

Greater Manchester Inflammation Research Showcase Musculoskeletal Disorders and Dermatology Focus



Tuesday 17th September 2024



Welcome to the Inflammation Research Showcase



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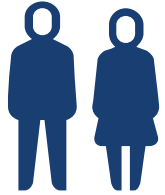


Welcome

- NIHR Research Delivery Network National Specialty Lead Musculoskeletal and Orthopaedics
- Showcase the infrastructure and activities across Greater Manchester
- Early to late phase research
- Patient at the core of our activities

Housekeeping

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Toilets

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nearest exit



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mode**



Networking lunch

will be provided at
12 noon



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Follow-up material

will
be circulated after the
event

Our Speakers

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Chaired by Dr James Bluett

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Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper

Engagement & Involvement Specialist, and Public Representatives at VOCAL



Dr Adam Watts

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Dr Siân Hanison

Operational Director NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility



Suja Subin

Advanced Clinical Practitioner



Caroline Leech

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Professor Ben Parker

Consultant Rheumatologist and Co-Director of NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility



Professor Richard Warren

Consultant Dermatologist, Professor of Dermatology and Clinical Director of NIHR Manchester CRF

Our Speakers



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Professor Anne Barton

Consultant Rheumatologist and Director of the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre

Dr Omair Razzaq

GP at Ashton Medical Group and Specialty Lead for Primary Care at Greater Manchester CRN

Dr Matthew Harries

Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester

Professor Gisela Orozco

Professor of Functional Genomics at The University of Manchester

Dr Beatriz Duran

Consultant Pharmacist for Clinical Trials and ATMPs at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Visveswaran Mallayan

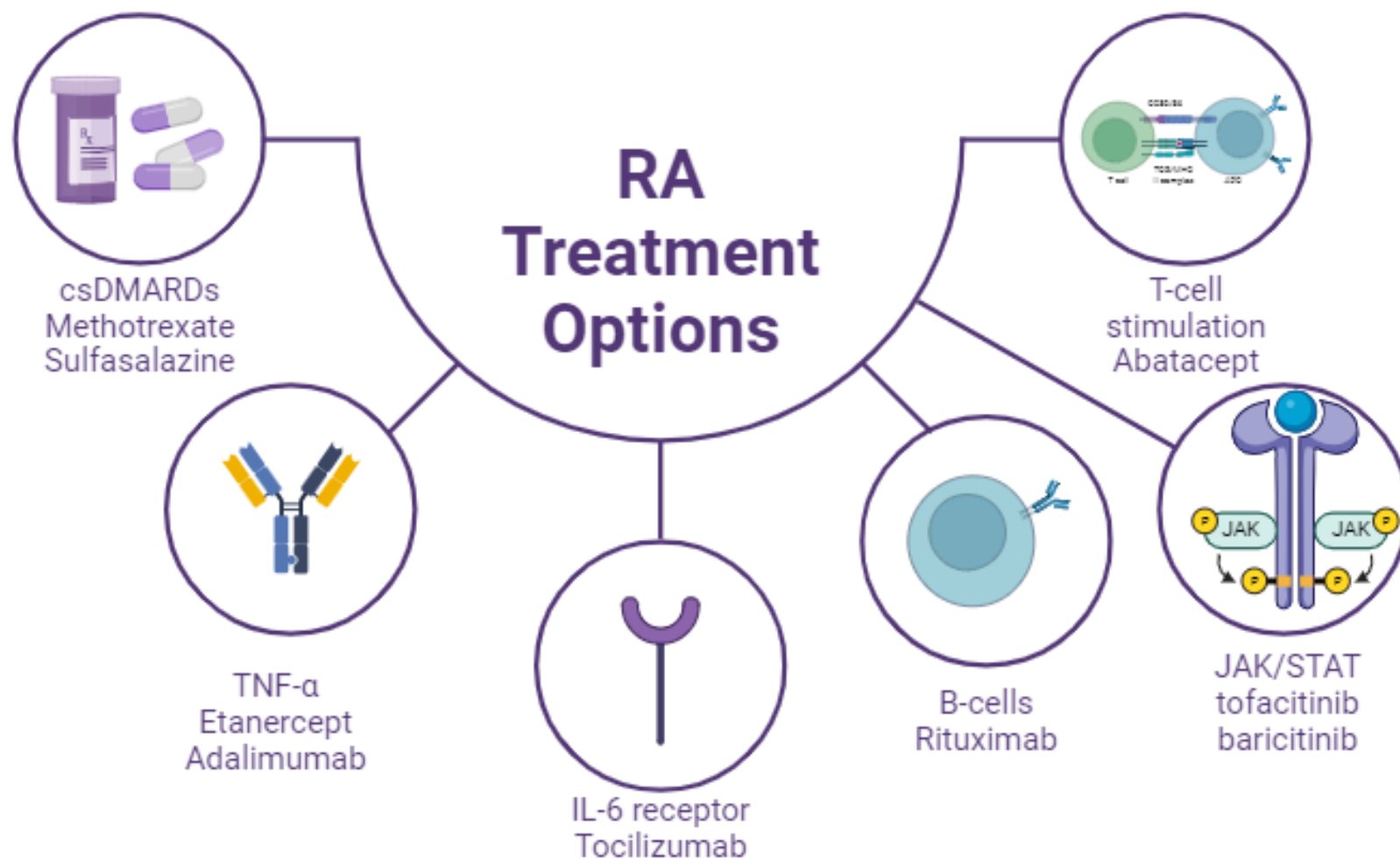
Research and Innovation Manager at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Sindhu John

Nurse Manager for MSK, Rheumatology, and Cross specialty team at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Key Facts

- Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases affect > 18 million in the UK
- > 20% of GP consultations
- 54% live with a skin disease
- Orthopaedics is one of the UK's largest medical-technology growth sectors



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- In the UK
 - The first hip implant
 - First stainless steel and acrylic-knee prosthesis
- The UK excels in:
 - Cutting-edge resurfacing technologies
 - Biologic repair, including soft tissue
 - Navigation and 3D imaging/printing
 - Laparoscopic delivery of biological and cellular therapies

Innovating Across the First Devolved Health and Social Care System

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Infrastructure Bridging Gaps Between New Discoveries and Individualised Care



NHS GM Integrated Care System

Integrated Care Board

Provider Collaboratives

Mental Health

Social Care

Councils

Combined Authority

Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprises

Supportive Infrastructure Across Translational Research

Pre-clinical *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies



Proof of concept studies and Phase I clinical trials



Phase 2/3 clinical trials
Clinical research studies to inform evidence based guidelines



Phase 4 clinical trials
Health implementation research
Real-World evidence studies



Population level outcomes research and studies of the impact on policy



Discovery Science

Translation to Humans

Translation to Patients

Translation into Practice

Translation to Community

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NIHR | Policy Research Unit



NIHR | Manchester Clinical Research Facility



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The NIHR CRN supports patients, the public, and health and care organisations across England to participate in high-quality research, advancing knowledge and improving care.



Clinical Research Network

- 1,045,282 participants recruited to CRN supported studies in 2023/24
- Supported 6,074 studies
- More than half of all GP practices in England (56%) took part in clinical research supported by the CRN during 2023/24

One of the best countries to host global trials

- 251,471 participants (24%) took part in studies involving companies in England in 2023/24 (up from 32,328 in 2022/23):
 - 140,793 (13%) were recruited to commercial contract studies
 - 110,678 (11%) to commercial collaborative studies (where companies work with a range of other partners)

Our 10 years in numbers:



Total participants in commercial research – **44,256** (highest in the United Kingdom)



An average of **12 participants** recruited to commercial studies, per working day over 10 years



Total number of commercial studies recruiting in the last 10 years – **1,803**



Over **60** notable **1st recruits**, Global, European, UK first recruits – **23 global**, **7 European** and **33 UK** firsts



Local average set up times – **51 days** compared with a national average of 117 days



Percentage of commercial recruitment to time and target – **84%** (highest in England)



Number of recruits to medtech studies – **137 recruiting studies** with **11,191 participants**



Top recruiting region with **467 studies**, nationally and internationally.



Growing number of Investigators in our region. Currently **1,165** active Principal Investigators and over 190 Chief Investigators, which is an increase from 34 in 2012 – 2013.

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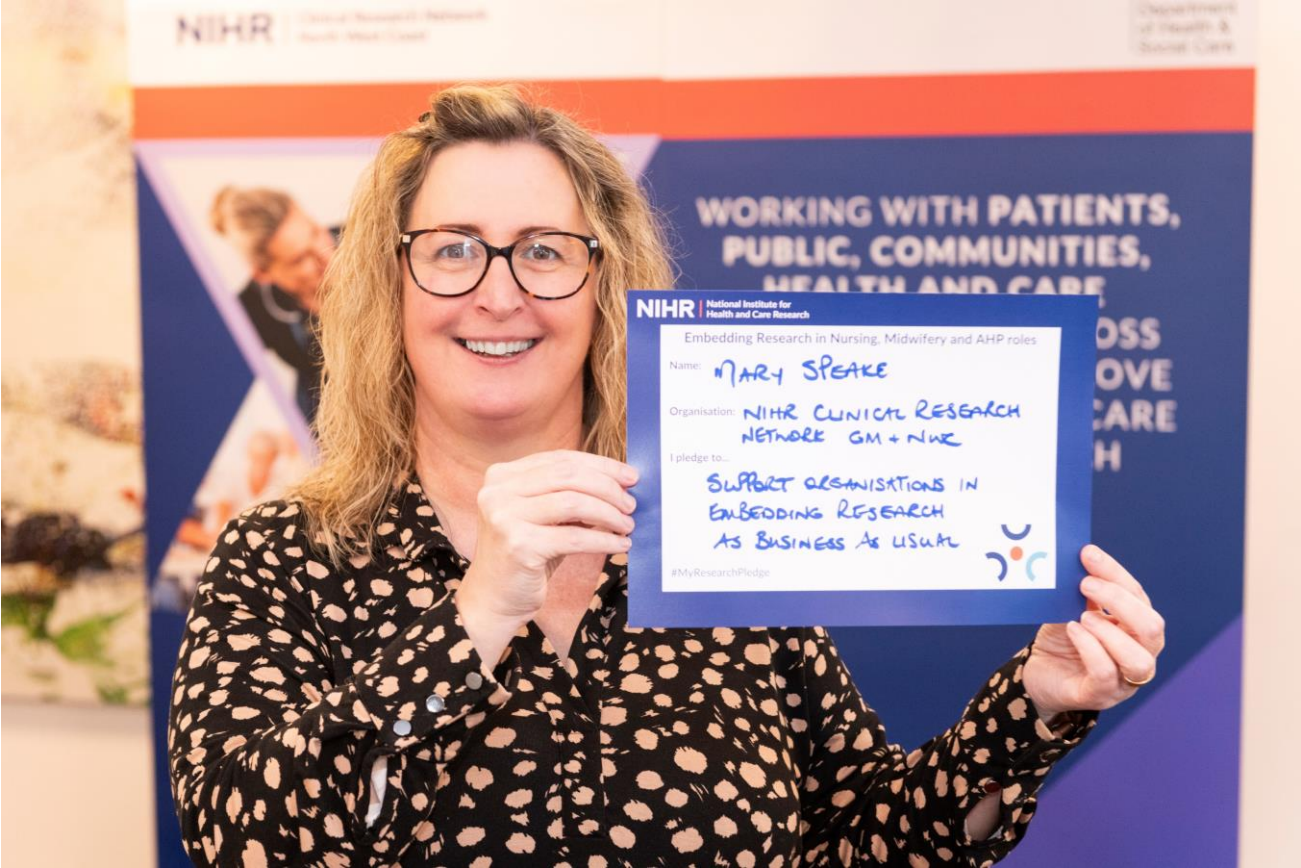
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Time for CHANGE...



The Research Delivery Network

- Deliver high-quality research
- Work across the health and care system
- Operate as one organisation across England



- Support the successful delivery of high quality research, as an active partner in the research system
- Increase capacity and capability of the research infrastructure for the future



- Showcase the infrastructure and activities across Greater Manchester
 - Inclusive patient involvement
 - Deliver trials
 - Translational research
 - Fundamental research

Agenda – Morning Session

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Time	Session	Presenter
09:30–10:00	Registration and Refreshments	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome to the Inflammation Research Showcase	Dr James Bluett University of Manchester
10:10 – 10:25	Patient Voices in Research	Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper VOCAL & Patient Representatives
10:25 – 10:40	Research at Wrightington: A Specialist Musculoskeletal Hub	Dr Adam Watts Wrightington Hospital
10:40 – 10:55	The NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility	Dr Siân Hanison, Suja Subin, Caroline Leech NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility
10:55 – 11:10	Early Phase MSK Research at The NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility	Professor Ben Parker NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility
11:10 – 11:25	The Development of Novel Therapies for Treating Inflammatory Skin Diseases	Professor Richard Warren University of Manchester
11:25 – 11:40	The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre – What Is It and How Can It Drive Research Collaboration?	Professor Anne Barton NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre
11:40 – 12:00	Morning Session Summary	Dr James Bluett University of Manchester
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch – Networking, Exhibition Stands and Breakout Rooms	

Agenda – Afternoon Session

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Time	Session	Presenter
13:30 – 13:45	Working With Primary Care	Dr Omair Razzaq Ashton Medical Group, Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network
13:45 – 14:00	Manchester Biomedical Research Centre Inflammatory Hair Diseases Programme	Dr Matthew Harries The University of Manchester
14:00 – 14:15	Genomic Centre and Current Projects	Professor Gisela Orozco The University of Manchester
14:15 – 14:30	Streamlining Clinical Trial Set-Up	Dr Beatriz Duran Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
14:30 – 14:45	MFT – Reshaping the future: Innovations in MSK and Rheumatology Research	Visveswaran Mallayan & Sindhu John Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
14:45 – 15:00	Patient Reflections on the day	Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper VOCAL & Patient Representatives
15:00 – 15:30	Summary Q&A and Panel Discussion	Chaired by Dr James Bluett
15:30 – 16:00	Close and Networking	



Patient Voices in Research

Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper

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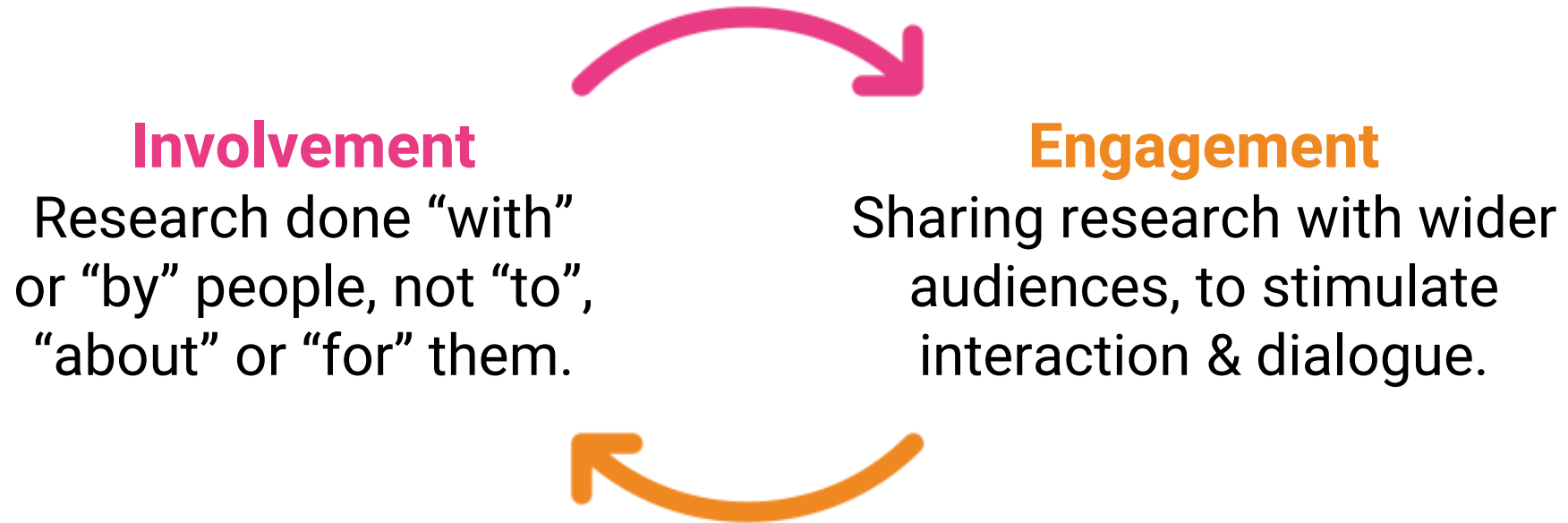


**Bringing people and
health research together
for everyone's benefit.**

Creating opportunities for
people to find out about and
have a say in research.

**Working together
Everyone matters
Innovating
Driving excellence**

Vocal's approach



PPIE is not

Education or simply communicating information

Participation – i.e. taking part in a research study, being a subject of research

Qualitative research/ or participatory research where data is collected & analysed



Ini: co-production is key

- The value of lived experience
- Applies to all research
- Based on partnership

Russ: making change

- Making studies more accessible
- Increasing trust
- Improving engagement with communities



Thank you

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Research at Wrightington A Specialist Musculoskeletal Hub



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Our Values

**People at
the Heart**

**Listen and
Involve**

**Kind and
Respectful**

**One
Team**

NHS

**Wrightington, Wigan and
Leigh Teaching Hospitals**

NHS Foundation Trust

MSK & Dermatology Research at WWL

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Consultant Orthopaedic Elbow Surgeon, WWL

Clinical Director for Research, WWL



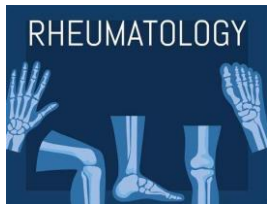
MSK and Dermatology at WWL



The Centre for Hand and Upper Limb Surgery (Upper Limb Unit) at Wrightington Hospital has expanded and developed considerable expertise in the field of shoulder surgery, elbow replacement surgery, arthroscopy of the elbow, shoulder and wrist with special expertise of the wrist and distal radio-ulnar joint problems and hand problems.



Wrightington's reputation for excellence attracts highly talented Consultants who specialise in joint surgery, and in the medical disciplines of rheumatology and rehabilitation.



The Rheumatology department is based at Wrightington Hospital and is part of the Specialist Services Division. They treat a wide range of rheumatological conditions including rheumatoid and psoriatic arthritis, lupus and scleroderma.



Dermatology

The Dermatology Department is an integrated service provided by a dedicated multi-professional team working in the purpose built Prosser White Dermatology Centre at Leigh Infirmary. The service at WWL focuses on patients from baby to the elderly with a diagnosis of eczema and psoriasis, providing treatment and education. They aim to help and support patients/carers to become confident in self-managing these chronic skin conditions.

Patients at the centre of research

**Provide
the best
care**



Patients

To be widely recognised for delivering safe, personalised and compassionate care, leading to excellent outcomes and patient experience



People

To create an inclusive and people centred experience at work that enables our WWL family to flourish



Performance

To consistently deliver efficient, effective and equitable patient care



Partnerships

To improve the lives of our community, working with our partners across the Wigan Borough and Greater Manchester

**Improve
outcomes**

**Reduce
harms**



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**Patient &
Public
Involvement &
Engagement**



**Helen Spickett
PPIE and Research
Sponsorship Manager**



WWL's Research strategy

Aim One

Develop partnerships which maximise our research potential and ability to meet the needs of our patients.

