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The first 3 years of the TB:HIV study has required investment of many resources at the coordinating centre in terms of following up with participating sites on enrolment and querying missing data on enrolment and follow-up forms, which has taken more resources than allocated for the project under Eurocoord. Since the enrolment period is now completed and the participating clinics have gained experience in the study design and data collection, we ask all centers to complete forms and respond to queries being made in a timely manner.

The coordinating centre will need to reduce the level of support, including a streamlining of the operational set-up and simplification of the query process and this initiative has been implemented to ensure that the current funding will allow for completion of the study.

We hope for your understanding and kindly ask all participating clinics to support these initiatives in order not to compromise the quality of the study.

#### **MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES**

We encourage all investigators to arrange storage of and send us all Mycobacterial (Mtb) 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.

**Thank you very much for your collaboration and seasonal greetings to all!**



#### **TB:HIV Study Steering Committee**

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#### **Scientific Update**

*Recent publications from the retrospective study:*

Multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis in HIV positive patients in Eastern Europe. FA Post, D Grint, AM Werlinrud, A Panteleev, V Riekstina, EA Malashenkov, A Skrahina, D Duiculescu, D Podlekareva, I Karpov, V Bondarenko, N Chentsova, J Lundgren, A Mocroft, O Kirk, JM Miro; HIV-TB Study Group. J Infect. 2013 Nov 16. [Epub ahead of print]

TB Meningitis in HIV-positive patients in Europe and Argentina - Clinical outcome and factors associated with mortality. AM Werlinrud Efsen, A Panteleev, D Grint, DN Podlekareva, A Vassilenko, A Rakhmanova, I Zeltina, MH Losso, R Miller, E Girardi, J Caylá, F Post, JM Miro, M Bruyand, H Furrer, N Obel, JD Lundgren, A Mocroft, O Kirk, and the HIV/TB study group. BioMed Research International. Sept 2013. [Epub ahead of print]

*EACS Conference October 2013:*

Oral presentation by Mrs. Maiken Mansfeld: "Organisation and delivery of healthcare for HIV/TB coinfecting patients in Europe". M Mansfeld, A. Skrahina, AM Panteleev, JM Miro, HJ Furrer, I Zeltina, S Tetrarov, A Mocroft, A Grzeszczuk, L Shepherd, N Bolokadze, JD Lundgren, A Matteelli, FA Post, O Kirk, DN Podlekareva, for the TB:HIV Study Group.

#### **Update from EuroCoord**

Please find the latest newsletter from EuroCoord at:

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