2012 has been a record breaking year for BADBIR recruitment with the highest number of patients registered in a single year since the project started in 2007. Thank you to all centres involved for their efforts to recruit participants over the last 12 months.

8527 Follow Up Visits...
...were recorded on BADBIR during 2012. This is more than double the number entered in 2011.

2166 new registrations made on BADBIR in 2012
131 hospitals from all across the UK & Ireland registered at least 1 patient in 2012

The highest 50 recruiters of 2012 averaged...
2.7 new registrations per month

We encourage all centres to aim to recruit at least 2 new participants every month during 2013
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Congratulations to the team at University Hospital North Staffordshire who were the highest overall recruiter during December 2012. Thanks also to the Princess Alexandra Hospital (Harlow) who registered the most patients in the biologic cohort in what was their debut BADBIR month.

New 100 Club Members

Recruiter of the Month

Professor Chris Griffiths, BADBIR Principal Investigator

BADBIR Principal Investigator’s New Year Message

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who are recruiting patients to the BAD Biologic Interventions Register (BADBIR). I am delighted to report that BADBIR is going from strength to strength and collectively we should be pleased with the progress made to date. There are now 135 dermatology departments across the whole of the UK and Eire actively participating; so the BADBIR findings will reflect everyday practice. As BADBIR is the largest epidemiological study ever conducted in dermatology within the UK and Eire, it is likely to serve as an excellent model for undertaking other research on skin disease.

Many of the centres involved in BADBIR have never before participated in research studies. Such is the excitement and interest generated by BADBIR that this has in turn provided the impetus for Professor Nick Reynolds to set up the UK Translational Research Network in Dermatology which will focus on other translational research studies.

This year has been the most successful in terms of recruitment, with 2058 patients recruited so far, bringing the total recruitment to 5783 - 3659 on biologics and 2126 on conventional systemic therapies – a considerable achievement. The quality of data being collected puts us in the vanguard of European registries. These data will provide more accurate, better quality information to patients who are considering biologic therapies in the future. It is also likely that overall patient management will be enhanced by the use of standardized assessments across all these centres. We have also published our first paper on BADBIR (Burden et al Br J Dermatol 2012; 166:545-54.)

This success would not be possible without the invaluable assistance of the dermatology teams and specifically dermatology and research nurses. Can I encourage those of you who are acting as Principal Investigators to ensure that your team members are adequately trained to undertake this work as per the BADBIR protocol. Having regular meetings with personnel who are collecting data is important to ensure that they are adequately informed on the requirements of the protocol and to discuss any recruitment barriers at your centre. This is particularly important when nurses do not have any experience or training in dermatology and may not be familiar with some of the assessments or where CLRN nurses are collecting data. The BADBIR team will support you as much as possible with this. That said, preliminary audit of the data in terms of quality has thus far been very reassuring and we are very grateful for all your hard work.

North Staffordshire complete a busy month on this edition of the newsletter by recruiting their 100th BADBIR patient. Belfast City Hospital have also passed this total in the last month. Congratulations to all at the two dermatology departments involved. A BADBIR Bear is on its way to each centre. Thanks also to St. Luke’s Hospital Bradford who recently registered their 200th BADBIR participant on the database.

New Recruiters

This month we welcome Princess Alexandra Hospital, University Hospital Lewisham, Barts & the London NHS Trust and Chesterfield Royal Infirmary who have all recently registered their first patients with BADBIR.

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Many thanks to Jill Ramsay, Hazel Walker & Dr. Aamir Butt who helped Scunthorpe General become the highest biologic recruiter in November.