Aim Two

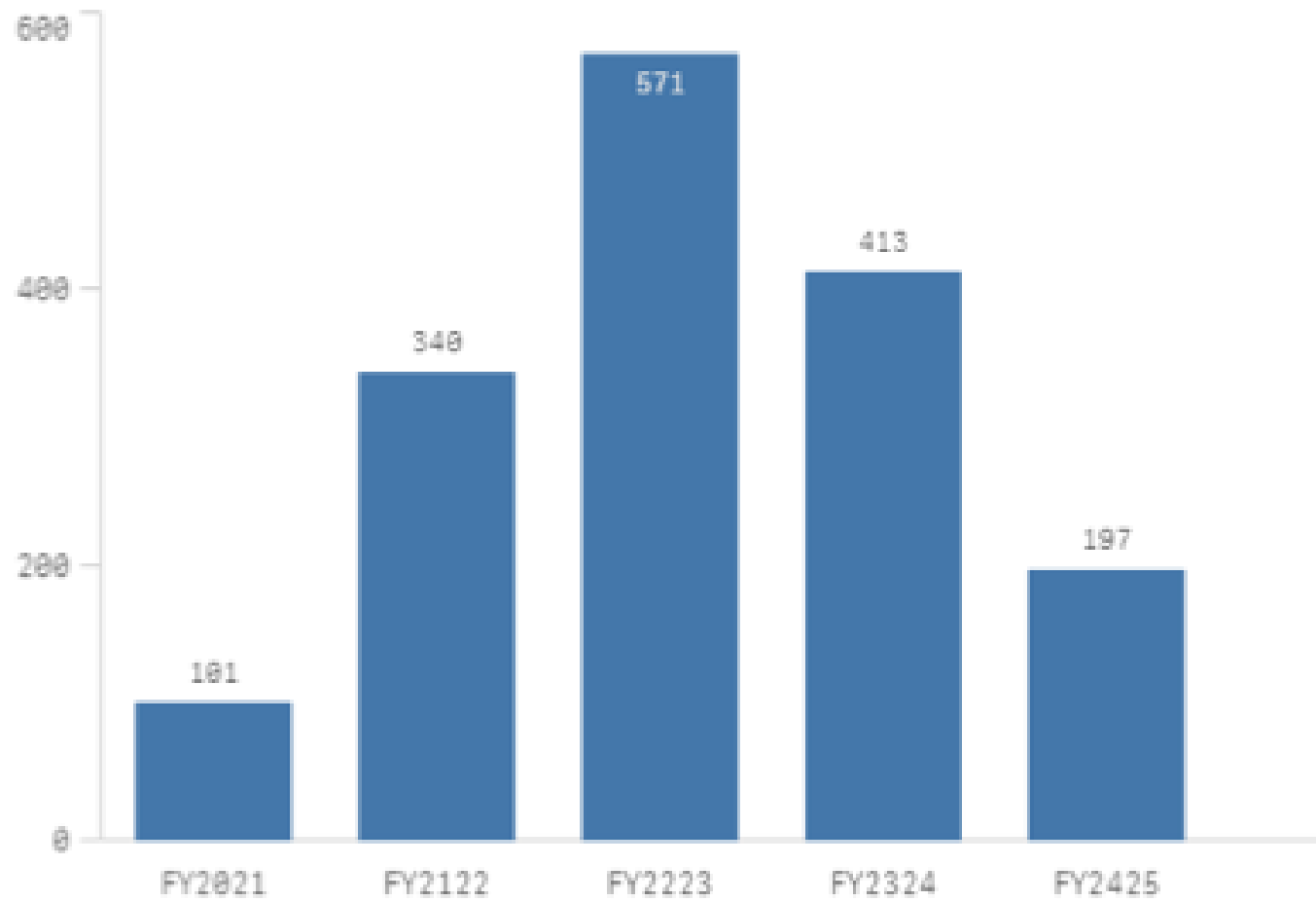
To nurture a culture that embeds research as a core component of high-quality service delivery and develop and sustainable research active workforce.

Aim Three

Develop our core infrastructure to provide effective support to Research Governance, Clinical Delivery and Research Sponsorship

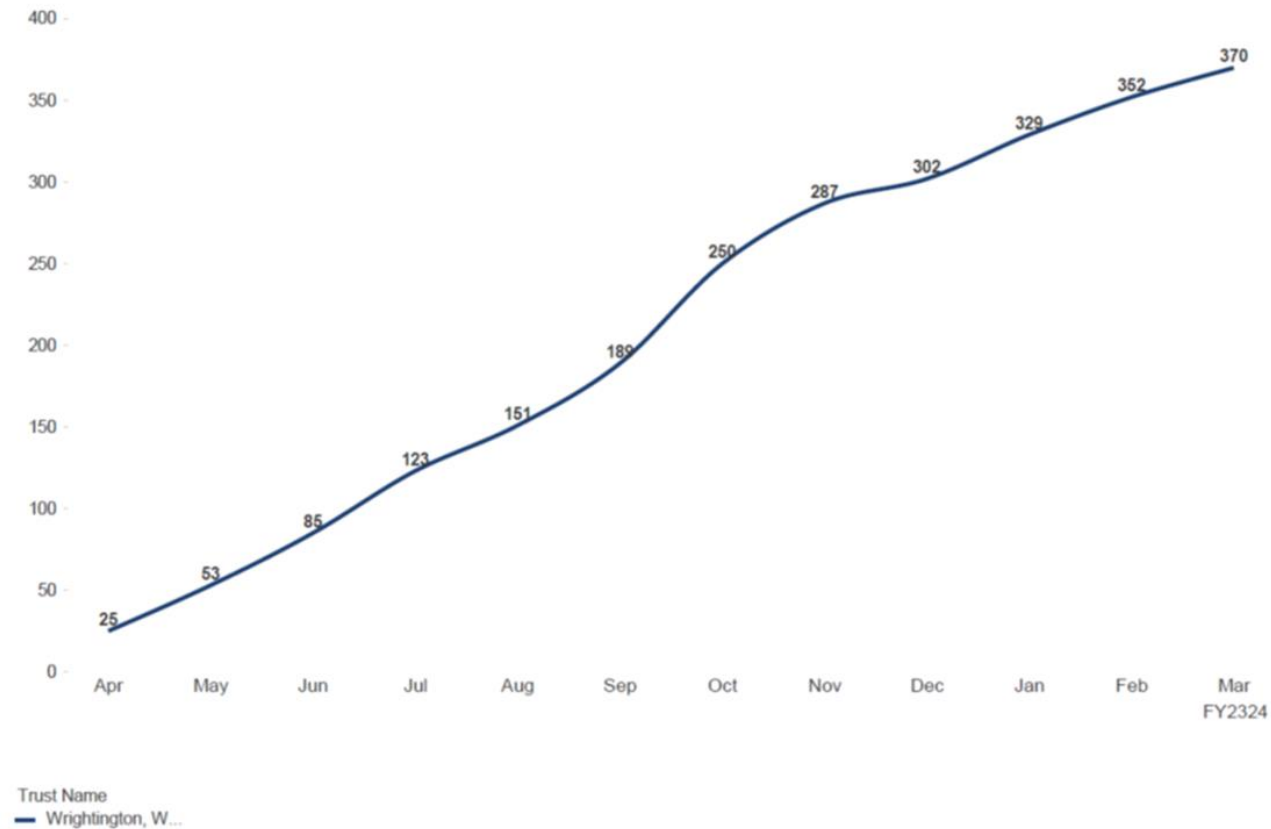


WWL Dermatology and MSK Recruitment by Financial Year



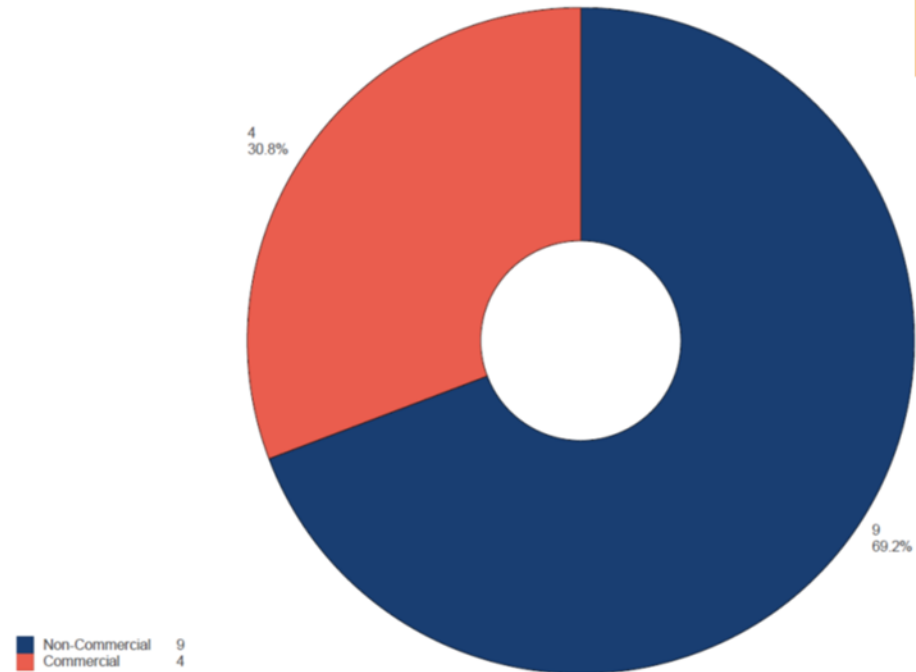
WWL Musculoskeletal Disorders performance 23/24

Musculoskeletal Disorders Recruitment FY2324



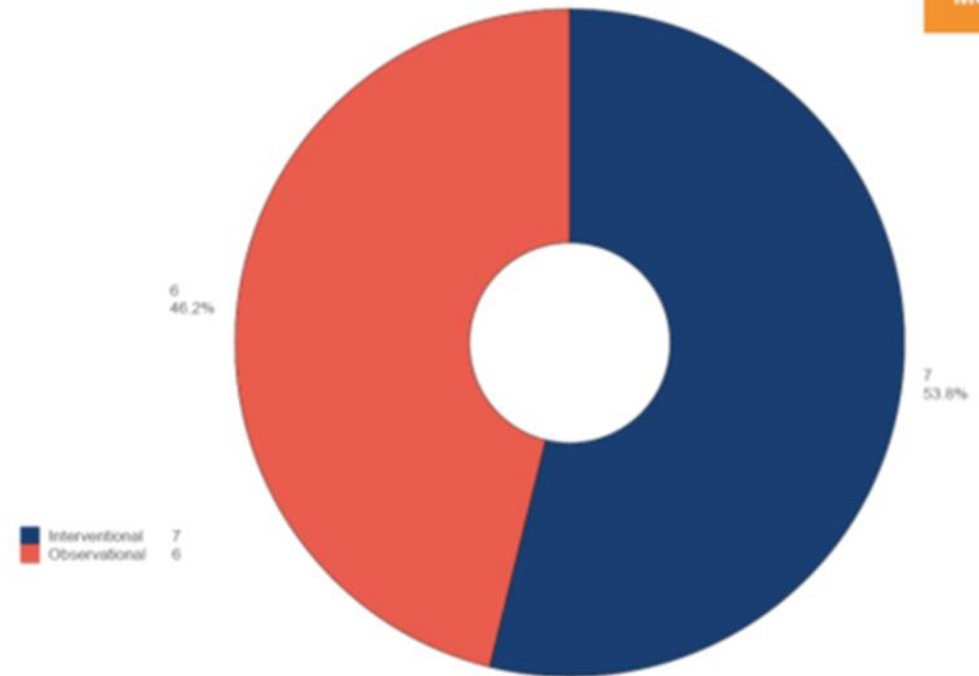
WWL Trust MSK study type 23/24

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust Commercial vs Academic Studies Recruiting FY23/24



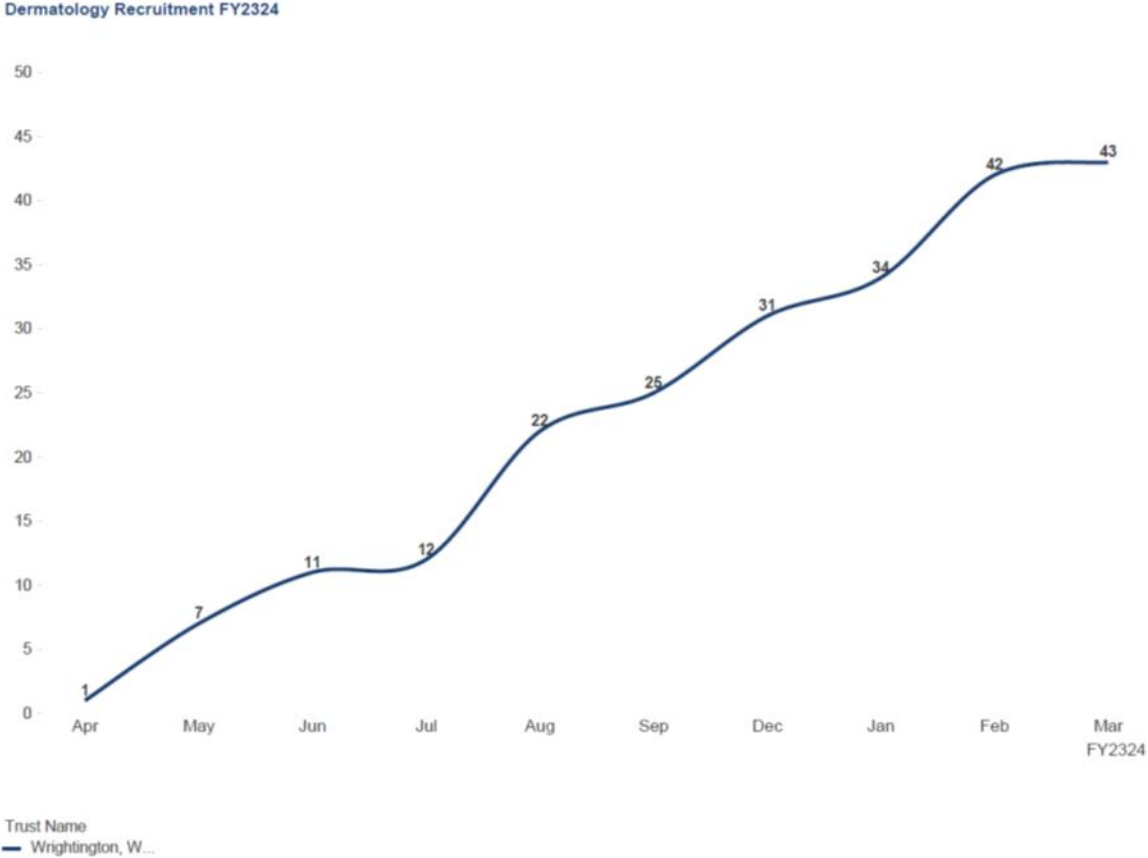
27.3%
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Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust Interventional vs Observational Studies Recruiting FY23/24



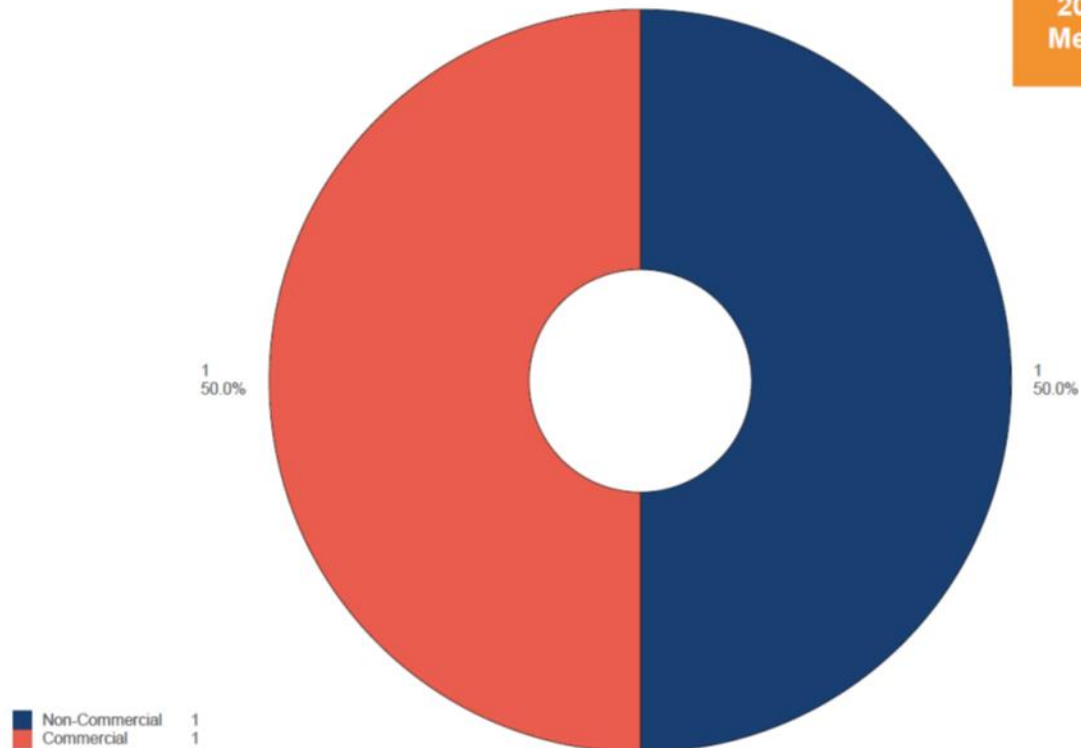
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WWL Dermatology research performance 23/24



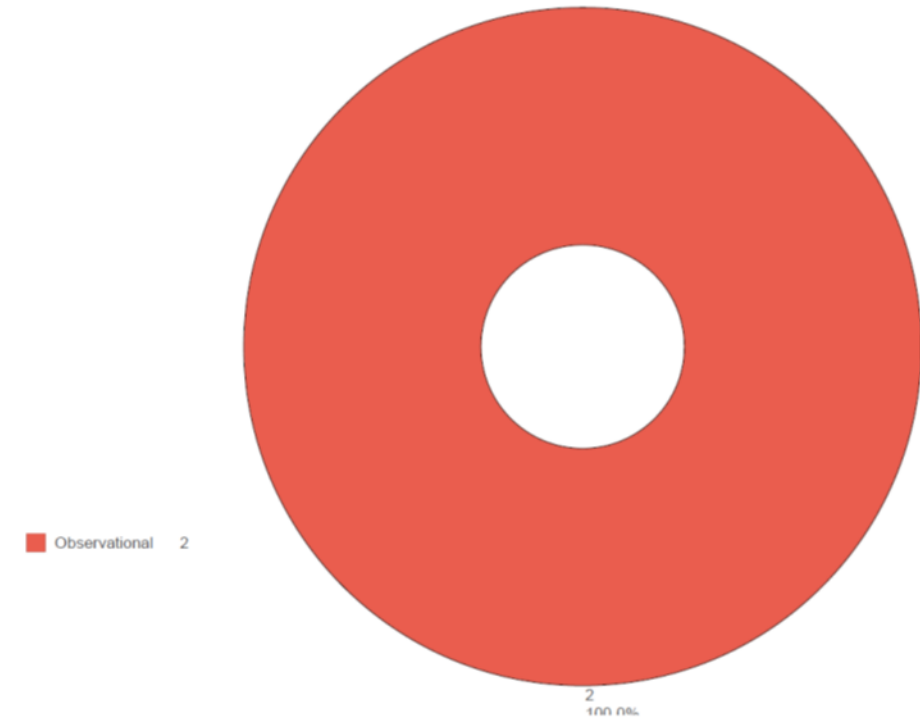
WWL Trust Dermatology study type 23/24

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust Commercial vs Academic Studies Recruiting FY2324



20.0%
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Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust Interventional vs Observational Studies Recruiting FY2324



0.0%
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WWL aims to deliver commercial research that achieves national Key Performance Measures

- Achieve Site Set-up Timelines (less than 60 days from receipt of full information pack).
- Achieve >80% Recruitment of participants 'on Time' and 'to Target' (RTT KPI)
- Re-invest commercial trials income into research infrastructure.
- Fully comply with national approaches to costing and contracting.
- Use all potential recruitment opportunities working with our health and care partners to reach under-served people.

