

Issue 3
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ACESO Trial

Upadacitinib Co-therapy with Corticosteroids in Early Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis
(A Phase III randomised placebo controlled double blinded trial)



This newsletter will provide you with the current study status, updates, tips and other useful information.

THANK YOU & WELL DONE

Thanks to your incredible hard work and commitment, we have successfully reached the target of 150 evaluable participants for the interim analysis — a fantastic milestone for the study. Well done to everyone involved!

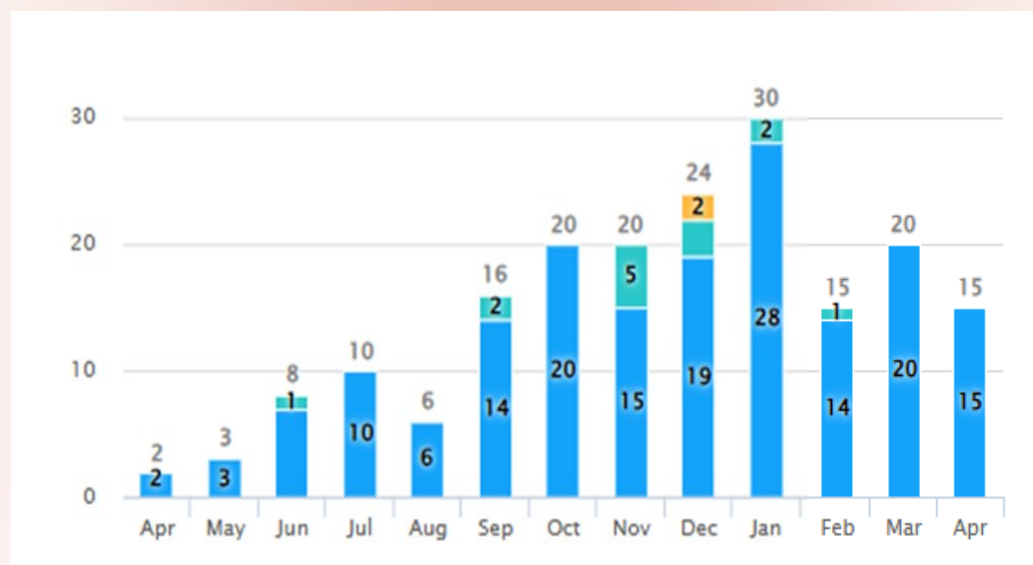


Special thanks to **Hull, Wolverhampton, Cambridge, St Georges & Glasgow: GRI** for maintaining an impressive recruitment rate! Thank you all for your continued dedication — we look forward to seeing the momentum grow!

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

We are delighted to share that, as of 30 April, 28 sites are open and 172 participants have been recruited.

- ☺ **We look forward to seeing you at the site engagement meeting at BSG LIVE'26 on 23rd Jun!**
- ☺ If there is anything we can do to support recruitment at your site, please let us know. Your continued efforts are greatly appreciated!





INTERIM ANALYSIS

A MAJOR MILESTONE REACHED!

To support the interim analysis, a limited set of essential data must now be fully completed.

The interim database lock is scheduled for **Friday 8th May**.

We kindly ask sites to ensure that any outstanding data queries are resolved by **4:00 pm on Thursday 7th May**.

Many thanks for your focussed attention to this. If any help is needed please reach out to the:

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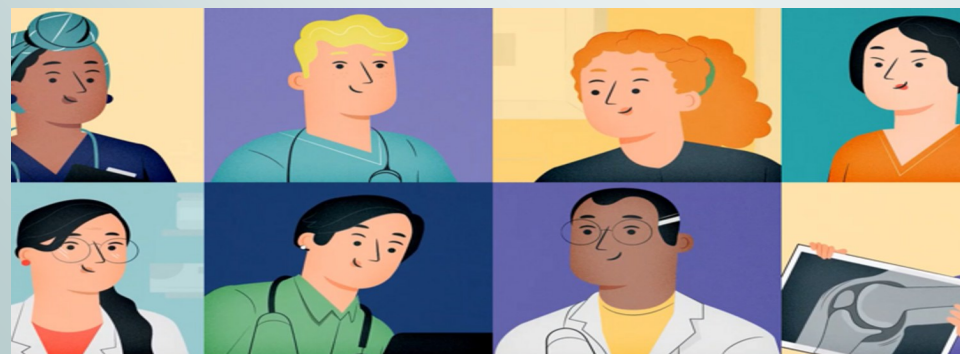


ASSOCIATE PI SCHEME

Supporting ACESO Recruitment!

- ☺ The ACESO study is registered with the NIHR Associate PI Scheme, and several sites have successfully used the Associate PI Scheme to support study delivery and boost recruitment.
- ☺ The Associate PI Scheme offers a 6-month, in-work training opportunity, providing additional site support while developing future research leaders.
- ☺ Sites with an Associate PI have shown improved capacity and engagement.
- ☺ We encourage other sites to consider joining the scheme and benefit from the positive experiences seen across ACESO.

Please contact the CI if you are interested in registering.



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ACESO Trial SITE LEADERBOARD



Site	PI Name	Site Opening	Total recruitment	Recruitment in last 2 months
ACE-01 Hull	Prof. Shaji Sebastian	April	35	7
ACE-18 Wolverhampton	Dr Philip Harvey	September	14	4
ACE-02 Cambridge	Dr Tim Raine	May	14	3
ACE-03 St Georges	Dr Sailish Honap	May	12	3
ACE-04 Glasgow: GRI	Prof. Daniel Gaya	June	9	4
ACE-05 Barts	Dr Gareth Parkes	July	8	1
ACE-28 Maidstone	Dr Paul Blaker	October	7	2
ACE-23 Imperial	Dr James Alexander	November	7	1
ACE-10 Devon	Dr Jonathan Digby-Bell	May	6	3
ACE-14 Leeds	Dr Christian Selinger	October	6	0
ACE-06 Lothian	Dr Shahida Din	July	5	1
ACE-11 Oxford	Dr Alissa Walsh	August	5	0
ACE-09 Kings	Dr Alexandra Kent	August	5	0
ACE-21 St Marks	Dr Ravi Misra	October	4	2
ACE-07 Guys	Dr Shuvra Ray	October	4	2
ACE-13 Glasgow QEUH	Dr John Paul Seenan	July	4	2
ACE-16 Newcastle	Dr Andrew King	September	4	1
ACE-27 Bristol	Dr Susanna Meade	October	4	0
ACE-22 Somerset	Dr Emma Wesley	September	4	0
ACE-20 Chelsea	Dr Alice Moore	October	4	0
ACE-15 Manchester	Prof. Jimmy Limdi	August	4	0
ACE-08 Kettering	Dr Ajay Verma	May	3	0
ACE-26 Belfast (Ulster)	Dr Patrick Allen	November	2	1
ACE-29 Homerton	Dr Nishani Jayasooriya	November	1	0
ACE-25 Cardiff	Dr Dharmaraj Durai	December	1	0
ACE-12 Shrewsbury	Dr Jeffery Butterworth	November	1	0
ACE-24 Southampton	Prof. Fraser Cummings	November	0	0
ACE-30 Antrim	Dr Kok Diong	December	0	0