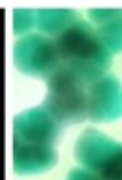


TB:HIV

an international prospective observational study



Newsletter: October 2015

Dear TB:HIV Study Investigators,

As the TB:HIV study nears its end, we would once again like to thank you for your excellent work and contribution to the TB:HIV study. Below, please find an update on the TB:HIV study status.

EACS 2015

We hope to see you at the TB:HIV investigator meeting at EACS!

22nd October 2015, 12:30-13:30

Class room M215+216, Conference Centre

If you have not already done so, please confirm participation to us at tb-hiv.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk

FOLLOW-UP (FU) STATUS:

On 7 June 2015, we sent out the second last TB:HIV batch of follow-up forms (177 24 months FU forms). The deadline for returning these was **1 September 2015. If you have forms not yet returned to the coordinating centre, please do as soon as possible!** The 24 months FU form is the last follow-up form and therefore very important. We kindly ask you to carefully verify all previously provided information on the form and correct where appropriate. The good quality data is essential for ensuring solid results.

In the beginning of December 2015 the last batch of TB:HIV 24m follow-up forms will be sent to the sites. Again, we would like to emphasize that FU data is extremely important to fulfil the study and further elucidate the course of treatment and outcome thereof for these patients.

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 follow-up forms:

Upcoming deadlines and tasks:

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

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

Upcoming conferences and scientific meetings:

- *15th European AIDS Conference (EACS), Barcelona 21-24 October 2015:*
- **One-year Mortality of HIV-patients Treated for Susceptible Tuberculosis (TB) is Higher in Eastern Europe Than in Western and Southern Europe and Latin America.** Presented by Daria Podlekareva on behalf of the TB:HIV study group in EuroCoord. **Thursday 22nd October 10:30-12:30** Room Cologne. Session Title: TB in HIV-Infected Patients in Europe - Together We Are Stronger. Abstract number **PS2/2.**
- **Joint Investigator/Steering Committee meeting, 22 October 2015 12.30-13.30.** Location: Class room M215+216. Lunch will be served.

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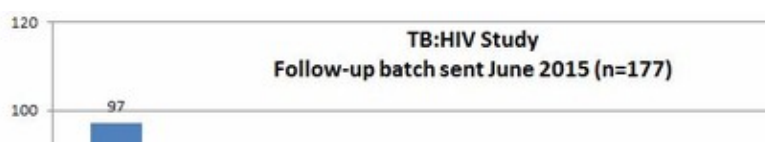
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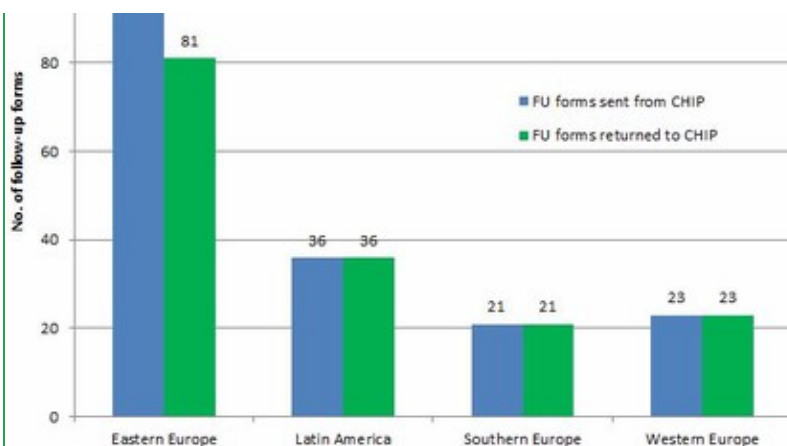
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MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES (Mtb samples):

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.

SCIENTIFIC UPDATE:

We are proud to announce that the The TB:HIV abstract **One-year Mortality of HIV-patients Treated for Susceptible Tuberculosis (TB) is Higher in Eastern Europa Than in Western and Southern Europe and Latin America** has been accepted as oral presentation at EACS. Congratulations to all! Please find the particulars on the right.

The following manuscript has been published and is available online:

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 in *EuroCoord. HIV Medicine* 2015 Oct;16(9):544-52. doi: 10.1111/hiv.12256. Epub 2015 May 11. (IF: 3.454).

A **baseline manuscript** providing details on patient characteristics at the time of TB diagnosis and a **1-year mortality manuscript** have both been submitted and currently under review. We will keep you updated on the status of these manuscripts.

A manuscript on the pediatric subproject of the TB:HIV study is currently being written up and other projects are being developed in these months and will focus on specific aspects of the TB and HIV coinfection. If you have ideas for subprojects or are interested in being actively involved in the scientific process of writing the manuscripts, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Estonia: Ida-Viru county

Georgia: Tbilisi

Latvia: Riga

Lithuania: Vilnius

Poland: Bialystok, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznań, Krakow

Romania: Bucharest

Russia: Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg, Samara

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Update from EuroCoord

Please find the latest newsletter from EuroCoord at:

www.eurocoord.net



Thank you for a continuous fruitful collaboration!



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