Our Performance



**Greater Manchester Portfolio Activity FY23/24 (OPD Data-Cut 25/04/24)
WWL reported as 100% and 1st in Greater Manchester**

Commercial Activity FY23/24 - Greater Manchester 'Trust' RTT

GM_Trust_Acronym	Closed studies with network supported sites	Total network supported sites	No. sites passing RTT	% Passed RTT
WWL	5	5	5	100.0%
Primary Care	3	6	6	100.0%
BOLTON	1	1	1	100.0%
E CHESH	1	1	1	100.0%
TAMESIDE	1	1	1	100.0%
MFT	41	45	41	91.1%
NCA	20	20	18	90.0%
E LANCS	5	6	5	83.3%
CHRISTIE	50	50	41	82.0%
GMMH	3	3	1	33.3%
STOCKPORT	1	1	0	0.0%

Clinical Research Hub

Facilities

- Reception and patient waiting room
- Three patient consultation rooms dedicated to research trials
- Secure and temperature controlled clinical trials pharmacy dispensary, with lockable drugs cabinets and temperature-controlled fridges for investigational products.
- Clinical sample processing room (safety cabinet, centrifuge/refrigerated centrifuge, fridge/-80c freezer, printing/labelling equipment, resuscitation equipment/training equipment)
- Regulatory compliant clinical trials archive

- Bookable offices for research management and delivery for WWL and visiting Principal Investigators, Research staff and Commercial Trial Monitors
- Training and meeting rooms

- Free parking



Thank
you

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The NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility



Dr Siân Hanison, Suja Subin & Caroline Leech

Operational Director, Advanced Clinical Practitioner & Operational Manager

NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility



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NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility (CRF) overview



Professor Ben Parker

Co-Director of NIHR Manchester CRF /

Consultant Rheumatologist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

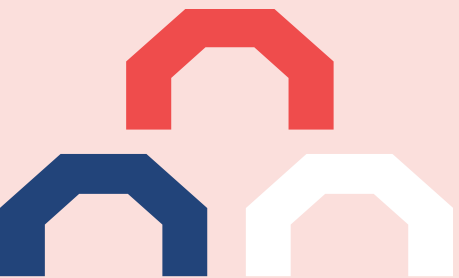
Dr Siân Hanison

Operational Director of NIHR Manchester CRF





“We want Manchester, and the wider North-west, to be at the forefront of cutting-edge research and high-quality healthcare”

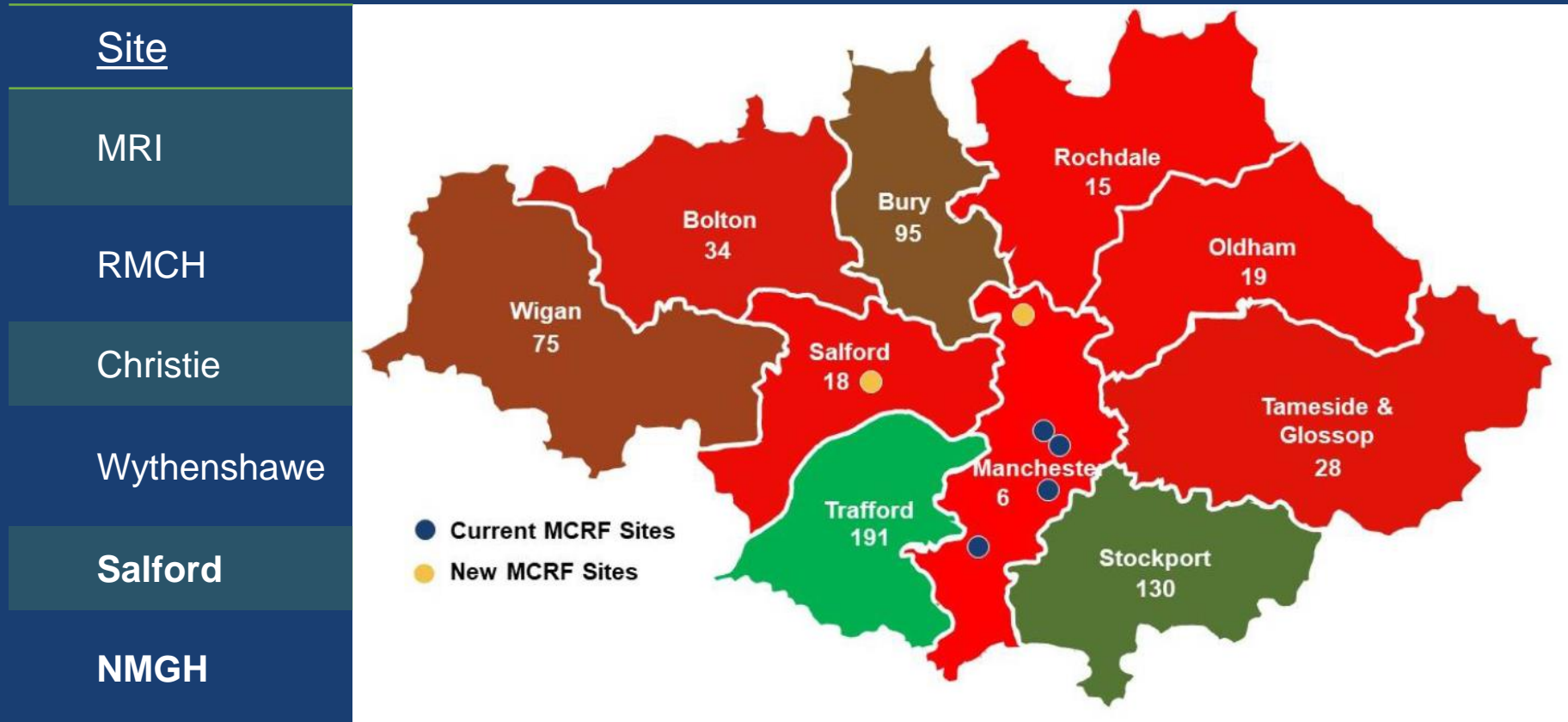


Vision:

Manchester CRF will be a world-class exemplar of an integrated CRF that enhances translation of scientific advances through EM research and promotes research participation for patients of all ages and backgrounds across GM.



NIHR Manchester CRF Sites



NIHR Manchester CRF Funding and Services

NIHR Grant

- £15.5M (2022-2027)
- Cost recovery model, NIHR grant ~50% of total funding
- Commercial and academic studies



Inpatient and outpatient
24-hour 7-days a week
50+ beds/chairs
20+ consultation rooms



Research pharmacy services
and clinical trials aseptic unit



Dedicated children's facility



24h pre-analytical laboratory
processing



Dedicated oncology facility



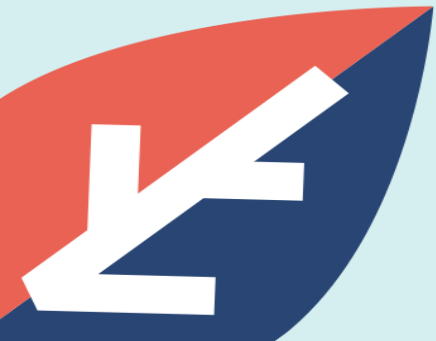
3 MR scanners, PET/MR, proton
beam research unit



Dedicated experienced
research staff



Training Opportunities at all
levels





NIHR Manchester CRF Leadership




 **MRI** 

The Christie 

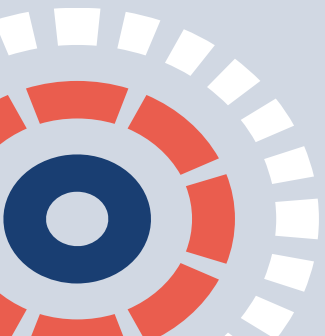
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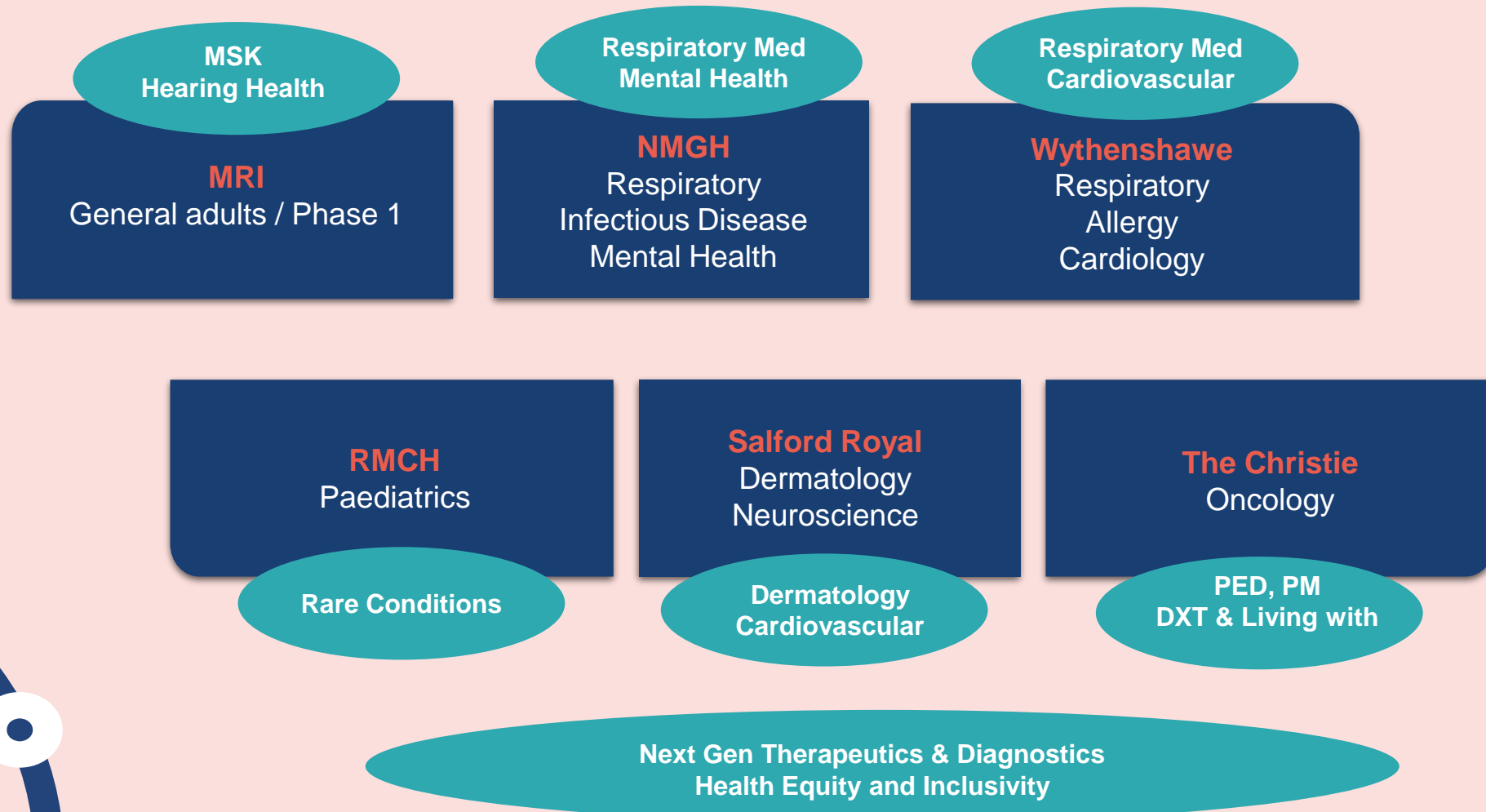
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NMGH 

 **Manchester CRF** 



NIHR Manchester CRF - BRC



North-West CRF Alliance

(Alder Hey, Liverpool, Lancashire and Manchester)

- Focus on phase 1 clinical trials
- Scope
 1. Sponsorship
 2. Co-ordinated Delivery
 3. Training
 4. EDI
 5. Sharing good practice and initiatives



UKCRF Network

- Hosted in Manchester (MFT)
- Collaborative re-bid increased funding £2.4M
- Leadership Team: Lancashire, Southampton, Cambridge and Manchester
- Highly collaborative approach to developing and optimising CRF work



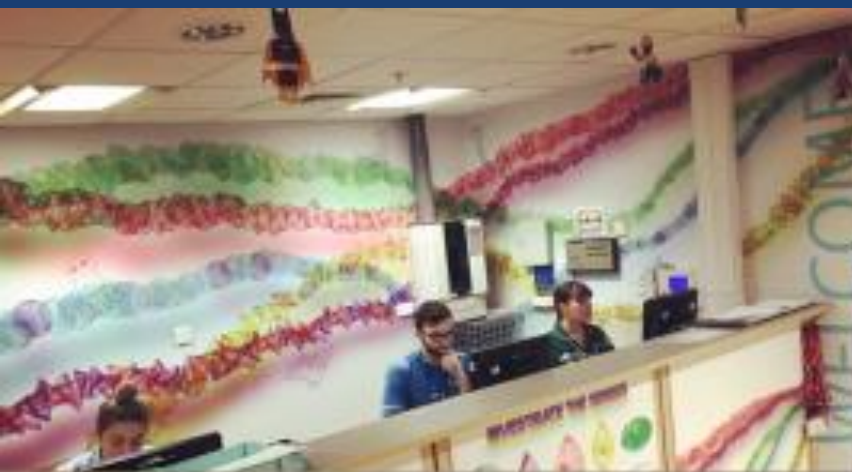
<https://www.ukcrfnetwork.co.uk/>

NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility

Caroline Leech – Operational Manager

Suja Subin - Advanced Clinical Practitioner







Manchester CRF Activity

869 Active projects at last annual report	75% Industry studies	429 Early Phase studies (49%)
3017 Participants recruited into studies	27533 Participant Visits	Over £3 Million Annual NIHR Funding





Rheumatoid Arthritis	Psoriasis	Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
Myositis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Sjogren's Syndrome
Osteoarthritis	Circadian Rhythms	Lupus



Expert staff

- Experienced early phase trained nursing and medical/ACP team
- Dedicated labs, radiographers and physiologists
- Anaesthetist support
- 24/7 inpatient support



Equipment and specialist skills



Isolation rooms for gene therapy and infectious diseases



Minor Procedures suite –
synovial biopsy, skin biopsy,
Intrathecal administration



Temperature controlled
rooms



Equipment and specialist skills

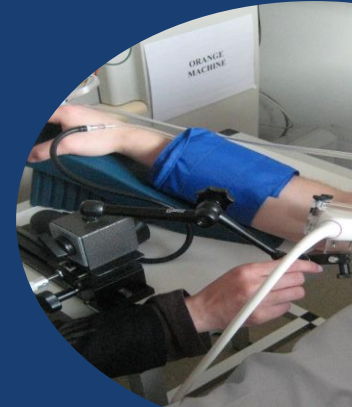
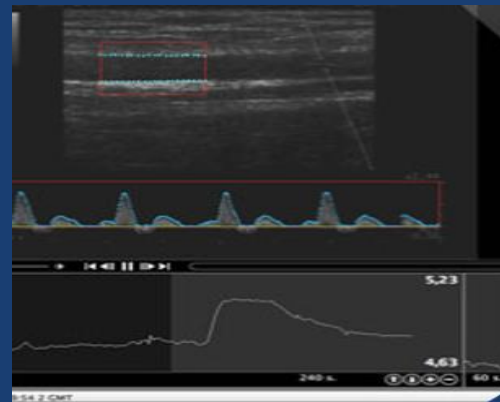
Ultrasound machine with MSK and cardiovascular capabilities

Cardiovascular outcome studies: Flow mediated dilatation (FMD), Endopat, Arteriography, Carotid US

Spirometry

Triplicate ECGs, Holter monitoring

Disease area specific assessments e.g BILAG/ESSDAI/ MDAT and cognitive assessments



Early Phase MSK Research at The Clinical Research Facility



Professor Ben Parker

Consultant Rheumatologist and Co-Director of NIHR Manchester Clinical
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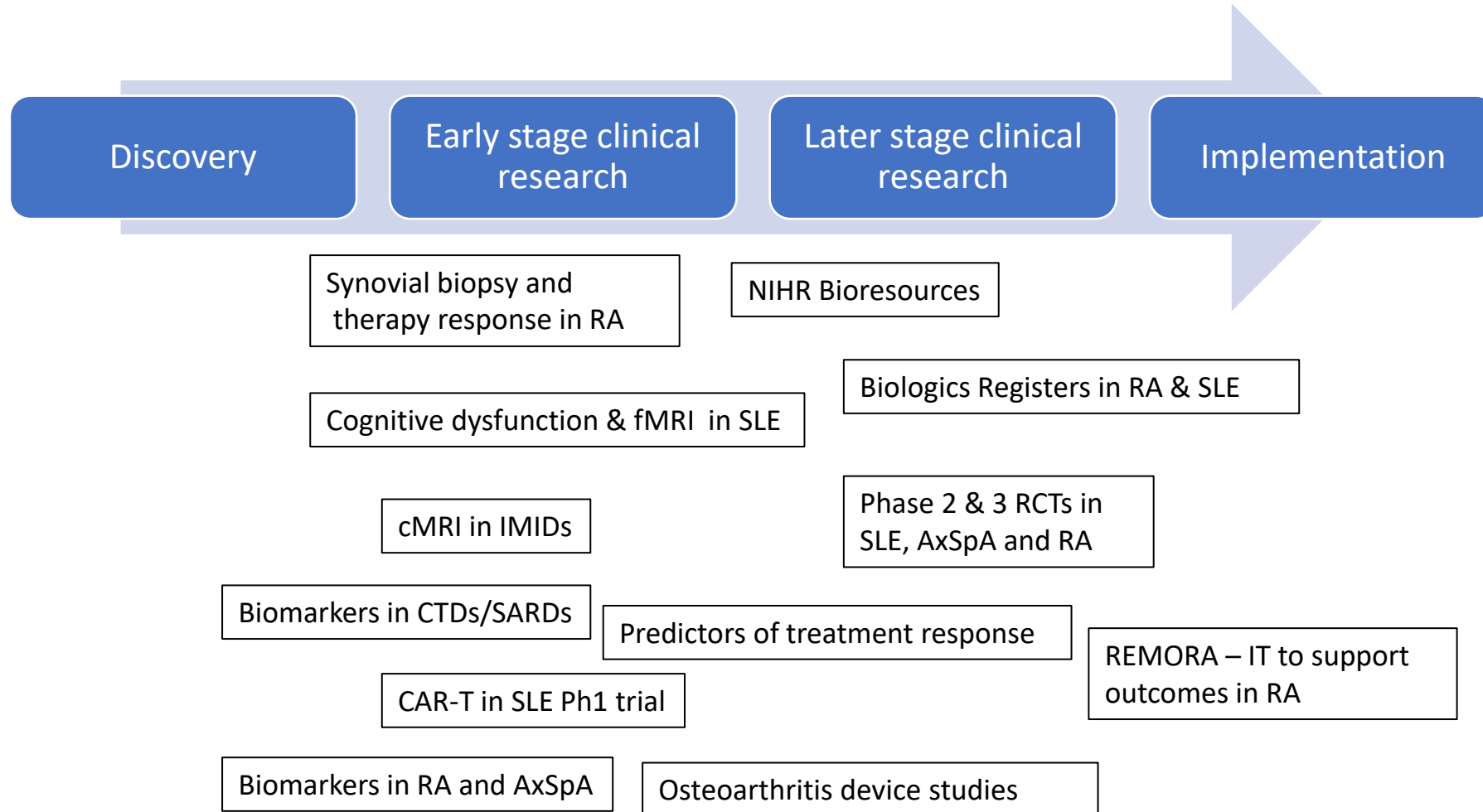


