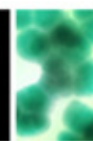


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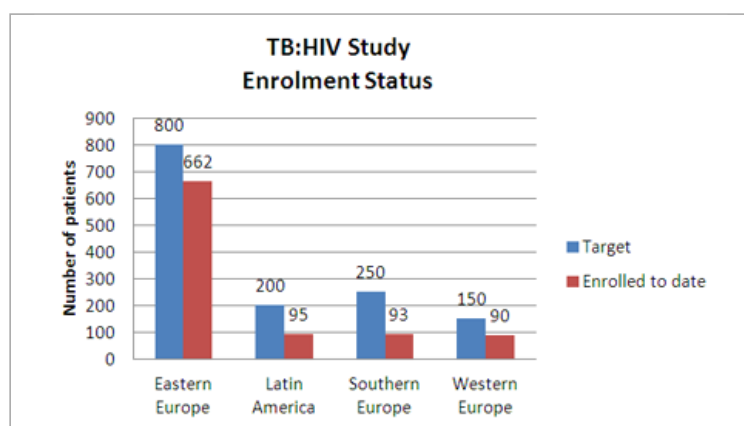
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Thanks to all TB:HIV study investigators for your excellent work and continuous contribution to the TB:HIV study. Your efforts are much appreciated!

ENROLMENT STATUS

As of 1st of February 2013, 940 patients have been enrolled in the TB:HIV Study. Enrolment status and enrolment targets per region are shown in Figure 1. The goal for the end of 2013, when the study recruitment period ends, is a minimum of 1400 persons. **Please remember to send us enrolment forms for all eligible coinfecting patients seen at your department.**



FOLLOW-UP STATUS

Of all patients diagnosed with TB in 2011, we are missing recent follow-up data for 32%, either because the patient hasn't been at the clinic for more than half a year or because we simply haven't received a completed follow-up form.

We strongly encourage all investigators to **send us as complete follow-up data as possible**. Information on patients who have missed clinical appointments or who haven't been seen at the clinic for longer periods may be found by contacting other clinics in the area, dispensaries, NGOs, accessing death registries etc.

In December 2012, we sent out a new batch of follow-up forms (6 and 12 months follow-up forms) and the deadline for returning these is 1 March 2013.

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

MYCOBACTERIAL SAMPLES

We encourage all investigators to arrange storage of all Mycobacterial (Mtb) samples cultured from the participating patients. Each sample is reimbursed by 30 Euro and shipment costs will be covered. Contact us when you have samples ready for shipment.

PLASMA SAMPLES

If you are interested in joining the plasma sub-study with the purpose of studying biomarkers of TB/HIV coinfection, but haven't expressed your interest yet, please

Upcoming deadlines and tasks

ASAP:

- Complete and send us any 12 month follow-up forms sent to your site in July 2012 that haven't yet been returned to the Coordinating Centre
- Arrange storage of all Mtb samples if not already in place. Please contact us if you have any questions.

1 March, 2013:

- Returning completed 6 and 12 month follow-up forms sent to your site in December 2012
- Additional sites to express interest in participating in the plasma sub-study

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, Krakow
Romania: Bucharest
Russia: Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg, Samara
Ukraine: Crimea

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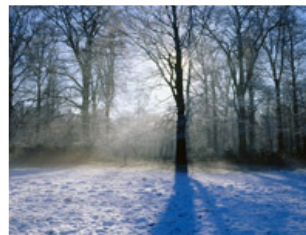
NB! Anne Marie Werlinrud and Daria Podlekareva are on maternity leave as of November 2012.

The TB:HIV Study Steering Committee:

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do so as soon as possible and no later than **1 March 2013**. Plasma samples will be reimbursed with 5 Euro each and shipment costs will be covered.

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