

Introduction

On behalf of the Co-Chief Investigators, Professor Simon Gollins and Dr Ane Appelt and the CTRU Team, welcome to the 12th APHRODITE trial newsletter for January 2024 and happy New Year! Thank you once again for all your continued hard work and recruiting into the APHRODITE trial.

Recruitment & Screening

Total recruitment to APHRODITE has reached **85** patients from across the 10 sites open to recruitment. Our ultimate target is to recruit **104** patients to APHRODITE from the 12 sites selected.

We have recruited **5** patients in November and **3** in December! A big congratulations to St James's who recruited 3 patients in one week! Further congratulations to the Christie who have now recruited 28 patients in total! The table to the right lists the total number of patients recruited per site.

We are now collecting screening logs for Q4 2023, an email was sent about this in early January. Please make sure to use the most recent v2.0 log when completing any screening logs.

Site	Total Patients Recruited
Christie	28
Glan Clwyd	18
Churchill	12
St James's	9
Weston Park	7
Lincoln	4
Clatterbridge	3
Royal Preston	2
Addenbrooke's	1
Royal Shrewsbury	1
Southampton	0

Extension

We are very pleased to inform you that we have secured a costed extension to the current grant from YCR, which will allow us to complete recruitment and follow-up all patients as planned. The new recruitment end date is therefore the **31st October 2024**, after which there will be a two-year follow-up and the trial will then end on the **30th April 2027**.

Site Setup & Randomisation

We continue to support setup at sites opening to the trial. Please note telephone randomisation capability has been removed from APHRODITE. As such, please make sure to randomise patients via the online randomisation portal <https://lictr.leeds.ac.uk/webrand/>.

Christie Press Release

In very exciting news the APHRODITE trial recently had a story published in the press. The story is about an ex-Premier League football scout who was a patient at The Christie and is now cancer free!

The story was published on 20th November 2023 and was seen on multiple news sites including the BBC, ITVX, The Independent, Manchester Evening News, London Evening News and The Standard. Please find a link below to the article on ITVX:

<https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2023-11-20/ex-premier-league-football-scout-given-all-clear-after-pioneering-cancer-trial>

The patient and Dr Claire Arthur (Christie PI) also gave a great interview on this story. The interview was on Granada reports published on 23rd November 2023 and can be found using the link below.

<https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2023-11-23/ex-manchester-united-scout-cancer-free-after-medical-trial-success>

On behalf of the APHRODITE trial team and the Co-Is Prof Simon Gollins and Dr Ane Appelt, we would like to give a **big thank you** to all APHRODITE site teams, and a **massive thank you** to the Christie APHRODITE team, for all your hard work.



Discrete Choice Experiment (DCE)

The APHRODITE Patient Preference project is continuing to recruit participants, and we currently have **63** people who have completed the pre-treatment survey. We have also received six-month follow-up questionnaires from **33** participants already, and we are hoping to get more back soon. We are very pleased to have recently welcomed Royal Shrewsbury to recruiting for the Patient Preference project alongside the trial.

We're still interested in opening more sites, so if you are not currently recruiting to the APHRODITE Patient Preference project and would like to get involved, please contact APHRODITEPatientPreference@leeds.ac.uk or e.j.d.webb@leeds.ac.uk.



If you have any questions or queries about trial setup, please contact Ella our Trial Management Assistant by emailing the APHRODITE trial inbox at APHRODITE@leeds.ac.uk

If you would like your site to be featured on the newsletter then please let us know about your experience of recruiting into the APHRODITE trial!