Early Phase MSK Research at Manchester Clinical Research Facility

Professor Ben Parker
Co-Director MCRF
Consultant Rheumatologist, MRI



Rheumatology research in Manchester and the translational pipeline



Exemplar studies in rheumatology

- Two examples of early phase MSK/rheumatology studies
- Both SLE studies (my area of expertise)
- Both delivered within Manchester Clinical Research Facility
- Demonstrates:
 - Early phase MSK research activity
 - MCRF capacity and capability
- All MSK disease areas supported

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

An uncommon multi-system chronic inflammatory autoimmune disease characterized by:

- Autoantibody production
- Relapsing-remitting disease with inflammation and damage:
- Heterogeneous clinical presentation
 - Challenging to manage
 - Challenging to research
- Multiple potential clinical features
 - Difficult study design
- Non-Caucasians have a higher prevalence and more severe features
 - Importance of inclusive study design and delivery



Study 1: Lipids and vascular dysfunction in SLE

- British Heart Foundation funded study
- Experimental Medicine (EM) study supported by NIHR infrastructure
 - Manchester Clinical Research Facility (MCRF)
 - Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (MBRC)
- Basic Scientist as Chief Investigator working with clinical teams at MFT

Role of bioactive lipids in vascular dysfunction in SLE

Objective 1: In patients with SLE

To determine how plasma lipid biomarkers relate to vascular and endothelial dysfunction in SLE

Objective 2: In a mouse model of SLE

To examine the molecular mechanisms by which SLE-altered systemic and local lipid mediators impact small artery function

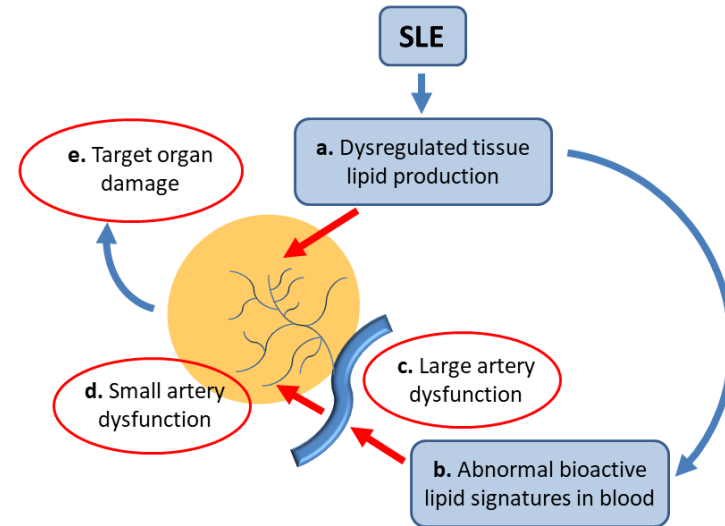


Figure 6: SLE-induced changes in local (a) and systemic (b) production of vasoactive lipid mediators, cause dysfunction of large (c) and (d) small (d) arteries and lead to target organ damage (e).

Wire mammography in healthy mice using Inflammatory lipid profiles

MCRF-supported assessment and outcomes

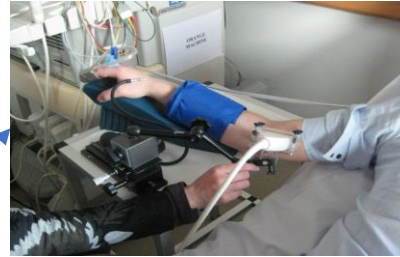
Objective 1: In patients with SLE and healthy controls

To determine how plasma lipid biomarkers relate to vascular and endothelial dysfunction in SLE

Vascular function measures

Disease assessments in MCRF:

- SLEDAI
- BILAG-2004
- SLICC-DI
- Medical review
- Immunology blood tests



Flow Mediated Dilatation



Aortic Pulse Wave Velocity



Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue Biopsy



Cardiac MRI Scan with Stress Perfusion

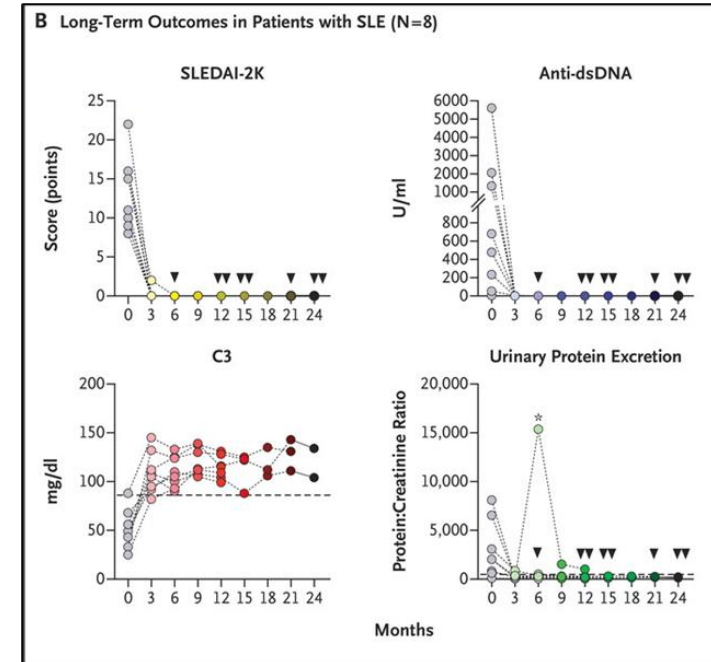
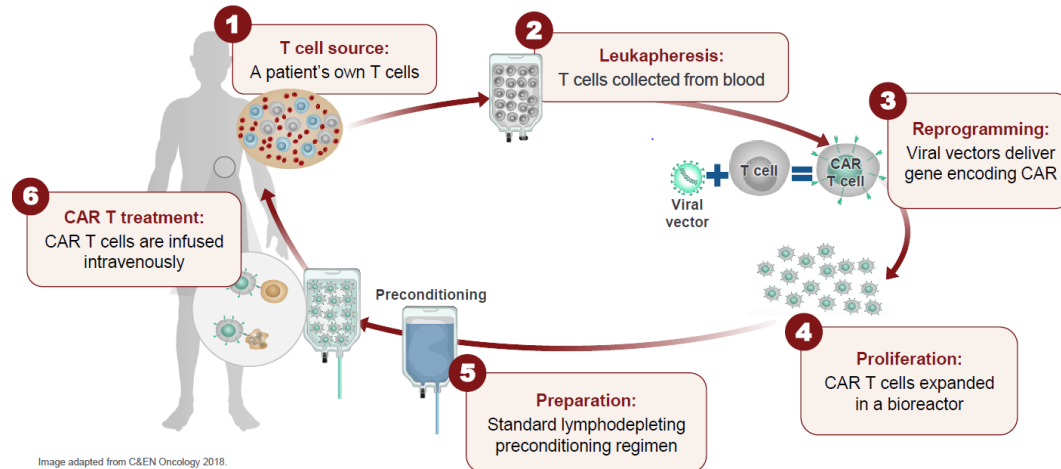
Demonstrates

- Collaboration between clinical and non-clinical teams
 - Facilitated through MCRF
- MCRF support for an academic EM study
- MCRF-delivered outcomes on behalf of researchers
 - Cardiovascular outcomes - multiple
 - Advance Clinical Practitioner delivered interventions
 - Adipose/skin biopsy, FMD, PWV
- Use of common outcomes across disease areas supported by MCRF
 - In-house expertise for research outcomes
 - Can support a wide range of researchers/studies

Study 2: Phase 1 trial of CAR-T in severe SLE

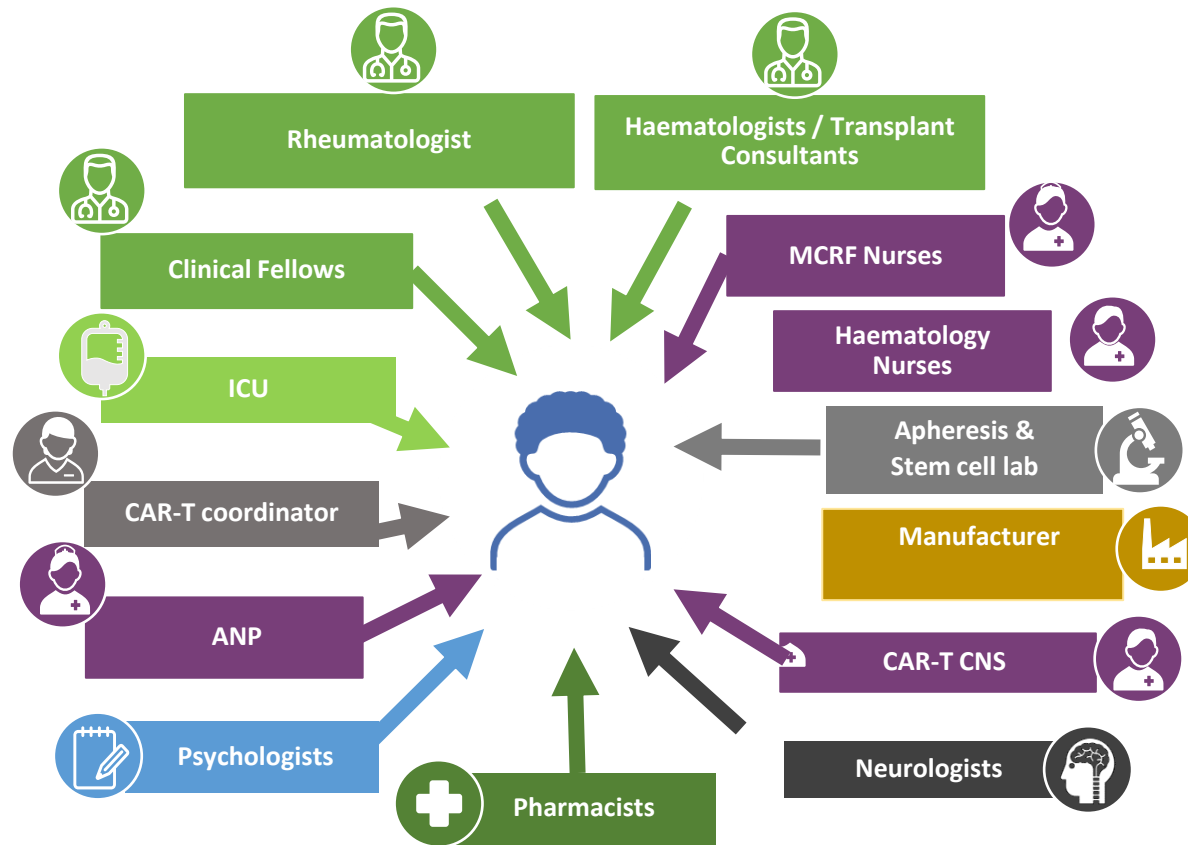
- Commercial Phase 1 ATMP trial
- First cellular therapy trial to open in rheumatology in UK
 - Global first recruit in Manchester June 2024
- Delivery sites for cellular therapies in rheumatology
 - Co-location of haematology/oncology with tertiary rheumatology services

CAR-T therapy: personalised medicine



CAR-T therapy could be transformative in the management of severe, refractory SLE and related conditions

Complex Trial Delivery - Campus-wide



Additional Infrastructure needed:

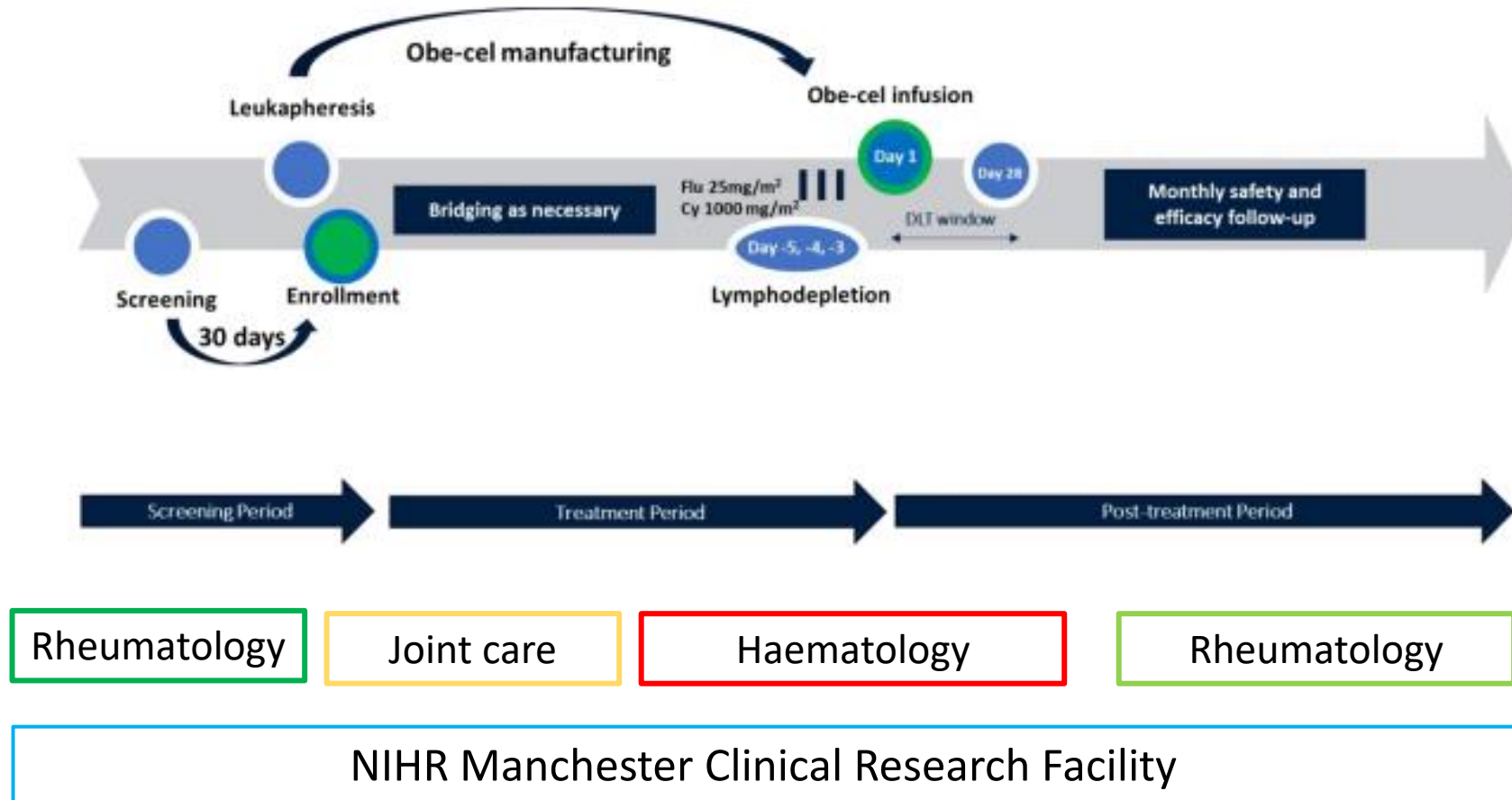
- Early Phase Safety Committee
 - Trial protocol review
 - ATMP safety review

Additional Infrastructure needed:

- Manchester Clinical Research Facility
 - Phase 1 experience
 - ATMP experience

Set-up and trial delivery: novel working

Shared responsibility for delivery – novel delivery model



Demonstrates

- Successful non-malignant ATMP trial delivery
 - MFT infrastructure – EPSC, pharmacy, transplant labs, ITU
 - Cross-speciality working for autoimmune conditions
 - Delivery across the campus – anchored by MCRF
- ATMP trial and therapy expertise in Manchester
 - Nursing, physician, operational, & pharmacy staff
 - Leukapheresis and stem cell labs
- Phase 1 expertise in Manchester CRF
 - Regulation and reporting
 - Infrastructure support
- Ability to support subsequent CAR-T/ATMP trials in non-malignant conditions
 - MCRF sites across Manchester

Additional MSK support hosted in MCRF



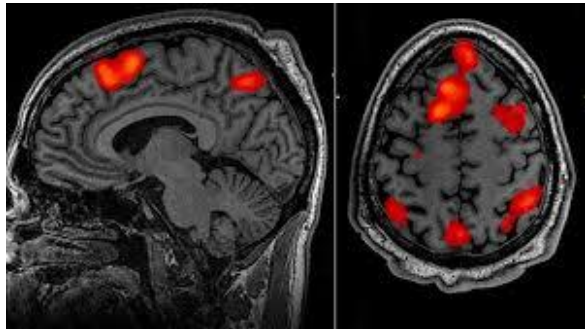
USS-guided synovial biopsy



Synovial Fluid aspirate



MSK USS



Functional MRI brain



MRI scans in MSK conditions



Summary

- Broad range of early phase MSK research underway in Manchester
 - Across all disease areas
 - Experimental medicine and clinical trials
- Infrastructure support facilitates and delivers high-quality complex research
 - MCRF rooms, facilities, and staff
- Collaboration promotes effective research delivery
 - Across specialties
 - Across sites
 - Across organisations



Thank you



The Development of Novel Therapies for Treating Inflammatory Skin Diseases



Professor Richard Warren

Professor of Dermatology and Honorary Consultant Dermatologist at The
University of Manchester

Clinical Director of NIHR Manchester CRF

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Greater Manchester Inflammation Research Showcase

The Development of Novel Therapies for Treating Inflammatory Skin Diseases

Prof Richard Warren

17/09/2024

BSc (Hons), MBChB (Hons), FRCP, PhD
Professor of Dermatology

Medical Director of the CRF Salford site and Dermatopharmacology Unit

Co-Lead Dermatology BRC

Patient experience

“For the first time since I was 18, I could wear make-up and nice skin products without worrying they’ll cause a flare-up. You don’t realise at that time how much of a physical and mental burden it is.”

