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COVID-19 Research Round-up

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Welcome to our weekly CRN Eastern COVID-19 Research Round-up. Please do let us know if you have suggestions for improving it further by emailing us at covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

Q&A published in response to Pfizer/BioNTech news

The NIHR has published [new information, including a Q&A, on the bepartofresearch.uk website](#) to address some of the questions raised by the public in

light of the recent announcement regarding the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine trial. Although the information is largely directed towards participants on current UK vaccine trials, parts of it could be useful in wider contexts.

UK Vaccine Trials in the mainstream media

Although no trial name was specifically mentioned, the BBC's 'The One Show' broadcast a segment on the [Novavax trial at the start of its show](#) (at 01.40) on Thursday 12 November. The segment features BBC reporter, Sarah Jarvis, and her husband as they approach their first dose appointment, and includes interviews with key research clinicians. Many important points are covered including why all vaccine trials still need to continue despite this week's promising news, and why a diverse range of participants are needed.

An opinion piece, '[Despite the fine print, we can still feel optimistic about a Covid vaccine](#)', has been published by The Guardian this week, penned by Dr Charlotte Summers (CRN Eastern Specialty Lead for Critical Care).

Find help on our Hub Home

Take a look at our dedicated [Urgent Public Health Research area](#) on the CRN Eastern Hub Home for links to official guidance and NIHR webpages, and our CRN Eastern Prioritised Studies Dashboard.

CRN Eastern COVID-19 study status

Here is the list of all UPH studies currently in set-up, delivery or recently closed in the Eastern region. All are listed in alphabetical order, other than Phase 2 studies which are listed separately at the bottom of the page.

Key

SD = Studies with significant developments / looking for new sites

OTR = Studies opening/open to recruitment with no significant

developments

C = Studies closing soon/closed

EOI = Expression of Interest

UPH = Urgent public health

ADAPT Sepsis (SD)

In set-up.

This is a pre-COVID-19 study enrolling both COVID and non-COVID patients, and which has recently been badged as UPH. The aim of this study is to find out whether the duration of antibiotic treatment given to patients with sepsis can be safely reduced following the close daily monitoring of these biomarkers. Participants will have blood samples taken daily whilst receiving antibiotic treatment (typically 7 days), follow-up at 28 & 90 days. The study is open for EOI's so please contact covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk if interested.

BASIL-C19 (SD)

In set-up.

The study team launched [a new website](#) today (Friday 13 November).

CCP-UK (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

CLARITY (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

This study is expected to close to recruitment on 23/12/20.

C-MORE (OTR)

In set-up.

COG-UK HOCI (OTR)

In set-up.

COPCOV (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

COVID-HEART Study (OTR)

In set-up.

This study is still open for EOI's.

DIAMONDS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

ENSEMBLE 2 Janssen Vaccine Study (SD)

New: The aim of this Phase 3 study is to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of Ad26.COVS.2 in participants with higher risk for COVID-19 (based on age, gender, race / ethnicity, profession, comorbidity) living in, or going to, locations with high SARS-CoV-2 activity, after administration of two doses of study vaccine. Up to 60,000 participants around the world will take part in this study. The main purposes of this study are to see if the Ad26.COVS.2 vaccine is safe; to learn more about the side effects caused by the Ad26.COVS.2 vaccine; if the Ad26.COVS.2 vaccine helps to prevent or lessen the severity of COVID-19.

Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) was confirmed as a site in October and are progressing with study set-up. Nationally, recruitment is expected to begin Monday 16 November at some sites, starting at CUH at the end of November.

GenOMICC (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

HICC (OTR)

In set-up.

The Royal Papworth Hospital and the study team are still looking for additional sites for this Eastern-led study. For more information please contact us at covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

MERMAIDS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

Neonatal Complications of Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

NHS Check (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

NOVAVAX COVID Vaccine Study (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Three Eastern sites have now opened Novavax. Recruitment continues at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and the team hope to reach their recruitment target in the next few days. Day 21 visits are ongoing and Day 35 visits start soon. Thanks to the NNUH team for all the advice and support they have provided to our two new sites.

The Wansford Surgery/North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust collaboration recruited their first patients last Saturday and things are well underway there. It's great to see this joint Primary/Secondary care partnership working. East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust were green lighted this week and they are gearing up for a busy few weeks ahead.

Best of luck to all involved in this important study.

PAN COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

PHOSP-COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

PRINCIPLE (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Principle is one of the largest COVID-19 community based trials worldwide and the aim is to get to recruit 3,000 participants recruited by the end of the year in order to get some robust answers. The team are still experiencing some delays with the 28 day note reviews and have requested to prompt sites to complete these in a timely

manner. This is because there may be a need to publish the results of this study at short notice. If you could support this request that would be much appreciated.

[RAPTOR \(OTR\)](#)

In set-up.

[RECAP \(SD\)](#)

New: The RECAP (Remote COVID-19 Assessment in Primary Care) project aims to develop a tool to assist primary care providers in the identification of those COVID-19 patients at risk of becoming severe, in order to facilitate the rapid escalation of their treatment and increase the chances of better outcomes.

Practices need to be signed up to the Royal College of GPs (RCGP) Research Surveillance Centre (RSC) network to participate in this trial. If you would like to participate but are not part of the RSC network, you can find more about the network and how to join [on the RCGP website](#). Some practices have already been approached directly by the RSC, but if you have not and would like to take part, you can [find out more information on the RECAP website](#). More information will be sent to you by your Locality Team.

[RECOVERY \(SD\)](#)

Open and recruiting.

There are Collaborators' Meetings on the Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November from 4-5pm. Anyone wishing to attend one or other of these dates who has not seen the details please contact covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk.

[RECOVERY - Respiratory Support \(OTR\)](#)

Open and recruiting.

[REMAP-CAP \(OTR\)](#)

Open and recruiting.

[SIREN \(OTR\)](#)

Open and recruiting.

UKOSS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

UK-REACH (SD)

In set up.

UK-Reach are accepting expressions of interest. If sites would like to be considered in the future please submit your interest to supportmystudyeastmidlands@nhr.ac.uk, copying in covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk.

VirusWatch (SD)

Open and recruiting.

Participants are be invited for round 3 soon and sites are busy confirming clinic dates to take the bloods for those invited. The blood taking period has been extended into the New Year.

Phase 2 Platform Trials

ACCORD 2 (OTR)

The ACCORD study is now re-activated as an independent UPH study. Sites will be contacted by the study team.

CATALYST (OTR)

CATALYST is continuing to recruit as an independent UPH study. New sites are required. For more information please contact CRN Eastern at covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk.

TACTIC-R (OTR)

TACTIC is continuing to recruit as an independent UPH study. New sites are required. For more information please contact CRN Eastern at covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk or the TACTIC team directly.

For further information about these or any other studies, please contact us at covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk or visit the dedicated [CRN Eastern Hub Home UPH research site](#).

Thanks for reading our CRN Eastern COVID-19 Research Round-up, currently published on the last working day of each week (subject to rescheduling as required). Previous issues can be found on [the CRN Eastern Hub Home UPHR area](#).

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