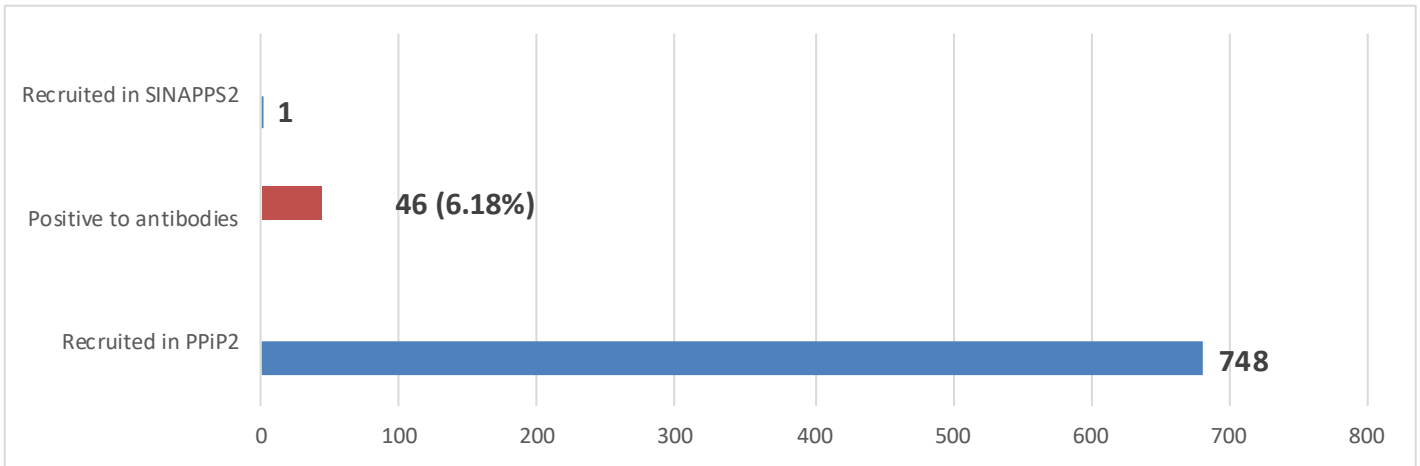




SINAPPS

SINAPPS group studies overview (September 2016 - January 2018)



PPIp2 updates

We would like to apologise for the delay in turnaround of PPIp2 blood test results during Christmas time. Due to a number of overlapping annual leaves, the Neuroimmunology service could not process all the requests with the usual speed. This has now been solved, and since last week the lab team is again working at full capacity. All the PPIp2 samples from December 2017 have been tested, and the results have already been communicated. You can now expect the usual 7-10 days turnaround from when you send the sample to receiving the results. Thank you for your patience.

The Neuroimmunology team informed us that last week an EDTA (purple top) tube with no ID and containing a blood sample was sent to their lab. Without an ID it is impossible to associate a sample with a patient, so the sample had to be destroyed. To avoid losing important patient data, please make sure that all the tubes and documents you send have the correct patient ID on them. Thank you for your help!

SINAPPS2 updates

A new trial site joins the SINAPPS2 family!

On the 8th of January 2018 the Site Initiation Meeting was held with the SINAPPS2 site at Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust! The site will offer participation to individuals coming from Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and nearby regions. This is the 5th site opened since the activation of the trial in September 2017.

We are very excited to open yet another site and we're looking forward to work with Dr Timothy Harrower (PI) and his lovely team at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital!



The main entrance of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital



Meet the team: Jane

This month we'll meet the Oxford-based PA to Prof Lennox and PPI2 study coordinator: Jane Hainsworth!

“Jane is based in Oxford at the University Department of Psychiatry. She has always worked in research and first joined the Department in 1995 to work as a research assistant on the Modification of Eating Attitudes and Behaviour in Adolescent Girls study. This was followed by posts in diabetes research before she returned in 2000 to work on the BALANCE and then CEQUEL Trials of treatment of bipolar disorder.

Since 2014, Jane has enjoyed being PA to Belinda Lennox as well as being part of the PPI2 Team.

Away from work, Jane designs and sells jewellery.”

Next month we'll meet a new member of the SINAPPS team: the research administrator Mio!

PPI2 recruiter of the month

December and its revelries are now behind us (sadly, some might say). Between the cold and the mince pies, the last month of the year is traditionally a tough time for recruitment.

That apparently did not apply to the team at the **South London and Maudsley NHS Trust** (Mohammed Pujeh, Dr Matthew Taylor), which snatched the title of best recruiter of the month for December!!

We hope the team celebrated the festivities properly, because they certainly had an additional reason to!

With the new year now underway the recruitment will restart at full throttle! Who shall be the top team to open the contest for 2018?

Stay with us to find out!

Welcome Mio!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mio Shimazaki in the SINAPPS team.

Mio Shimazaki will assist both PPI2 and SINAPPS2 studies from our base in Oxford. She will ensure our office and lab based research activities are running smoothly.

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