Patient enrolled in bimekizumab clinical trial for psoriasis at DPU



Jab ends scaly skin misery for 60% of psoriasis patients and could help 200,000 Britons with the life-long condition

By Ethan Ennals For The Mail On Sunday
22:01 01 May 2021, updated 22:14 01 May 2021



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Bimekizumab versus Adalimumab in Plaque Psoriasis

R.B. Warren, A. Blauvelt, J. Bagel, K.A. Papp, P. Yamauchi, A. Armstrong, R.G. Langley,
V. Vanvoorden, D. De Cuyper, C. Cioffi, L. Peterson, N. Cross, and K. Reich

ABSTRACT

BE BRIGHT: PASI 90 and 100 response rates through 4 years (mNRI; N=197)

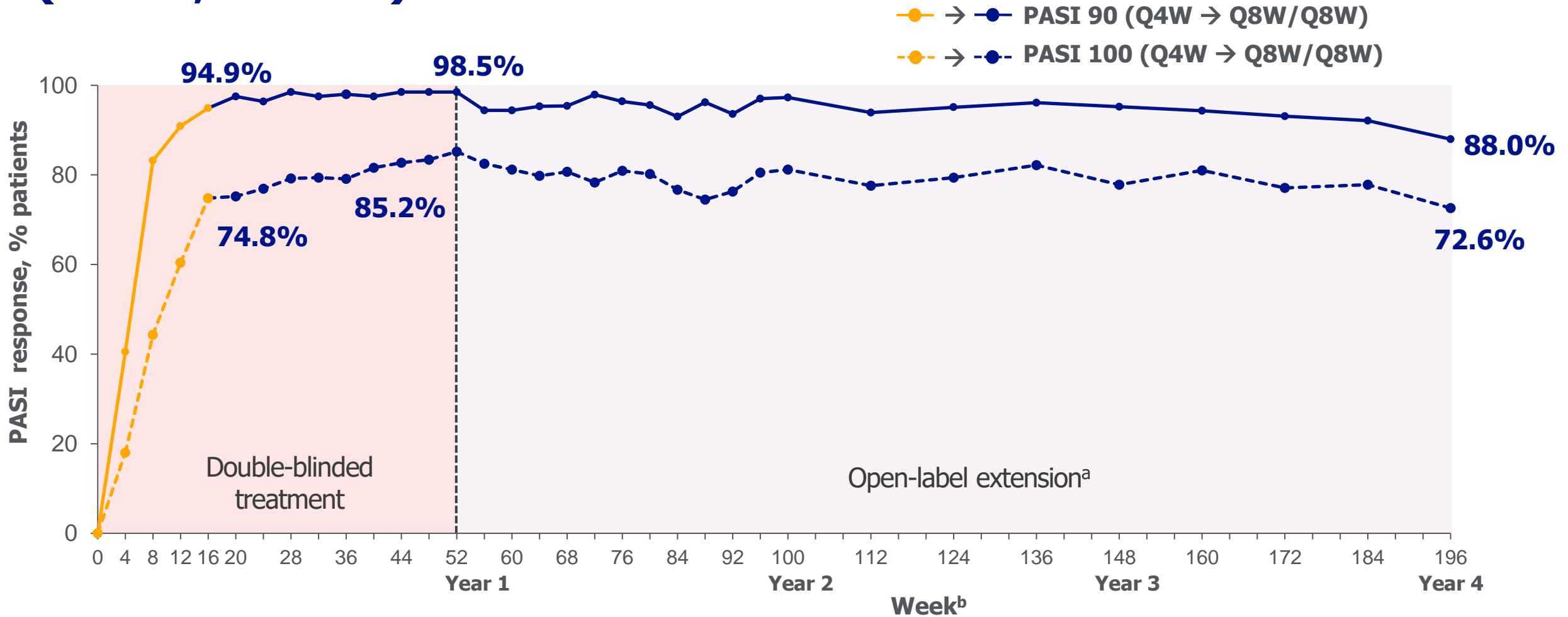


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Dermatopharmacology Unit

Diseases
studied
Mainly
Phase 2/3

Psoriasis

Atopic dermatitis

Alopecia Areata

Hidradenitis suppurativa

Gorlin's syndrome

Companies we
are currently
working with

UCB

LEO Pharma

Janssen -
Cilag

Incyte

Takeda

Almirall

AbbVie

Bristol Myers
Squibb

Novartis

Eli Lilly

Sol-Gel

Amgen

Evolus

Bayer AG

Soterios

Arctic
Bioscience



Number of studies conducted

Year	Commercial	Academic
2021-22	8	13
2022-23	12	10
2023-24	12	10
2024-25	17	8

Number of patients recruited

Year	Patients
2021-22	635
2022-23	368
2023-24	719
2024-25	208 (so far)

BADBIR

Largest Drug safety registry worldwide for psoriasis

Housed in Manchester

> 24,000 patients

IMPACT – Changing national and international guidelines of care



Recruitment achievements in the last 5 years

2 European 1st patient randomised

6 UK 1st patient randomised

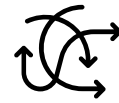


Our Team at DPU

Inflammation Cluster: Dermatology

- Dermatology theme has an award value of £3.4million over the 5 years BRC.
- Spread over 5 key programmes.
- There is a large and varied group of affiliated research staff working on objectives and receiving infrastructure support.
- Support and Training Schemes for early and mid-career researchers.

3 Core Questions:



What are the common pathways driving selected inflammatory skin diseases and wound healing?



Can we predict disease course and therapeutic response?



Can we target mechanisms to optimise skin condition prophylaxis and management?



Co-Lead: Jo Dumville
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Highlights

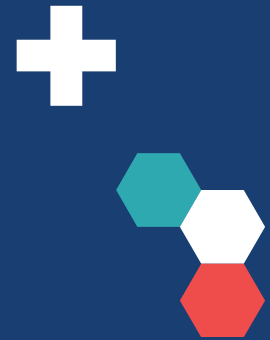
- The pilot for the **Global Registry of Alopecia areata disease Severity and treatment Safety (GRASS)** registry has been set up to determine the pharmacovigilance and effectiveness of treatments for alopecia areata (AA) and generate high-quality, real-world data on existing and emerging therapies for AA.
- Commercial grants centred on the functional genomics of inflammatory skin disease currently under final negotiations.
- Solar urticaria involves rapid mast cell STAT3 activation and neutrophil recruitment, with FcεR1 as an upstream regulator – Published in JACI and selected as an Editor's choice.
- Zenas Yui, has been awarded an MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship. This is based off his previous work using BADBIR datasets and BRC support.
- MRC DPFS Grant about use of Novel Peptides in Wound Healing (J. Wong) – £2.5m in value.
- Cohort Study set up in Venous Leg Ulcers (J. Dumville) – A historically unresearched condition.

Summary

- Dermatology is delivering high quality clinical and academic studies across Greater Manchester
 - Hugely positive impact for patients
 - Informing Clinical care guidelines
 - Great commercial collaborations
- Dermatology is part of wider research through the CRF facility and BRC
- **Acknowledge patients, funders and investigators involved in all components of Dermatology Research**

The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre

What Is It and How Can It Help To Drive Research Collaboration?



Professor Anne Barton

Director of the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre

Consultant Rheumatologist and Director of the

Centre for Musculoskeletal Research

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What is it and how can it help?

Industry showcase event

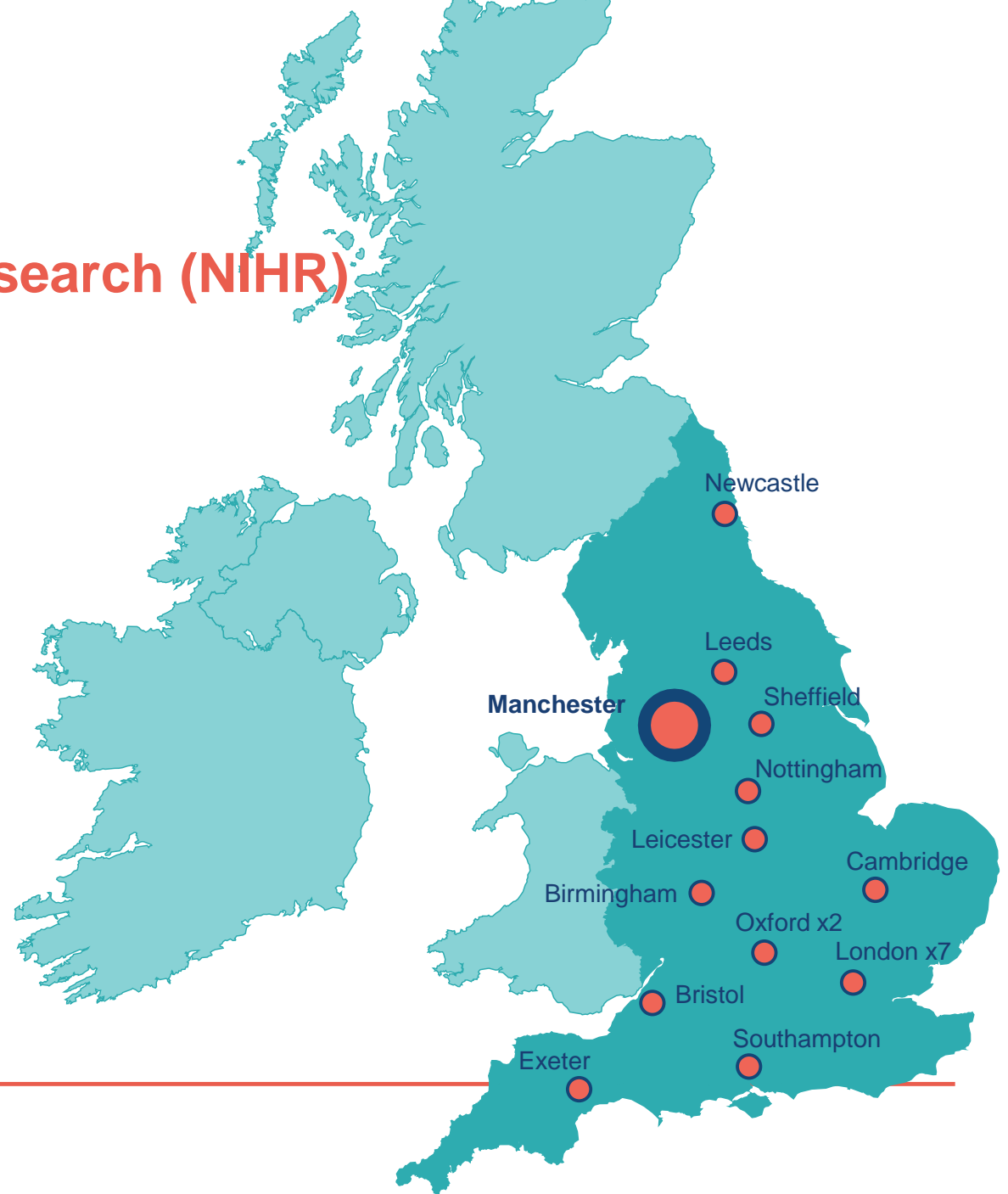
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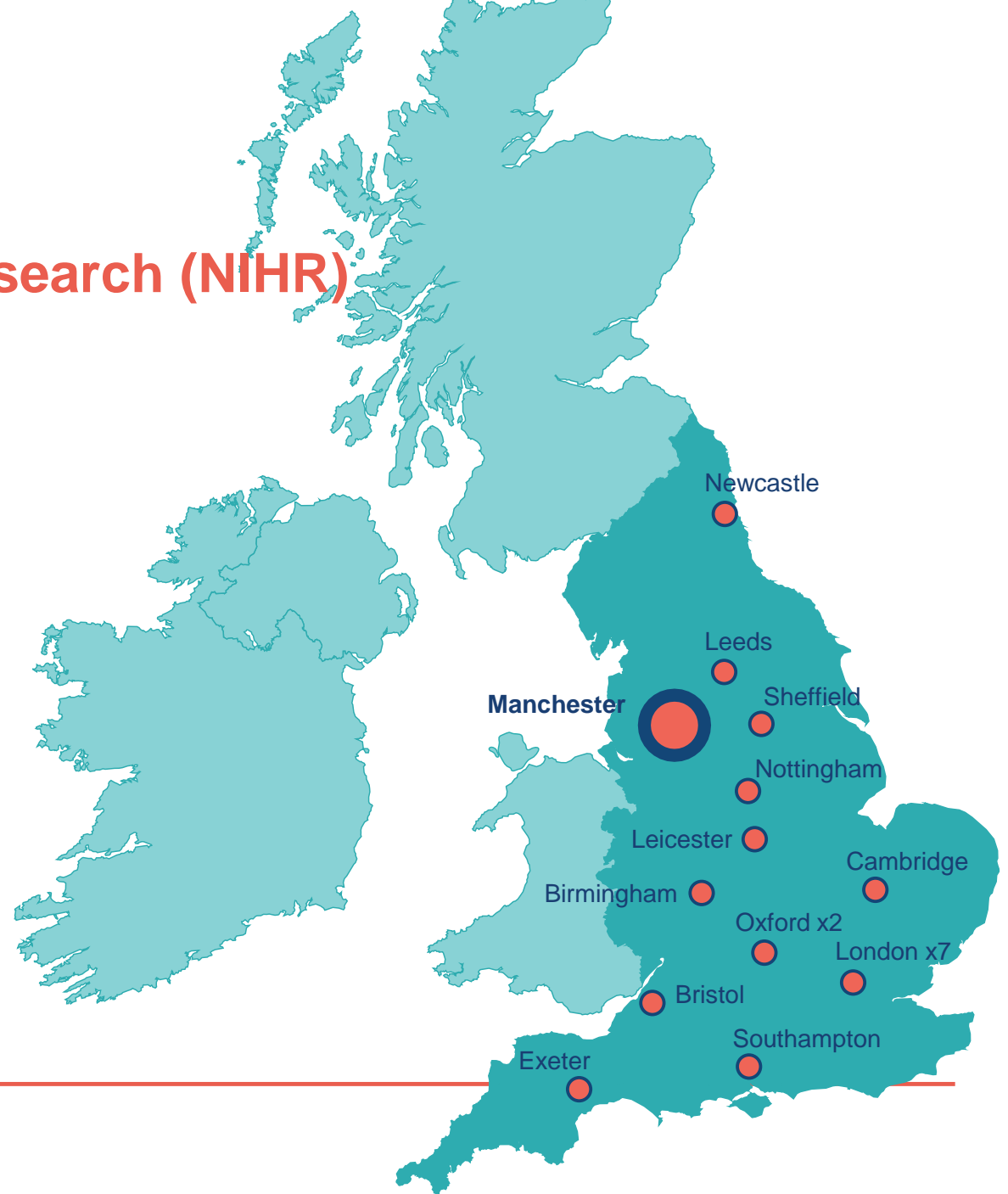
National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs)

- Collaborations between Universities and NHS Trusts as leading **centres of excellence in experimental medicine**
- NIHR has awarded nearly £790 million to 20 NIHR BRCs across England (2022-27).
- Costed extension confirmed for BRCs until March 2028



National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs)

- Translating scientific breakthroughs into new treatments, diagnostics and medical technologies
- Deliver:
 - Impact
 - Inclusion
 - Innovation
 - Investment



NIHR Manchester BRC

- Two-stage competitive application process and interview
- Theme and BRC strategy peer review by international panel
- More than doubled the size (£28.5m > **£64.1m**), largest BRC outside of the South-East of England
- **Wider geography and higher number of Themes funded**
- Strong emphasis on **EDI and Inclusive Research, working with communities with highest need**



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The University of Manchester

Health

Royal Preston's cash boost for research into a range of illnesses - both common and rare

The trust that runs the Royal Preston and Chorley and South Ribble hospitals is set to play a key part in the ongoing search for new medical treatments and diagnostic tests for a range of common and rare conditions.

Press release

Over £800 million to boost innovation, growth and improve patient safety

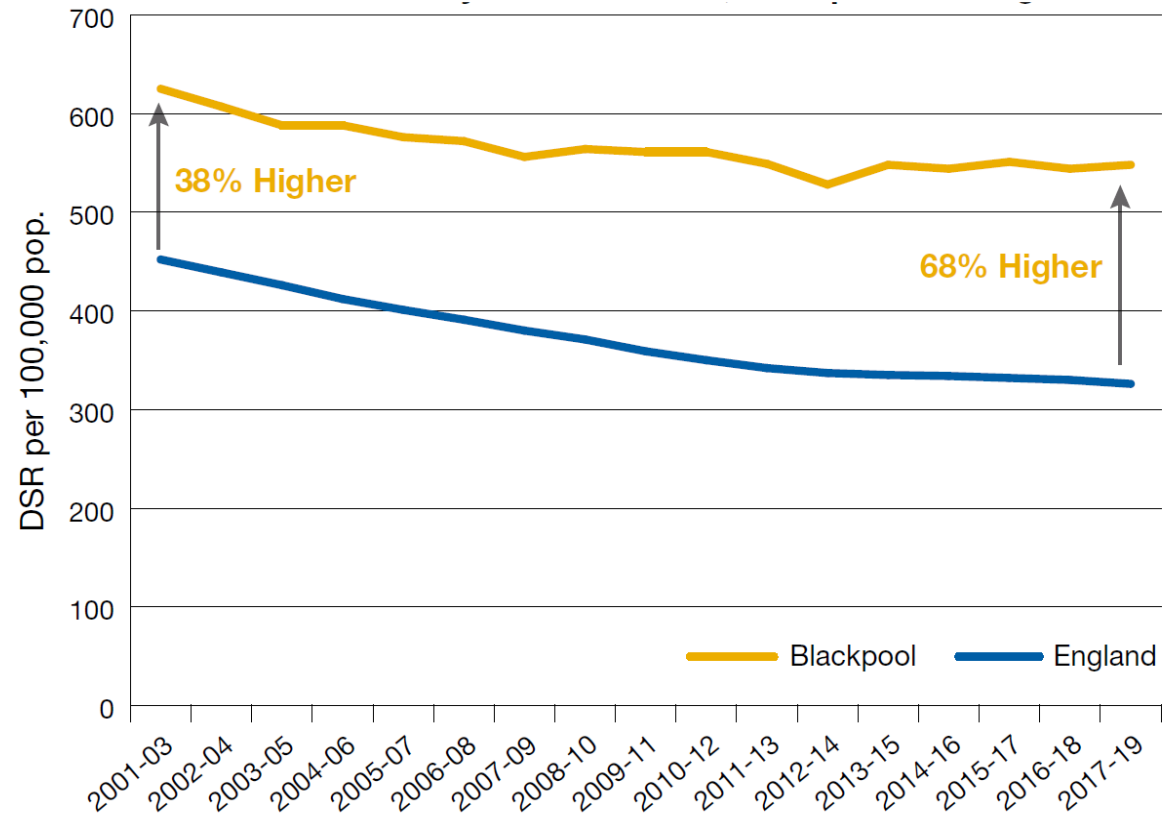
Significant funding for research centres across the country to support the improved delivery of health and care services and ground-breaking new treatments.

