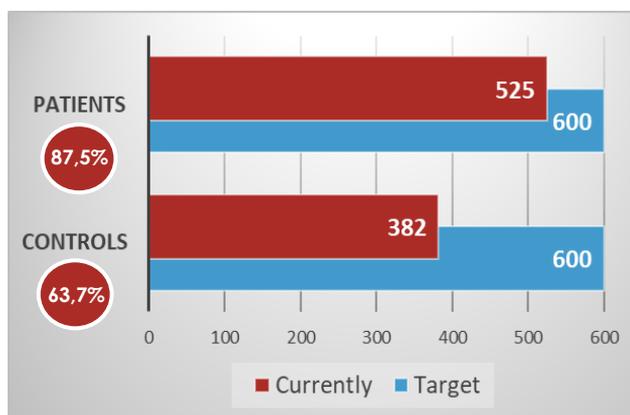


SECRETO Newsletter

November 2020

Recruitment status

A big thanks to you all for your support during the final spurt. Our goal was to complete the recruitment before the next ESO Congress in May. Due to the pandemic, the Congress has been postponed and will be organized in 1-3 September 2021. To have a little more time reach our target patient number, we will extend our deadline until the end of August 2021.



Since the last Newsletter in August, approx. 8 patients per month have been enrolled into the SECRETO Study. Keeping up with this pace means that we would be able to meet our sample size of patients by the time of the ESOC. Therefore, please keep a close eye on young stroke patients admitted to your hospital and do your very best to enroll consecutive patients with cryptogenic stroke into the SECRETO Study. It benefits not only us, but most likely also the patients.

Notably, there's much more to do with control subjects in order to reach our target and achieve an adequately powered study. If you need assistance in figuring out ways as how to find control subjects, please be in touch and we'll try to figure it out together.

Publications

The first paper utilizing the full SECRETO data collected and processed until April 2020 has been recently published in *Annals of Neurology* with Dr. Nicolas Martinez-Majander as the first author:

- Martinez-Majander N. et al. *Ann Neurol* 2020 doi: 10.1002/ana.25937.

In addition, a few cardiac-oriented papers using data of 60 pilot participants enrolled in Helsinki have been published and may be of interest to you:

- Pöyhönen P. et al. *PLoS One* 2020 doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0237228.
- Pirinen J. et al. *Clin Physiol Funct Imaging* 2020 doi: 10.1111/cpf.12640.
- Pirinen J. et al. *J Am Heart Assoc* 2020 doi: 10.1161/JAHA.119.014578.

Sample analysis ongoing

Running coagulation assays have continued in HUS Diagnostic Center, aiming at to complete the analysis of 400 patients and 400 controls by Q1/2021.

Pedal to the metal!

Now is not the time to slow down but rather to hit the pedal to the metal so that we can cross the finish line together!

