

# 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](mailto:covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk).

## **NIHR Guidance for a 'second wave' of COVID-19 activity**

The NIHR have published guidance for the prioritisation of NIHR infrastructure resources (including NIHR Clinical Research Network resources) during a 'second wave' of high COVID-19 activity. The guidance applies to England, but has been developed in consultation with representatives of the devolved administrations, who may themselves publish analogous guidance in due course.

## **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

### BASIL-C19 (SD)

One Community Trust has been selected to deliver this study in Eastern, and patient identification will be through GP sites. Training of the Support Workers who will deliver the intervention will take place in October and recruitment should begin in November.

### CCP-UK (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### CLARITY (OTR)

In set-up.

### C-MORE (OTR)

In set-up.

### COG-UK HOCI (SD)

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals are preparing to open the study with the site initiation visit having taken place on Wednesday 14 October 2020. The

Infection Control and Prevention team are working closely with the Research Team to deliver this study.

### COPCOV (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### COVID-HEART Study (SD)

This study is open for EOI's.

### DIAMONDS (SD)

*NEW: Diagnosis and Management of Febrile Illness using RNA Personalised Molecular Signature Diagnosis (DIAMONDS).*

A five year project that seeks to improve diagnosis of infectious and inflammatory illness in patients of all ages, through development of diagnostic tests based on host gene expression responses. The DIAMONDS project follows on from the H2020-funded PERFORM study, which is in its final year (also coordinated in the UK by Imperial College).

Study open and recruiting at Cambridge University Hospitals.

### FALCON (SD)

**The FALCON study has now been considered by the DHSC as having a high priority amongst the UPH research studies.** The FALCON team are looking for additional sites to collect samples (nose/throat and saliva), which will be couriered to Leeds for testing. The EOI request for the swab collection work stream of the FALCON study (Workstream A CPMS: 45932) was circulated to sites on Thursday 8 October.

This phase of the study is light touch with no requirement to test a Point of Care device, use of local labs or for follow up swab collection. If you are able to participate in this workstream please send completed EOIs to the Thames Valley and South Midlands team as soon as possible to enable rapid site set up for this important study ([studysupport.crnthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:studysupport.crnthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk) and copy in CRN Eastern). For more information please contact CRN Eastern at [covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk).

FALCON workstream B (MOONSHOT) CPMS: 284229 opened this week at the

Peterborough East of England showground testing centre with several participants recruited already.

### GenOMICC (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### HICC (SD)

*NEW: Humoral Immune Correlates for Covid 19 (HICC).*

The primary objective of this trial is to improve the diagnosis and management of patients with primary and secondary immunodeficiency. Since the pandemic the secondary objective is to understand the nature of humoral immunity in patients with asymptomatic, mild, moderate and severe COVID-19 disease in previously healthy individuals with primary and secondary immune deficiency.

The team would like assistance from sites in recruiting to the moderate COVID-19 arm of the study. The study involves participants having samples collected. If they are an inpatient, this would take place during their stay then at 3, 6 and 12 months). If they have already been discharged, samples will be collected at 3, 6 and 12 months.

This is an Eastern led study run by The Royal Papworth Hospital and the study team are looking for additional sites. For more information please contact us at [covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk).

### MERMAIDS (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

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

Open and recruiting.

### NHS Check (SD)

Open and recruiting. NHS Check has extended the recruitment period until Monday 30 November 2020.

### NOVAVAX COVID Vaccine Study (SD)

*NEW:* A Phase 3, Randomised, Observer-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of a SARS-CoV-2 Recombinant Spike Protein Nanoparticle Vaccine (SARS-CoV-2 rS) with Matrix-M1™ Adjuvant in Adult Participants 18-84 Years of Age in the United Kingdom.

Increasing recruitment numbers at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals. Study is being extended for three weeks and recruitment target increased nationally.

### PAN COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### PHOSP-COVID (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### PRINCIPLE (SD)

Open and recruiting. We are now working to Amendment 8 with a new poster for clinical pharmacies. If you would like a copy of the new poster then please contact [covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:covid19.eastern@nihr.ac.uk).

The team are still losing potential participants for the trial due to the time taken to complete the eligibility checks as participants can only be included if they have symptoms for less than 15 days. We appreciate that you are all very busy but if you could respond to these requests in a timely manner that would be very much appreciated.

### RAPTOR (SD)

Site set-up in progress with training and the site initiation visit booked.

### RECOVERY (SD)

Open and recruiting. Please ensure that sites have provided the pharmacy details to the RECOVERY team so that they may activate the monoclonal antibody arm.

### RECOVERY - Respiratory Support (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### REMAP-CAP (SD)

Open and recruiting. The new Antiplatelet domain has now been approved. This domain will involve the following interventions: Aspirin; P2Y12 inhibitor (clopidogrel, prasugrel or ticagrelor).

### SIREN (OTR)

Open and recruiting.

### UKOSS (OTR)

All Maternity Units in CRN Eastern are open and recruiting.

### UK-REACH (OTR)

In set up.

### VirusWatch (SD)

Open and recruiting. Clinics are underway across the region. We have had a really positive response to the study in Eastern with many participants seen already.

## Phase 2 Platform Trials

### ACCORD 2 (SD)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:covid19.eastern@nhr.ac.uk) or visit the dedicated [CRN Eastern Hub Home UPH research site](#).**

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