News posted 14 October, 2022

Greater Manchester awarded its largest ever research funding to tackle health inequalities and drive health improvements across the city region

Widening Gap in Premature Mortality (<75 yrs old) from all causes in Blackpool vs England

- High burden of poor health outcomes
- Historically low research infrastructure investment



Manchester BRC's vision is to drive personalised health & care for all



Embed early translational research further into our communities and localities in GM, Lancashire and South Cumbria



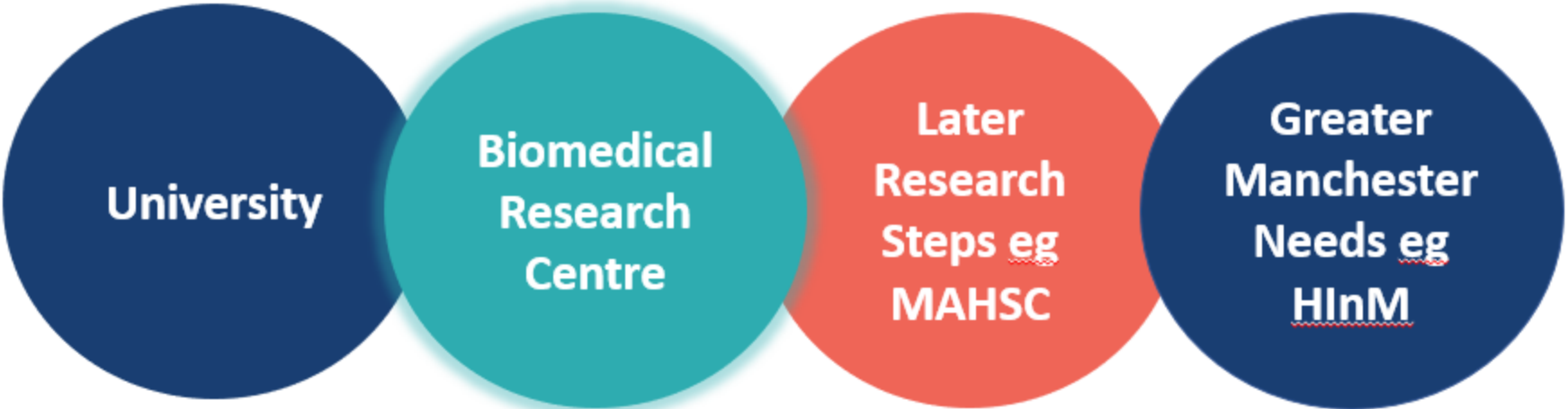
Build a unique national powerhouse for innovation



Accelerate at scale, the impact of our research through our mature and integrated innovation pipeline

Personalised Health & Care for all

Greater Manchester NIHR Infrastructure Oversight Board Health Innovation Manchester

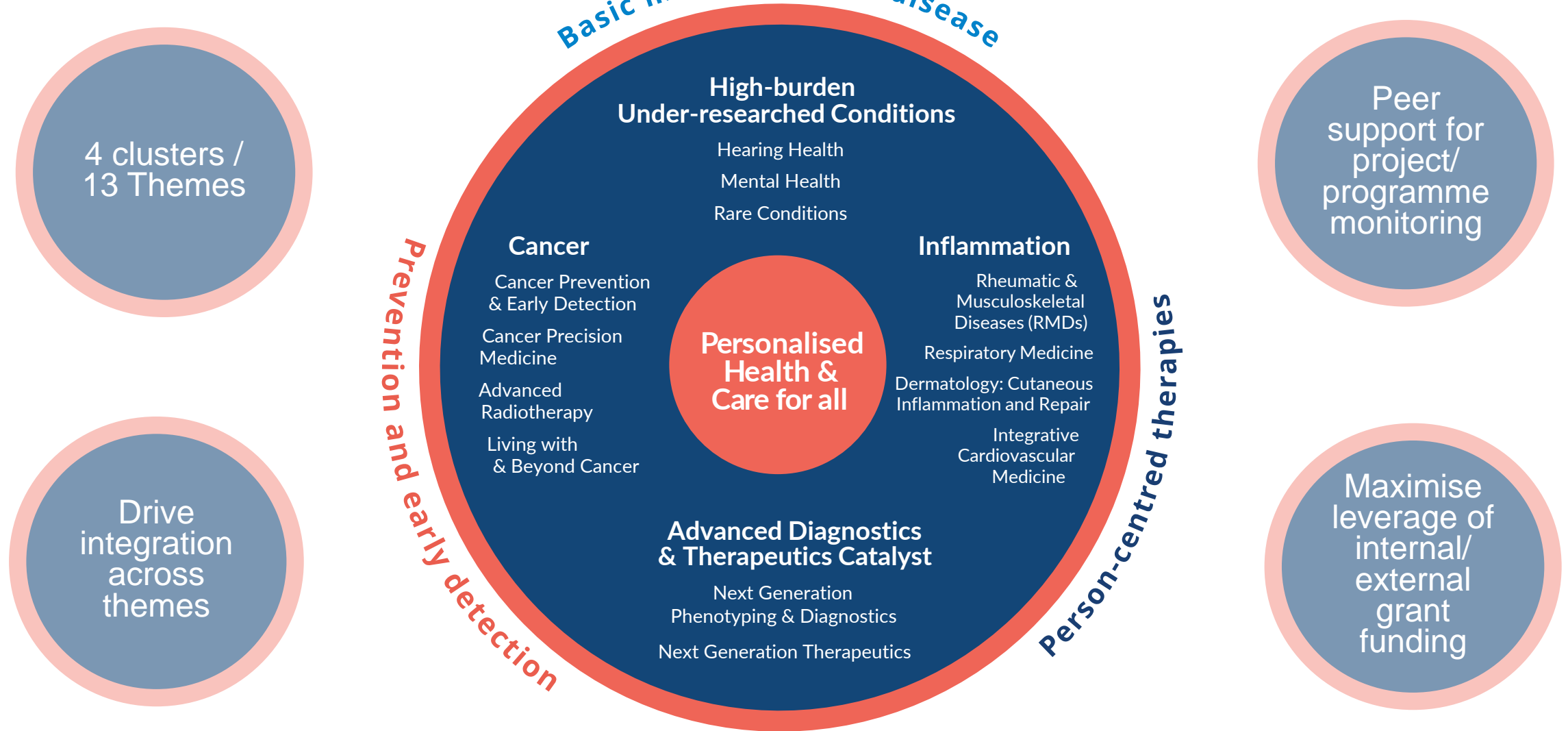


New Enhanced Infrastructure

- Christabel Pankhurst Institute for Health Technology
- Paterson Institute for Cancer Research
- UK Biobank



Manchester BRC Structure



Infrastructure

Inclusive Research Infrastructure

- Inclusive Research Methods
- Inclusive Research Oversight Board
- Patient Public Involvement, Engagement and Participation (PPIEP)
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Strategic Core Delivery

- Training and Capacity Building
- Digital Infrastructure
- Strategic Partnerships (e.g. industry, charities)
- Project management expertise
- Performance and Quality
- Data management
- Strategic Funding (capacity building, partnerships, cross-theme projects / programmes)
- Communications
- Impact

Summary

- Step change in delivering translational/early phase research
- Build translational research capacity across North-West
- Leverage new income (academic/industry) and inward investment
 - International industry advisory board (Chair: Chris Molloy)
 - Innovations and partnerships team (Operational Lead: Colette Inkson)
- Specific action to better understand health inequities and using this to bring our research to people in place

Offer to industry

- Internationally recognised expertise across multiple specialties
 - Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases
 - Dermatology
- Large patient populations with high unmet need
 - Diverse
 - Urban/rural/coastal
 - Focus on inclusivity
- Close working with Clinical Research Facility
 - Early phase trial delivery

} Today's focus

Offer to industry

- Large number of clinical academics
 - Bridging discovery science to clinical translation
- Expertise in:
 - Epidemiology
 - Genetics, genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, microbiome...
 - Clinical trials
 - Exploring health inequities
 - Patient and public involvement and engagement
 - Bioinformatics, lab facilities, imaging

Offer to industry

- Access to samples and data
 - Prospective, longitudinal
 - Tissue
- Expertise in:
 - Study design
 - Governance
 - Delivery
 - Analysis
- Enthusiasm to foster new collaborations / partnerships with industry
- Experience of working with industry partners

BRC Links with Industry

Industry	SMES	New Partnerships	Number of relationships with large pharma companies	Number of relationships with international companies	Number of partnerships with diagnostics companies	Number of partnerships with medical device companies	Number of partnerships with digital technology companies
Y1 2017-22	37	38					
Y2 2017-22	22	6					
Y3 2017-22	20	41					
Y4 2017-22	42	25					
Y5 2017-22	48	13					
Y6 2017-22	51	0					
Y1 2022-27	44	27					
Y2 2022-27	109		34	130	19	42	21

Leveraged Income for infrastructure in other parts of the BRC

- **NIHR Mental Health Mission** (£43M nationally NIHR Mental Health TRC)
 - £10M will be led by Manchester Investigators
- **MRC Rare Disease Platform Nodes:** 3 of 11 awarded to Manchester:
 - Ethics, Legal and Social Issues (PI: Ramona Moldovan) £1.3 m
 - EpiGenRare (PI: Siddharth Banka) £1.3 m
 - Rare Early-Onset Lower Urinary Tract (REOLUT) (PI: William Newman) £1.3 m
- **NIHR Health Technology Research Centre**
 - £3.0m award
 - Urgent and emergency care

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Morning Session Summary



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Lunch – Networking, Exhibition Stands and Breakout Sessions



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Agenda – Afternoon Session

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Time	Session	Presenter
13:30 – 13:45	Working With Primary Care	Dr Omair Razzaq Ashton Medical Group, Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network
13:45 – 14:00	Manchester Biomedical Research Centre Inflammatory Hair Diseases Programme	Dr Matthew Harries The University of Manchester
14:00 – 14:15	Genomic Centre and Current Projects	Professor Gisela Orozco The University of Manchester
14:15 – 14:30	Streamlining Clinical Trial Set-Up	Dr Beatriz Duran Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
14:30 – 14:45	MFT – Reshaping the future: Innovations in MSK and Rheumatology Research	Visveswaran Mallayan & Sindhu John Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
14:45 – 15:00	Patient Reflections on the day	Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper VOCAL & Patient Representatives
15:00 – 15:30	Summary Q&A and Panel Discussion	Chaired by Dr James Bluett
15:30 – 16:00	Close and Networking	



Working With Primary Care

Dr Omair Razzaq

General Practitioner at Ashton Medical Group, Specialty Lead for
Primary Care, Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network



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Enhancing Collaboration and Patient Outcomes

Omar Razaq, GP Ashton Medical Group, Specialty Co-lead CRNGM



What is Primary Care Research?

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Primary care research focuses on health outcomes, disease prevention, and the management of long-term conditions at the community level.

This research helps improve the quality of care and addresses the most prevalent and costly conditions.

Why go into Research?



Opportunities for patients

New treatments e.g. cholesterol lowering injections
New investigations e.g. FENO testing
Diagnose previously unknown issues e.g. AF, depression



Stay up to date

Proven benefits to patients who haven't taken part in research



Stay fresh



Get to meet all of you!

Connecting Specialists to Primary Care



High prevalence of musculoskeletal and dermatological conditions in primary care.

Specialists often receive referrals based on primary care assessments, making these findings crucial to diagnosis and treatment.

Collaboration improves continuity of care, particularly for chronic conditions.

Primary Care as a Key Setting for Patient Identification

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General practitioners (GPs) are the first point of contact for most patients, including those with musculoskeletal and dermatological complaints.

GPs build long-term relationships with patients, making it easier to detect early symptoms and changes over time.

Despite advances in healthcare, patients still turn to their GPs for help, advice, and guidance on various health issues.

Access to Real-World Data



Primary care research collects data on patient presentations and treatments over time.

Insights into common presentations of musculoskeletal and dermatological diseases in diverse populations.

Helps specialists recognize emerging trends, atypical presentations, or changing demographics in diseases such as psoriasis or arthritis.

Improving Early Detection



Primary care research identifies patterns that help recognize musculoskeletal and dermatologic conditions at an earlier stage.

Collaboration with primary care helps streamline referral pathways, ensuring specialists see patients when necessary.

Improves early intervention strategies, reducing disease burden.

Supporting Research with the CRN Primary Care Team



The Clinical Research Network (CRN) Primary Care Team can disseminate studies rapidly across dozens of practices.



Potential reach extends to several hundred thousand patients, enhancing recruitment and study impact.



The CRN can assist with study delivery if a research project lends itself to being conducted in primary care settings or simply as Patient Identification Centres (PICs).



Cost-Effectiveness



Effective early interventions and streamlined referral systems lower long-term healthcare costs.

Reducing unnecessary specialist visits by equipping primary care providers with better diagnostic tools and knowledge.

Specialists benefit from focusing on complex cases that require their expertise.

Collaboration Across Disciplines

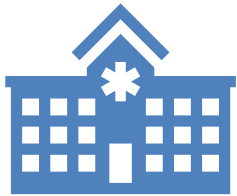


Musculoskeletal and dermatology specialists can collaborate with primary care on large-scale studies.

Research areas: Early detection of rheumatoid arthritis, chronic pain management, or skin cancer prevention.

Enhances cross-disciplinary learning and strengthens clinical practice through shared insights.

Maximizing the Benefits of Primary Care Research



Improved patient outcomes through earlier diagnosis and intervention.



Better resource management and reduced healthcare costs.



Enhanced collaboration that strengthens both primary and specialist care.

Thank
You!

Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?

Manchester Biomedical Research Centre Inflammatory Hair Diseases Programme



Dr Matthew Harries

Honorary Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical Senior Lecturer at the
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Inflammatory Hair Diseases Research Programme

Matthew Harries PhD FRCP

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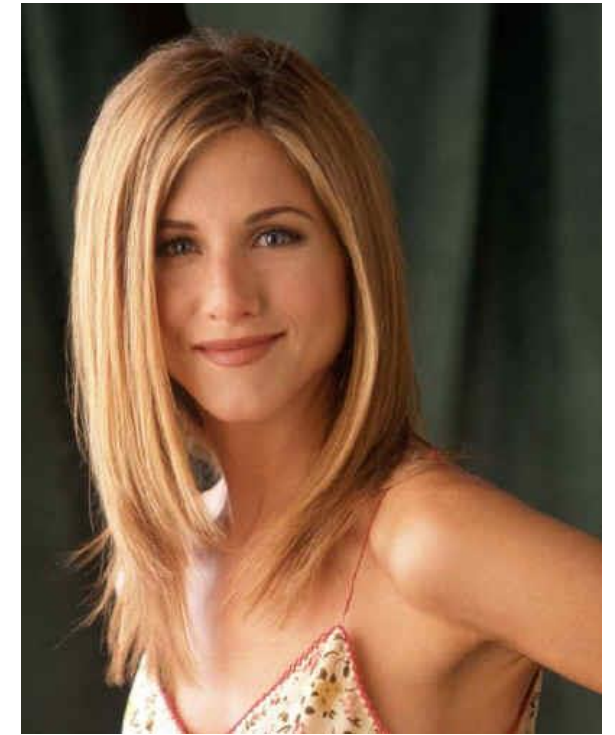
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HAIR RAGE

1 in 5 anxious if hair's dodgy | So bad that 6% won't leave home | Thousands more are too frit to change styles ever

Inside: Some v cute dogs

By TOM MORTIMER
 All it there's not enough going on in the world right now - millions of us are suffering from a nasty case of hair loss. Hair Rage. Call where: Page 11

“1 in 5 anxious if hair’s dodgy...”

“...So bad that 6% won’t leave home”

Daily Star front page for 4 November 2023

Slides redacted as contained confidential patient images.

The associated burden of mental health conditions in alopecia areata: a population-based study in UK primary care*

Abby E. Macbeth,¹ Susan Holmes,² Matthew Harries,^{3,4} Wing Sin Chiu,⁵ Christos Tziotzios ,^{6,7} Simon de Lusignan,^{8,9} Andrew G. Messenger ¹⁰ and Andrew R. Thompson ¹¹

2022

RCGP-RSC database:

- Increased levels of Anxiety & Depression in AA
- People with AA at increased risk of developing new-onset Anxiety & Depression
- People with AA more likely to be issued time-off-work certificates or recorded as unemployed
- Higher levels of antidepressant prescribing in AA



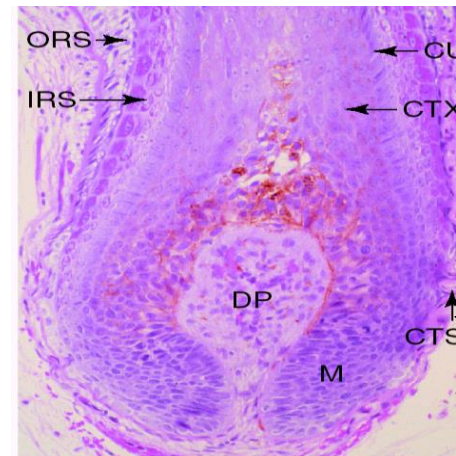
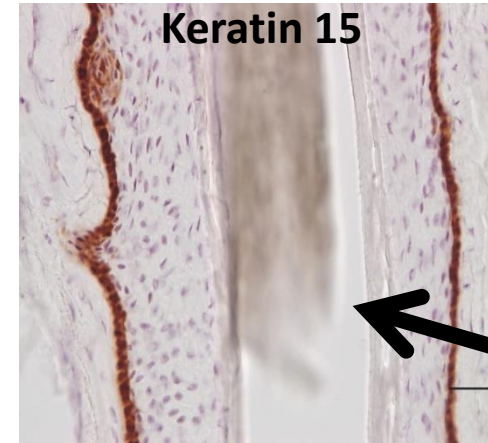
Hair Follicle Biology

The Bulge

- Home of HF Stem Cells
- Identification
 - Insertion of arrector pili muscle
 - Bulge markers (e.g. Keratin 15)

