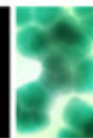


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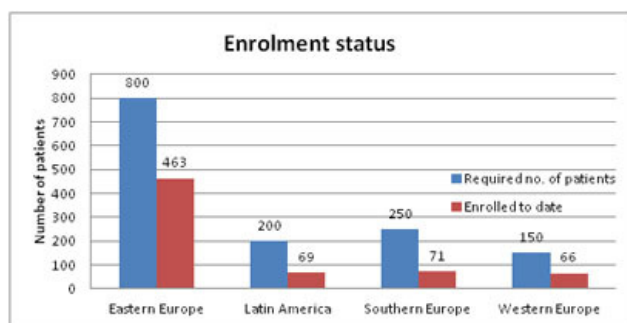
We thank all TB:HIV study investigators for your excellent work and continuous contribution to the TB:HIV study. Your efforts are much appreciated.

CURRENT STUDY MILESTONES

- 900 patients enrolled by **1 January, 2013**
- All follow-up forms were sent to participating sites on 29 June, 2012 and should be received at the Coordinating Centre by **15th November, 2012**

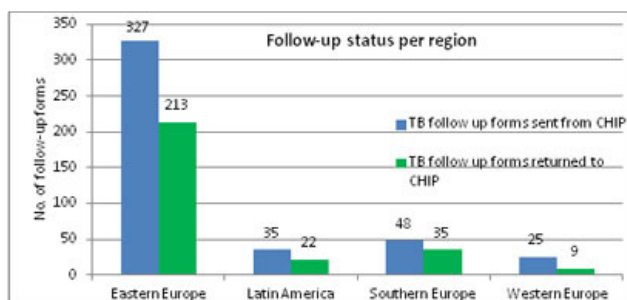
ENROLMENT STATUS

As of 1 November, 2012, **669** patients have been enrolled in the TB:HIV Study. Enrolment status per region and required enrolment numbers are shown in Figure 1. In order to meet recruitment deadlines for enrolling patients we strongly encourage all investigators to make every effort to **continuously** identify eligible patients and to consecutively enroll them as soon as possible. All HIV-infected patients older than 16 years diagnosed with active TB **are eligible** and enrolment forms should be submitted to CHIP as soon as possible.



FOLLOW-UP STATUS

Figure 2 presents an overview of the follow-up status per region. If you haven't returned the forms yet, we kindly remind you that the extended deadline is **15 November, 2012**. It is critical that we receive these prior to the next round of follow-up in December 2012. We also encourage all investigators to collect *as complete follow-up information as possible*.



3 WAYS OF SUBMITTING FORMS TO THE COORDINATING CENTRE

- By courier post: CHIP covers all shipment expenses. Please contact us, and we will provide you with details of our courier (TNT)
- By e-mail: Please scan forms and e-mail them to us as PDF files (baa@cphiv.dk)
- By fax: +45 3545 5758

If you have any questions regarding follow-up or enrolment forms, please contact Bitten Aagaard baa@cphiv.dk

HEALTH CARE SURVEY

TB/HIV coinfecting patients may experience significant differences in health care for many reasons. One of the study's goals is to evaluate and compare health

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 17:00 – 18:00**, Morar Room. Sandwiches and snacks will be served.

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

Southern Europe:

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

Latin America:

Argentina: Buenos Aires

México: México

Eastern Europe:

Belarus: Gomel, Minsk, Svetlogorsk

Estonia: da-Viru county

Georgia: Tbilisi

Latvia: Riga

Lithuania: Vilnius

Poland: Bialystok, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznań

Romania: Bucharest

Russia: Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg, Samara

Ukraine: Crimea

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NB! Anne Marie Werlinrud and Daria

Podlekareva will be on maternity leave as of November 2012

The TB:HIV Study Steering Committee:

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care provided to TB/HIV coinfecting patients across different countries and clinics. For this purpose, we have developed an online survey, which will be circulated to all principle investigators shortly. **Only one survey per clinic should be completed.** If you have any questions regarding the health care survey, please contact Maiken Mansfeld mma@cphiv.dk

MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES

We have received Mycobacterial (Mtb) samples from several sites (thank you very much for that!), and more are on their way. Collection of Mtb samples provides a unique feature of our collaboration and will enable centralized laboratory analyses of genetic profiles and resistance. Please contact us for sample shipment arrangements or for any details regarding Mtb sample collection. **We encourage all investigators to arrange storage of all Mtb samples** cultured from the participating patients so that they can be shipped to the Coordinating Centre at a later stage. Each sample is reimbursed by 30 Euro and shipment costs will be covered by CHIP.

PLASMA SAMPLES

This summer you were all invited to participate in the sub-study on collection of plasma samples in HIV-infected patients during TB disease with the purpose of studying biomarkers of TB/HIV coinfection. Thank you to the many of you who have already expressed your interest. 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 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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