

RESPOND Newsletter

October 2023

Dear RESPOND Study Investigators and Collaborators,

The RESPOND Coordinating Centre extends the warmest greetings. We are happy to express our sincere gratitude for your continued outstanding work and invaluable contributions to the RESPOND study. Your efforts are immensely cherished and hold great significance in elevating the level of scientific research we conduct. Below you will find key updates from the RESPOND study.

Sincerely,
The RESPOND Secretariat

Study Updates

Dataset 6 (DS6)

We are pleased to announce the opening of DS6 on the 1st of September 2023. We kindly remind you that cohorts aiming to increase their number of enrolled RESPOND participants must first make arrangements with the RESPOND secretariat: respond.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk.

Deadlines:

- **Deadline of data submission**, we kindly the cohorts to adhere to our data collection schedule, finalizing data submission by the **1st December 2023**
- **Deadline of potential resubmission: 1st January 2024**
- **Deadline for Event-and CoDe form submission: 1st April 2024**

Please feel free to contact the RESPOND secretariat if you need access to the REDCap or REST.

The latest revisions to the baseline definition, inclusion criteria, and the list of collected variables have been shared alongside the announcement of the 6th RESPOND Data Collection opening, detailed information can be found in [“Changes to Baseline Definitions and Inclusion Criteria 2023”](#) on the [RESPOND website](#).

Collaborating cohorts

We are happy to announce that the CARE Ukraine cohort joined the RESPOND consortium as a site of the EuroSIDA cohort, with a commitment to provide data for DS6, increasing the study's heterogeneity and representation of people with HIV from Eastern Europe. The Ukrainian CARE cohort will contribute data on around 1,500 participants.

Two RESPOND cohorts have been inactivated due to long-term data quality and completeness issues. The collaboration appreciates the ongoing efforts to improve in this regard and remains open to reinstating them within the RESPOND consortium once the required standards are met.

Reimbursement

Unfortunately, the reimbursement has been delayed this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

RESPOND Staff update:

Please say goodbye to Ken Andersen, our RESPOND Team Data Manager. It's been a pleasure working with him. We wish him all the best and thank him for his outstanding contributions to the RESPOND study.

RESPOND Scientific retreat in conjunction with IWHOD in March 2023, Athens

After a long break, due to the COVID epidemic, many of RESPOND's collaborators had the chance to once again meet in person.

The retreat yielded many productive discussions about upcoming projects and exploring new areas of interest for RESPOND, resulting in the decision to create five new working groups:

1. Ageing
2. Methodology
3. Long-acting ART
4. Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
5. Resistance

The full list of RESPOND Scientific Interest Groups and working group is available on the [RESPOND website](#).

If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the RESPOND secretariat: respond.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk.



RESPOND F2F Scientific meeting at 19th European AIDS Conference (EACS), Warsaw, Poland. 18-21 October

We will host a RESPOND Scientific meeting in Warsaw during the EACS conference on October 18th from 9 to 11 AM at Hotel Golden Tulip Warsaw Centre.

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

We are excited to announce that at EACS there will be a RESPOND oral presentation:

- **Modifiable risk factors and their population attributable fractions for TB in People with HIV across Europe** will be presented by Christian Kraef on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group.

Oral abstract session: HIV, ART and co-morbidities
Friday, 20 October 2023
Time: 10:45 to 11:45
Location: SONATA

Upcoming Meetings

- RESPOND Executive Committee VC on 29th November 2023 at 21:00 CET
- RESPOND Scientific Steering Committee VC on 6th December 2023 at 21:00 CET
- RESPOND Scientific Retreat in conjunction with IWHOD 2024 in Vilamoura, Portugal (the final dates and details will be shared later)

Reminder

In case you would like to suggest a new project within RESPOND, please, contact the [RESPOND secretariat](#) first to discuss the possibilities and practicalities.

Scientific presentations and publications in 2023

Presentations

Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI 2023), Seattle, Washington, 19-22 February 2023:

- **Trends in mortality in people living with HIV in an international cohort (RESPOND)** presented by Erich Tusch on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (poster presentation and themed discussion)
- **Chronic liver inflammation and use of contemporary ART among persons living with HIV** presented by Ashley Roen on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (poster presentation)

International Workshop on HIV and Hepatitis Observational Databases (IWHOD) 2023, Athens, Greece, 23-25 March 2023

- **Association between changes in body mass index and risk of hypertension and dyslipidemia in people treated with integrase inhibitors and tenofovir alafenamide versus other contemporary regimens** presented by Lars Peters on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (oral presentation)
- **Longitudinal CD4:CD8 ratio and CD8 counts and risk of AIDS and non-AIDS defining malignancies in antiretroviral treated people with HIV: The RESPOND cohort consortium** presented by Frédérique Chammartin on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (poster presentation)

Asia-Pacific AIDS & Co-Infections Conference (APACC), Singapore 8-10 June 2023

- **Integrase strand inhibitors (INSTI) related changes in BMI and risk of diabetes** presented by Dhanushi Rupasinghe on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (poster presentation)

12th IAS Conference on HIV Science, Brisbane, Australia, 23-26 July 2023

- **Integrase strand inhibitors (INSTI) related changes in BMI and risk of diabetes** presented by Dhanushi Rupasinghe on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (oral presentation)
- **Impact of INSTI and TAF-related DMI changes and risk on hypertension and dyslipidemia in RESPOND** presented by Dathan Byonanebye on behalf of the RESPOND Study Group (oral presentation)

Publications 2023

- **Plasma HIV-1 RNA and CD4+ T-cell counts are determinants of virological non-suppression outcomes with initial integrase inhibitor-based regimens: A prospective RESPOND cohort study.** Hortensia Álvarez et al on behalf of the RESPOND study group. Clin Infect Dis. 2023 Apr 13;ciad219. [Abstract](#)
- **Trends in cancer incidence in different ART-eras amongst people with HIV.** Lauren Greenberg et al. on behalf of the RESPOND study group. Cancers (Basel). 2023 Jul 15;15(14):3640. [Abstract](#)
- **Heavy ARV exposure, exhausted/limited ARV options: Predictors and clinical outcomes.** Amanda Mocroft et al. on behalf of the RESPOND study group. AIDS, 2023 (*in press*)

For a full overview of all RESPOND presentations and publications, please see the RESPOND [website](#), and to stay up to date with ongoing and upcoming research activities, follow RESPOND on [Twitter](#).

Message from Friends: Launch of the ECDC/EACS Survey



If you work in a HEALTHCARE SETTING in Europe or Central Asia?



**Let's eliminate HIV
stigma and discrimination
in healthcare settings**

Take the survey

<https://redcap.ecdc.europa.eu/surveys/?s=934LEHMNW33HPTCC>



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!

***We wish all participants and collaborators in the
RESPOND study a delightful autumn season, and we
eagerly anticipate the continued strong partnership
we share with each and every one of you.***

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No question is too small or too big, we are happy to assist in all matters!



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