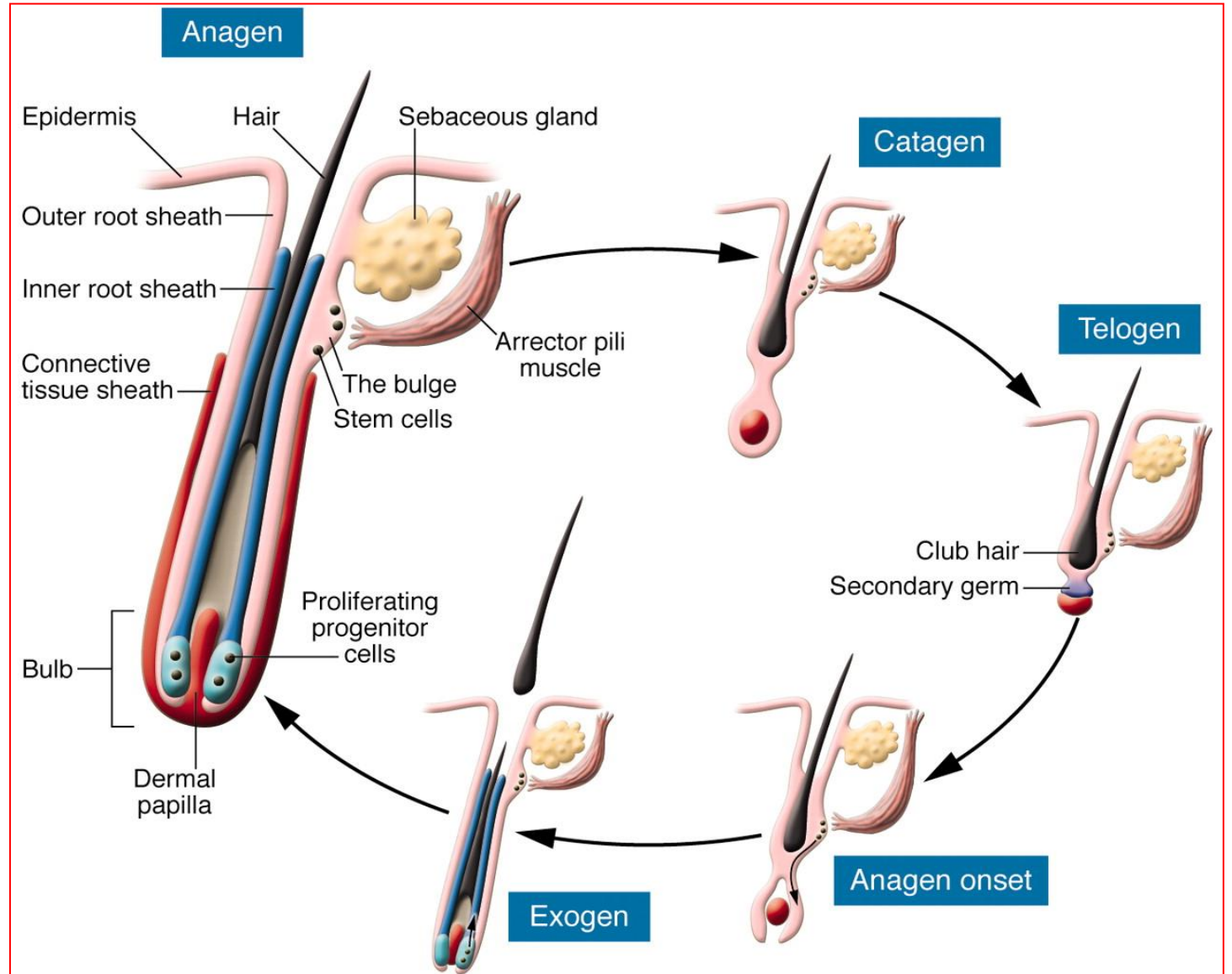
The Bulb

- Contains rapidly proliferating matrix cells that produces the hair shaft and inner root sheath

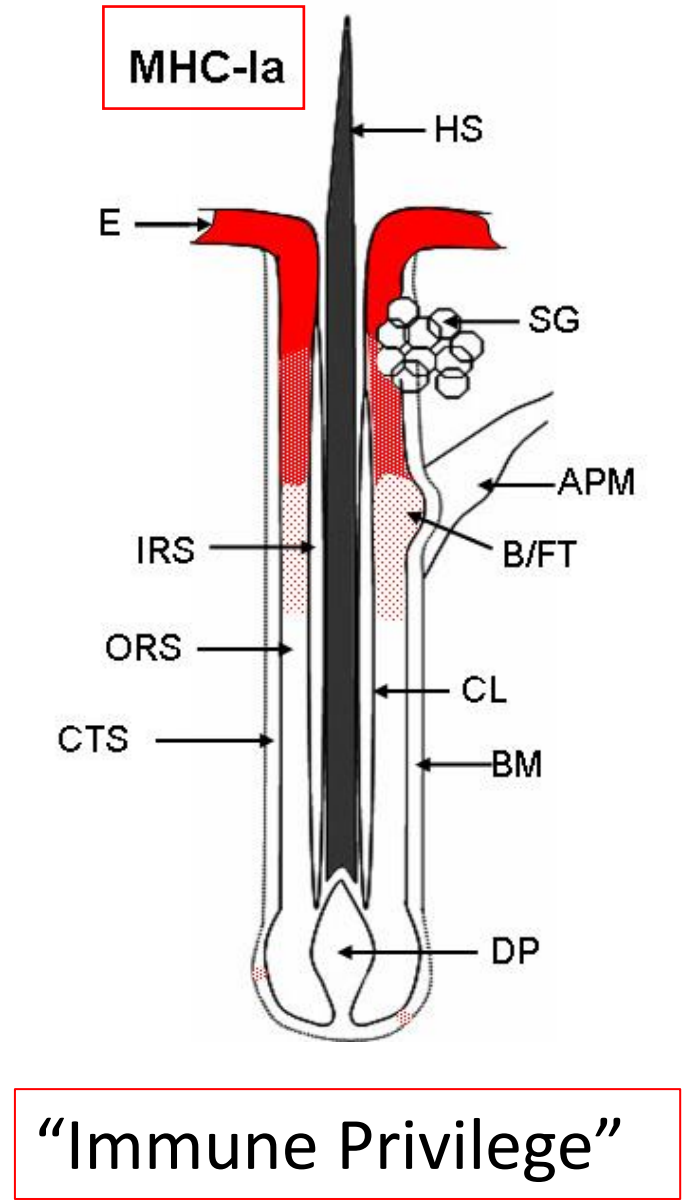
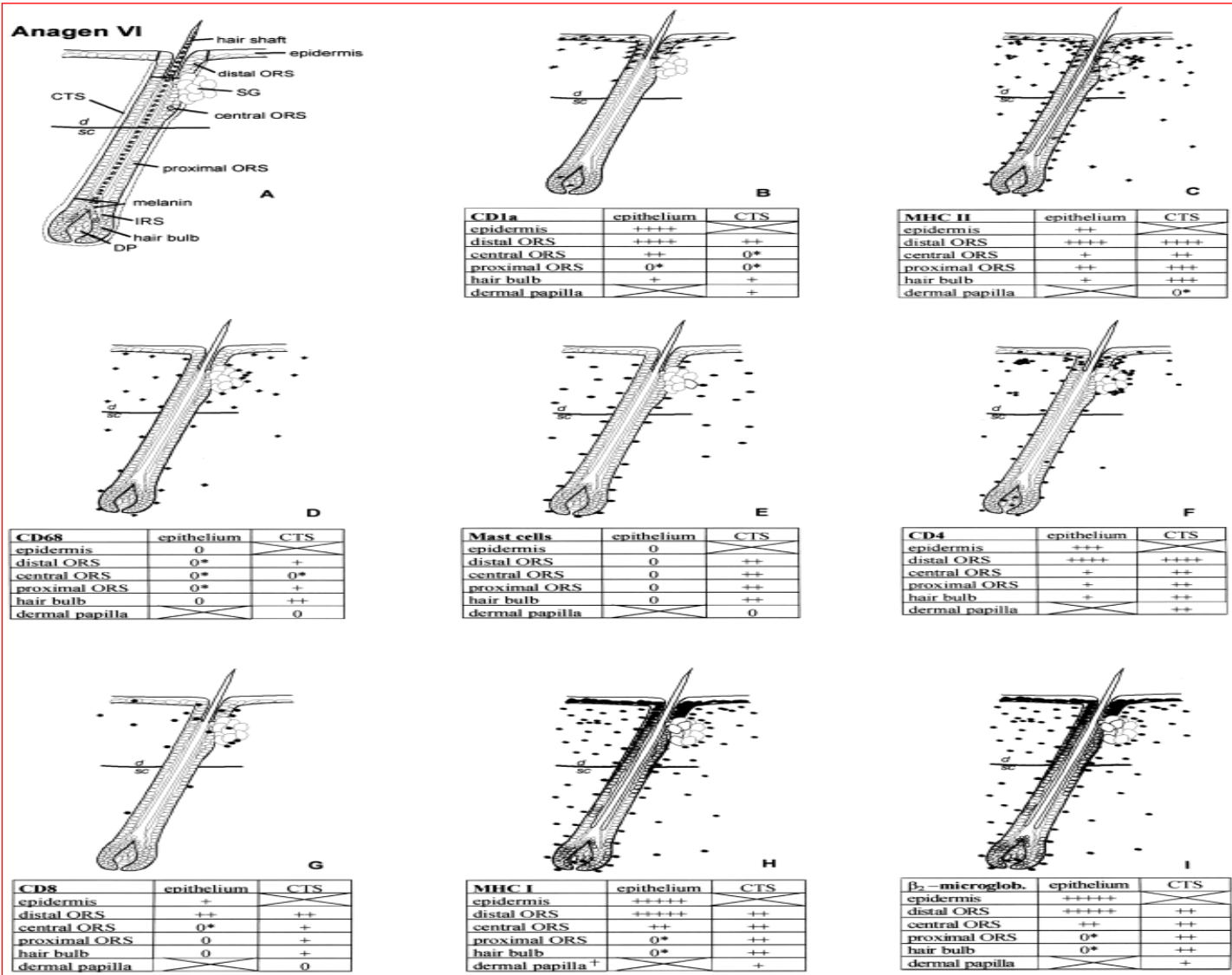


The Hair Cycle

- **Anagen (85-100%)**
 - Growth phase
 - 3 – 7 years
- **Catagen (1%)**
 - Transitional phase between anagen and telogen
 - Lasts 2 -3 weeks
- **Telogen (0-15%)**
 - Resting phase
 - Lasts approx. 3 months

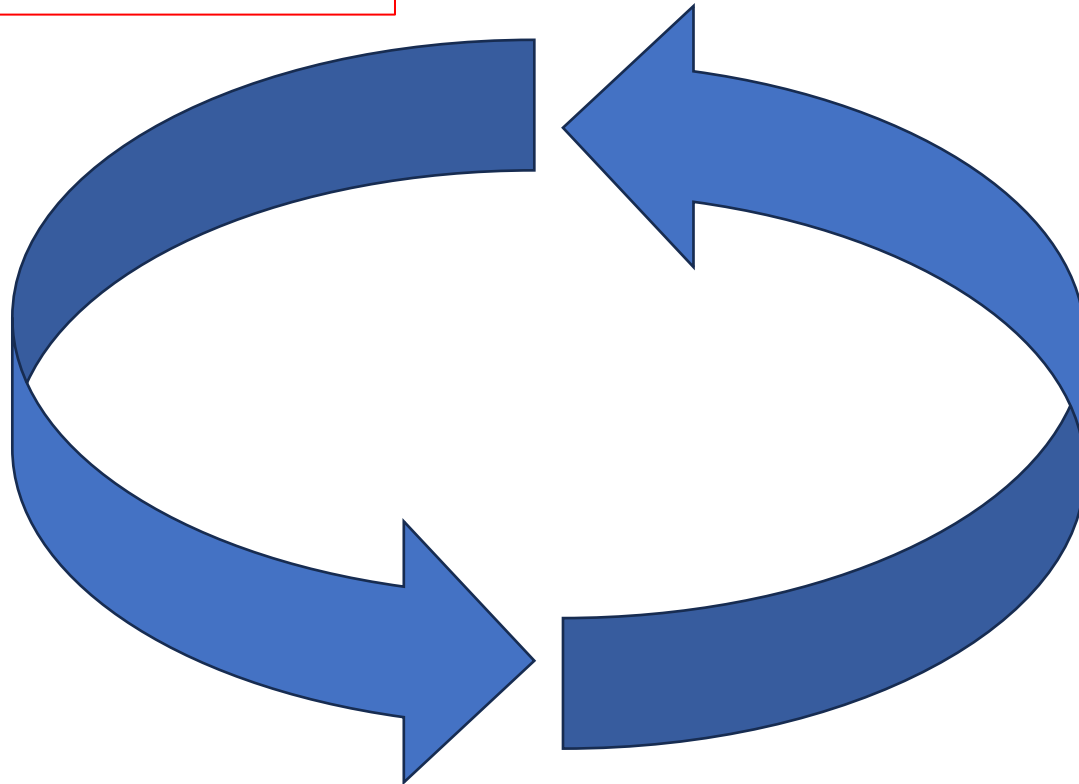


The Hair Immune System



Inflammatory Hair Diseases Research Programme

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Hair Loss Priority Setting Partnerships (PSP)



Alopecia Areata

Rank	Uncertainty
1	What are the causes of alopecia areata? For example, medications, medical problems, lifestyle, vaccinations
2	Are immunosuppressant therapies (e.g. methotrexate; mycophenolate mofetil) better than placebo in the treatment of alopecia areata?
3	In alopecia areata, are biological therapies (including janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors and anti-cytokine therapies) more effective than placebo in causing hair regrowth?
4	Are psychological interventions helpful in alopecia areata?
5	Can progression of alopecia areata be prevented by early diagnosis and treatment?
6	Do certain foods, vitamins or nutritional supplements improve hair regrowth in alopecia areata?
7	What can be learnt about alopecia areata from other autoimmune conditions?
8	In whom does alopecia areata hair loss progress and why?
9	Do any treatments have a long-term therapeutic benefit in alopecia areata?
10	How effective are alternative therapies in alopecia areata?

(MacBeth A ... Harries M. Br J Dermatol 2017)

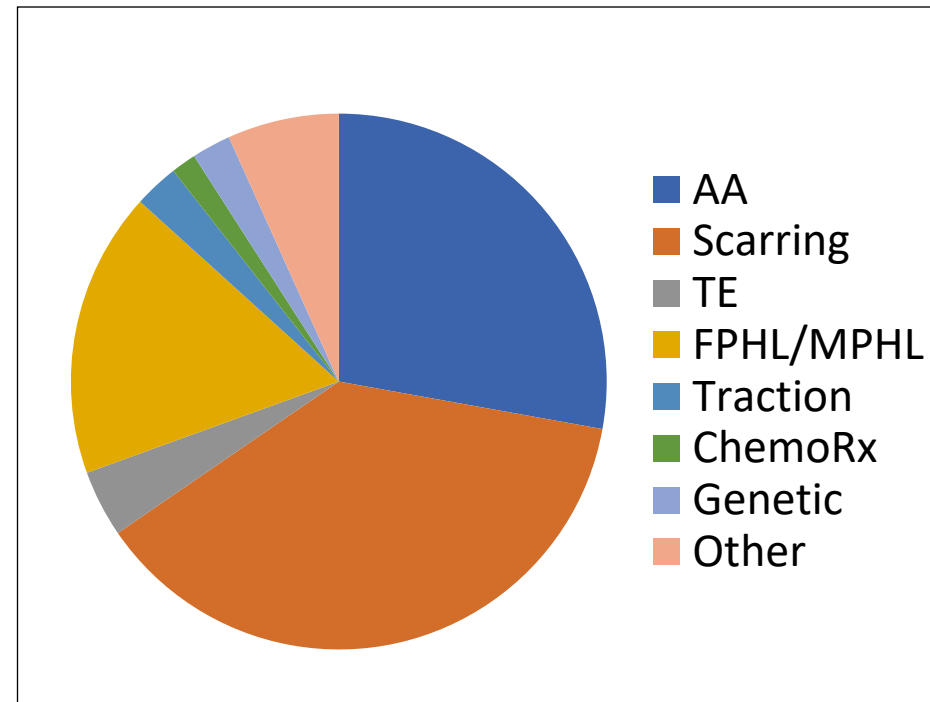
Hair Loss (other)

Rank	Uncertainty
1	What is the most effective treatment for frontal fibrosing alopecia?
2	What are the causes of frontal fibrosing alopecia (e.g. cosmetic / sunscreen use, dietary, genetic, autoimmune, medication, hormonal, environment, vaccination, infection)?
3	What are the causes of female pattern hair loss (e.g. genetic, hormonal and childbirth, autoimmune, dietary, other medical conditions, environmental factors)?
4	In all types of hair loss, are psychological therapies effective in improving patient outcomes?
5	In all types of hair loss, what outcome measures should be used to assess severity of hair loss, progression and impact on the individual?
6	Is spironolactone helpful in managing female pattern hair loss?
7	In all types of hair loss, does raising ferritin levels / replacing iron improve hair growth? And, what are the optimal levels of ferritin?
8	What is the most effective treatment for lichen planopilaris?
9	In all types of hair loss, do certain diets or nutritional supplements (e.g. vitamin D) prevent or improve hair loss?
10	In female pattern hair loss, does hormone replacement therapy (HRT) halt progression of the hair loss compared to placebo?

(MacBeth A ... Harries M. Br J Dermatol 2018)

Salford Royal NHS Hair Service

- Weekly tertiary hair loss super-clinic
 - 3 Consultants, Hair Fellow & Specialist Registrars
- Specialist Histopathology
- Nurse-led specialist treatments
 - Topical immunotherapy
 - Intralesional steroid injections
 - Cosmetic camouflage



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**Global Register of Alopecia Areata
disease Severity and treatment Safety**



Other Clinical Research



Alopecia Areata Rapid Access Clinic

- “Can early assessment and treatment predict and influence the disease course in alopecia areata (AA)?”

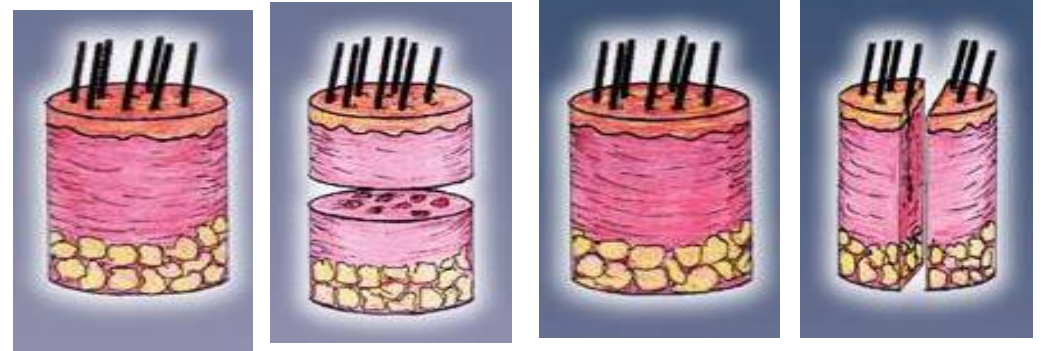


Early Treatment for Alopecia Prevention (ETAP) & Generating AI in Alopecia (GAIA)

- ETAP = Questionnaire & focus group study exploring barrier to referral
- GAIA = Machine learning study of alopecia images (collaboration with Prof. Moi Hoon, MMU)
- >350 NIHR portfolio within 12 months

Dermatopharmacology Unit (DPU)

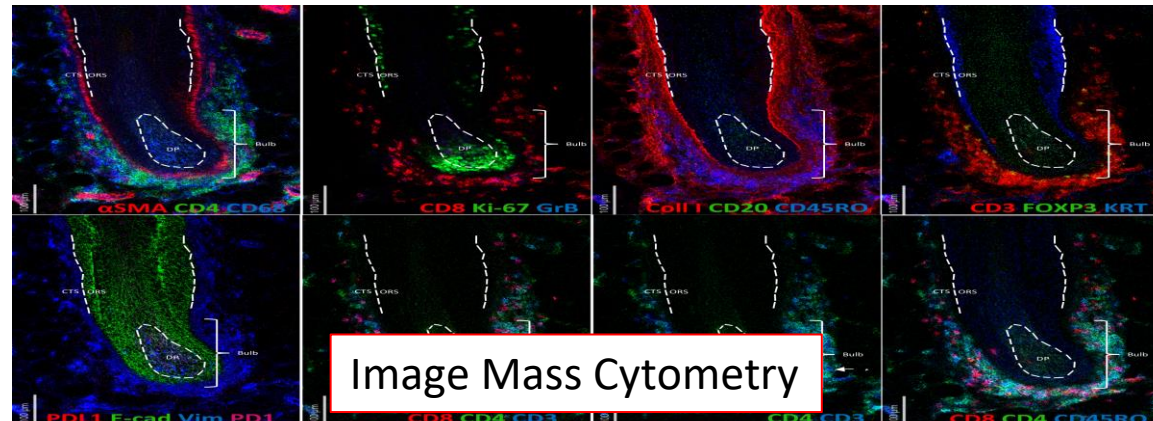
- Translational research
 - NIHR Manchester BRC programme
 - Other studies
- Phase 2 clinical trials
 - Topical dithranol for AA (Manentia UK)
 - Amlitelimab for severe AA (Sanofi)
- Phase 3 clinical trials
 - Upadacitinib for severe AA (“AA-UP” Abbvie)
**** 1st recruitment in UK & Europe ****



