

Research Bulletin from the Diabetes Translational Research Group

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Welcome to our latest bulletin

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our research bulletin. This summer has been a very exciting time for our group with conference presentations, public involvement activities and great progress to report with our studies! Please read on for details.

OCDEM Professors Rury Holman and Mark McCarthy "Highly Cited Researchers" 2015

Professors Rury Holman and Mark McCarthy have been listed in the Thomson Reuters 2015 list of highly cited researchers http://tinyurl.com/Highly-cited-researchers

This prestigious list includes those scientific researchers whose publications rank among the top 1% most cited for their subject field and year of publication, earning them the mark of exceptional impact.



This means both Professors have been identified as being among the world's most influential scientific minds.

Research activity increasing across the NHS in England

This month marks the launch of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) annual league table, which reveals an increase in clinical research activity across the NHS in England for 2014/15. For further details please go to:

http://tinyurl.com/NIHR-league-table

TRG STUDY UPDATE

Testosterone study now completed!



We are delighted to announce that the above study, which is investigating a new treatment approach to correcting low testosterone levels in men has been completed!

With the last study visit just this month, the team are now focussing efforts on the final few steps before data analysis can start.

We will be reporting the results later this year, so look out for details in a future bulletin and keep an eye on our website http://www.dtu.ox.ac.uk/TRG/

LIXI study

Lixisenatide is used to treat people with type 2 diabetes. This 16-week study is looking to see if lixisenatide could also be used in people with **type 1 diabetes**, to improve their blood glucose control when given in addition to their usual insulin therapy.

Looking for just 5 more people with type 1 diabetes!



To find out more, please see the study poster included with this bulletin or contact our research team with no obligation on

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OCDEM staff showcase work at the 51st European Diabetes conference



Staff from the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism (OCDEM), presented their work at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Stockholm last month.

This high-profile event attended by nearly 18,000 top international scientists, doctors and other health care professionals is an ideal opportunity to learn about the latest developments in diabetes and research. To read more see: <u>http://tinyurl.com/EASD-2015</u>



Following presentation of the DTU's 6-year sitagliptin cardiovascular outcomes trial (TECOS) primary results in June at the American Diabetes Association conference in Boston, new data were presented at the EASD conference.

Professors Holman and Josse (University of Toronto, Canada) presented updates confirming that there were no heart failure, pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer concerns with sitagliptin. For further details please see the following links:

http://tinyurl.com/TECOS-results.

http://tinyurl.com/TECOS-safety-update-results

What to expect if you decide to take part in one of our studies

The Diabetes Trials Unit has produced a video to show what is involved in taking part in one of our studies. It is filmed in OCDEM where we are based and features a participant who took part in one of our previous TRG studies.

To view the video, please go to:

http://www.dtu.ox.ac.uk/generic/article.php?220

Public Involvement

OCDEM school's open day 14th October

"Is science for me?"

Members of the TRG team joined other groups from the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM) to meet with sixth form students and explain what it is like to work in science and the career opportunities it opens up.

The event, supported by the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, was attended by students and teachers from seven Oxfordshire schools.

To find out more please visit: http://tinyurl.com/Science-14-Oct-15



OUH NHS Trust Name Change

As of 1st October 2015, the Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS Trust became the OUH NHS Foundation Trust. This gives patients a greater say in their healthcare and will give the trust more freedom to shape services around local needs, so excellent news.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Volunteers needed

Type 1 diabetes study

Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Churchill Hospital

We are running a study to investigate how a glucose-lowering drug called lixisenatide affects people with type 1 diabetes

We are looking for people who:

- Have type 1 diabetes
- Using insulin to treat the diabetes
- Generally in good health
- Aged between 18 and 70

You will be reimbursed for travel expenses and your time (Payment for attending study visits would be a maximum of £450).

Please get in touch for further information E-mail <u>cru@ocdem.ox.ac.uk</u> Tel: 01865 857287

All information collected will be strictly confidential. Should you decide to take part in this study, your GP will be informed unless you wish otherwise.





