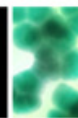


TB:HIV

an international prospective
observational study



Tuberculosis among HIV-positive patients: an international prospective observational study

Newsletter August 2012

Dear Investigators of the TB:HIV study

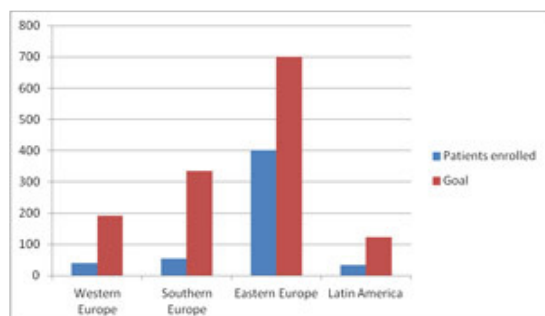
We would like to update you on the study status and kindly remind you about approaching deadline for submission of the follow-up forms.

ENROLMENT STATUS

We thank all study investigators for their excellent work and continuous contribution to the study. Currently, there are 537 patients enrolled in the TB:HIV Study. Patients' distribution per region and goals estimated for the entire enrolment period are shown on figure 1.

Hereby we would like to encourage all investigators of the TB:HIV study to **make every effort to identify eligible patients** and enroll them as soon as possible (please send the forms to Bitten Aagaard baa@cphiv.dk).

Figure 1. Number of HIV/TB patients enrolled up to date and estimated goals for the entire enrolment period per region



FOLLOW-UP STATUS

The following forms have been circulated to you at the end of June 2012:

- 6-month Follow-up on HIV-infected patients diagnosed with active TB during 1.07.2011 - 1.01.2012
- 12-month Follow-up on HIV-infected patients diagnosed with active TB during 1.01.2011 - 1.07.2011

We thank all investigators who already returned completed Follow-up forms. If you haven't returned the forms yet, we are kindly reminding you that **deadline is September 1st 2012**. If you have problems meeting this deadline, please contact Bitten at baa@cphiv.dk

The next round of Follow-up will be in December 2012.

UPDATED ENROLMENT FORMS

Please note that TB and HIV **Enrolment forms and Instructions** on how to complete them have been updated. **New versions** can be found [here](#).

Enrolment forms for HIV-infected patients diagnosed with active TB during 1.01.2012 - 1.07.2012 should also be submitted to CHIP by **September 1st 2012**.

If you have any questions regarding Follow-up or Enrolment forms, or have problems meeting deadline, please contact Bitten baa@cphiv.dk

MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES

We thank all investigators who already provided *Mycobacterial* samples.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The TB:HIV study meeting will take place during the 11th International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection, 11-15th November 2012, **Glasgow, UK**. Please book your calendars for: **Tuesday 13th November 2012 18:00 - 19:00, Morar Room**.

Payment in the TB:HIV study

Please note that in **September 2012** your TB:HIV centre will be **reimbursed** for all submitted forms. Therefore please submit all pending Enrolment and Follow-up forms, as well as *MTB samples* as soon as possible. Next reimbursement will take place in September 2013.

TB:HIV Study Group

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Belgium: Brussels
Denmark: Danish HIV Cohort
France: Aquitaine Cohort
Switzerland: Swiss HIV Cohort
United Kingdom: Cardiff, Leicester, London, Manchester, Sheffield

Southern Europe:

Italy: Bari, Brescia, Genova, Monza, Palermo, Rome, Sanremo
Spain: Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastián

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Argentina: Buenos Aires
Brazil: São Paulo, Vitória
México: México

Eastern Europe

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Estonia: da-Viru county
Georgia: Tbilisi
Latvia: Riga
Lithuania: Vilnius
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Collection of such samples provides a unique feature of our collaboration and will enable centralized laboratory analysis of genetic profiles and resistance. Please contact us regarding arrangements of sample shipment or for any details regarding *Mycobacterial* sample collection. You will be reimbursed **30 Euro** for each included sample, and shipment costs will be covered by CHIP.

PLASMA SAMPLES

A new substudy of the TB:HIV Study on collection of plasma samples in HIV-infected patients during TB disease with the purpose of studying biomarkers in TB/HIV coinfecting patients has been developed. You can find Protocol Addendum and sample Patients' Information and Informed Consent [here](#). We thank all investigators who already agreed to participate in this substudy.

If you are interested in joining, but haven't expressed your interest yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have plasma samples stored on patients already enrolled in the TB:HIV study, it is also possible to contribute these to the study. Please contact us for more detailed information or in case of any questions. Plasma samples will be reimbursed with **5 Euro** each and shipment costs will be covered by CHIP.

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