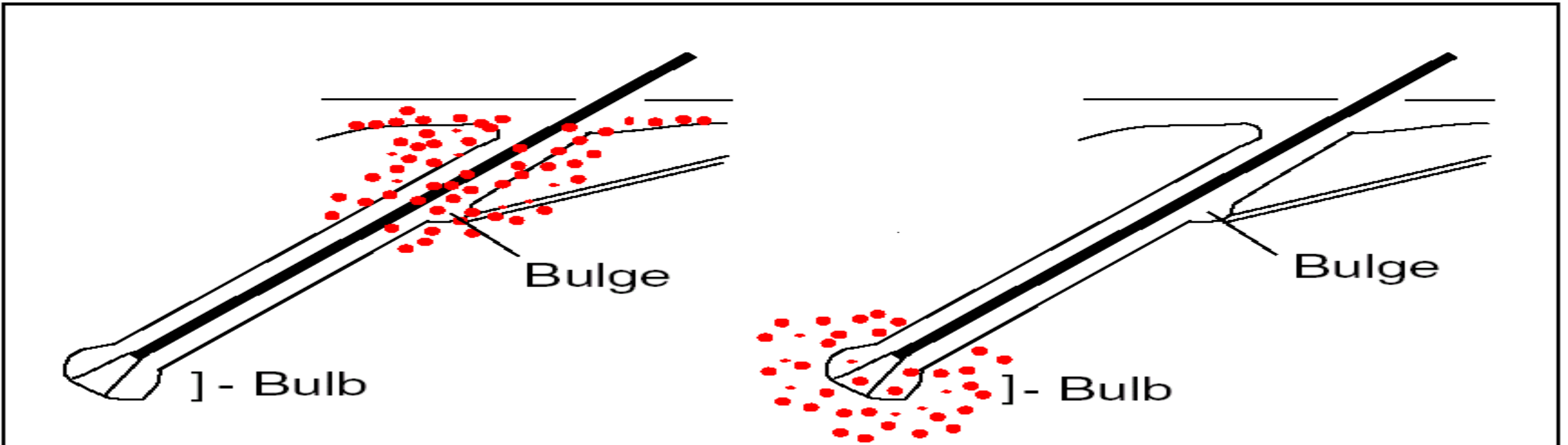
Manchester Hair Research Group

- Dr Talveen Purba
- 3 x PhD Students + visiting PhD student*
 - Early disease changes in alopecia areata
 - Chemotherapy- & radiotherapy-induced alopecia
 - Hair follicle metabolism
 - miRNA in Frontal fibrosing alopecia [*LJMU]

- MSH Biobank



“Location, location, location”

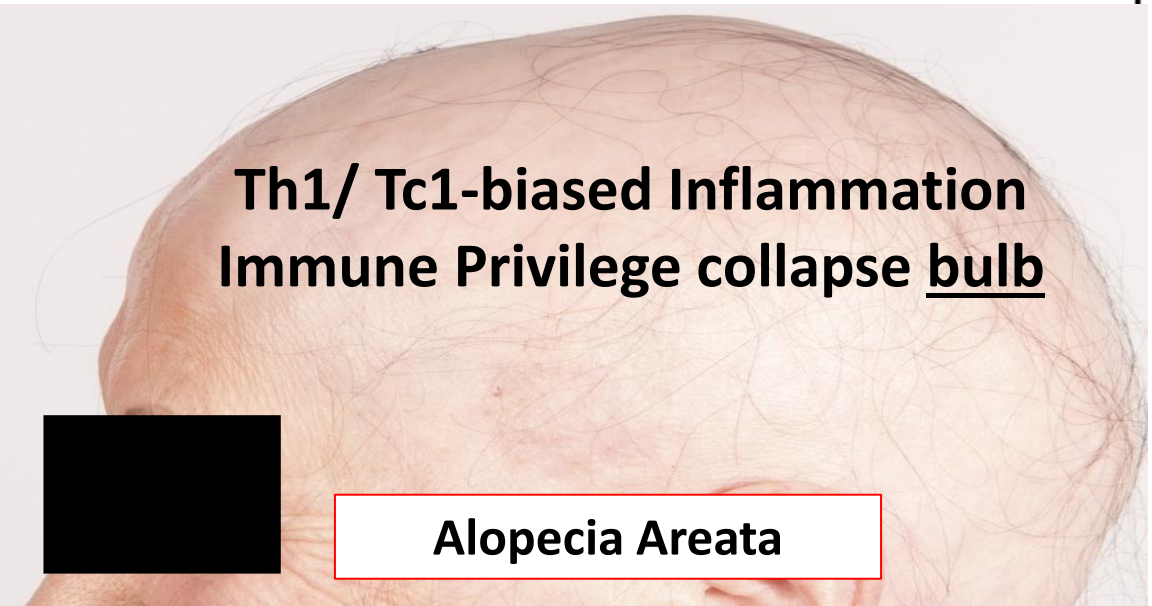
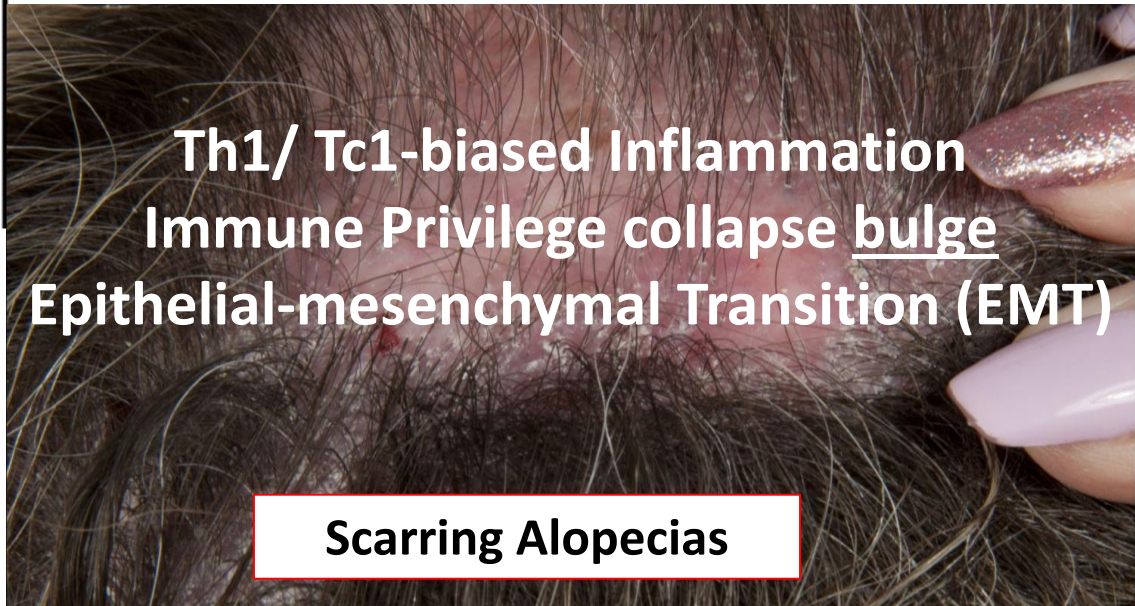
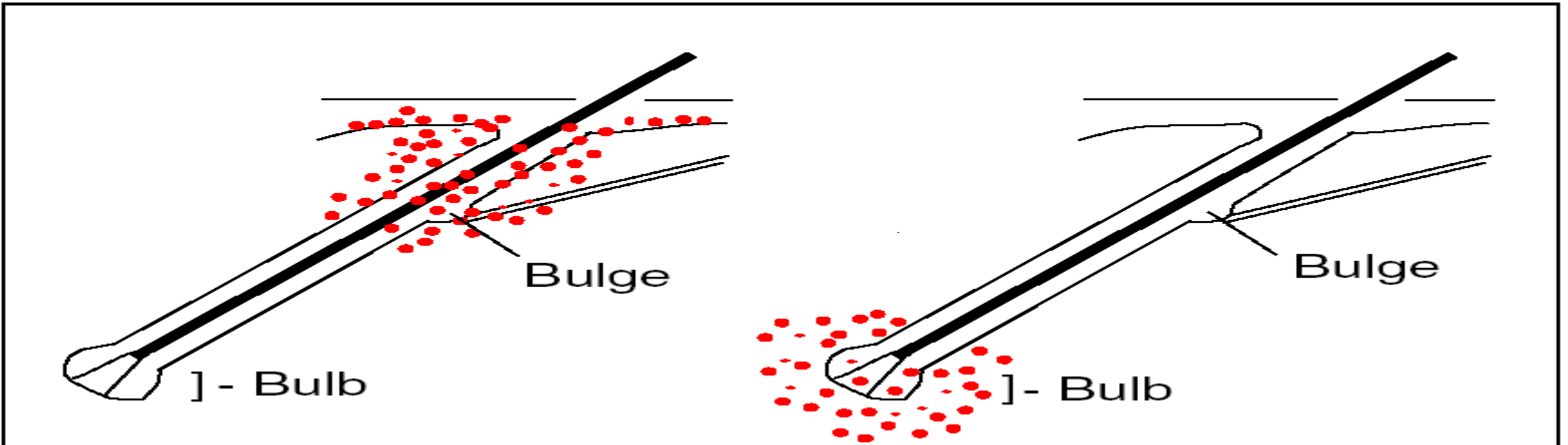


Scarring Alopecias



Alopecia Areata

“Location, location, location”



Normal Human Scalp HF *ex vivo* can be Induced to Undergo various key Molecular Changes seen in Hair Loss

- HF culture

(Langan et al. *Exp Dermatol* 2015)

- HF immune privilege collapse model

(Ito et al. *Am J Pathol* 2004; Harries et al. *J Pathol* 2013)

- HF EMT model

(Imanishi et al. *JID* 2018)

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Key Readout Parameters

Hair cycle - anagen / catagen

Apoptosis / proliferation

Stem cell & immunocyte markers

Immune privilege markers

EMT markers



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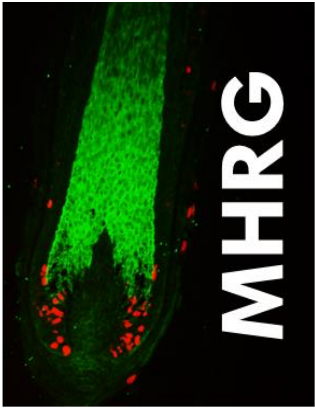
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Genomic Centre and Current Projects

Professor Gisela Orozco

Professor of Functional Genomics at the Center for Genetics and
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GM Inflammation Research Showcase: MSK & Dermatology Focus Event

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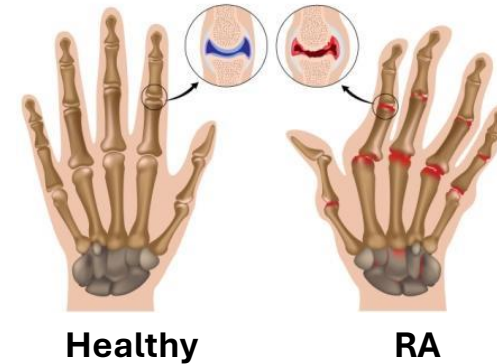
Centre Lead:
Richard Warren

CfGG Aims

1. To combine clinical, genetic and 'omic data to **prevent** arthritis and its complications where possible, and to **treat patients more effectively** to **improve outcomes** where prevention is not yet possible.
2. To understand **how genetic changes associated with disease act** to increase risk and contribute to the process of disease development.

Why do we do this work?

- Autoimmune diseases: inflammation and destruction of the joints
- Common, affect millions worldwide
- Cause not completely understood yet:
 - No cure
 - Lack of targeted treatments
 - Many patients do not respond to available therapies



Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

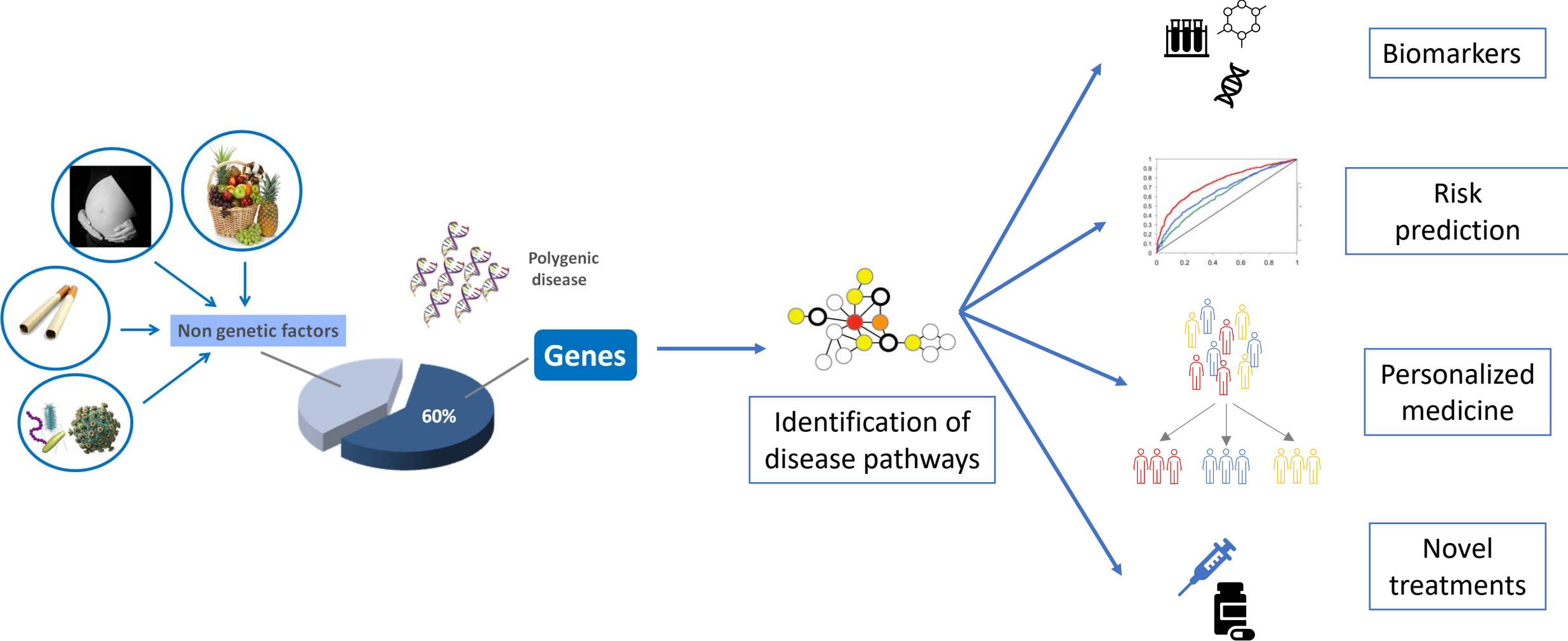


Juvenile idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)



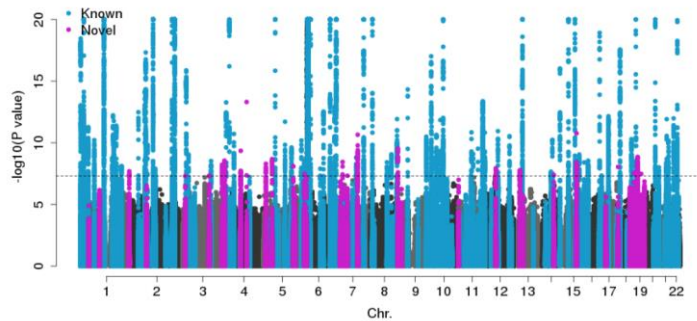
Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

Genetics can help us understand mechanisms underlying complex diseases like arthritis



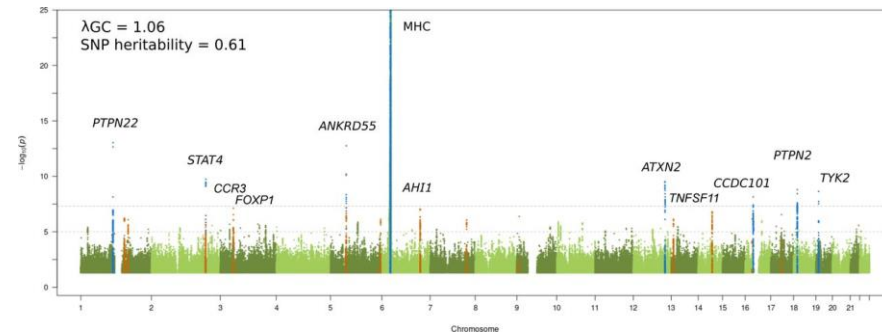
GWAS have identified multiple risk loci for RA, JIA and PsA

RA
124 loci



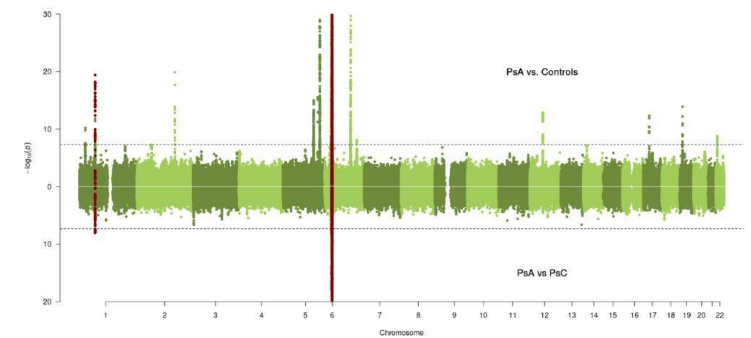
Ishigaki et al.
Nature Genetics 2022

JIA
22 loci



Elena López-Isac et al.
Ann Rheum Dis 2021

PsA
17 loci



Mehreen Soomro, Michael Stadler et al.
Arthritis and Rheumatol 2022

GWAS have not reached their full potential for clinical translation:

Translational Genetics

- Genetic variants identified so far only explain ~50% of disease risk:
 - More genetic associations to be discovered:
 - Larger GWAS, meta-analysis
 - Diverse populations
 - Rare variants
- Using genetics to:
 - Prevent disease and outcomes
 - Predict treatment response
 - Personalize treatment to individual
- Multimorbidity
- Integration of “omics”: eg proteomics
- Immunophenotyping



Anne Barton



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GWAS have not reached their full potential for clinical translation:

Functional Genomics



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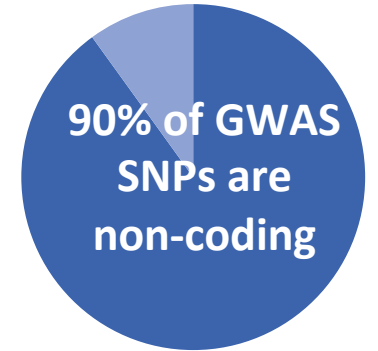


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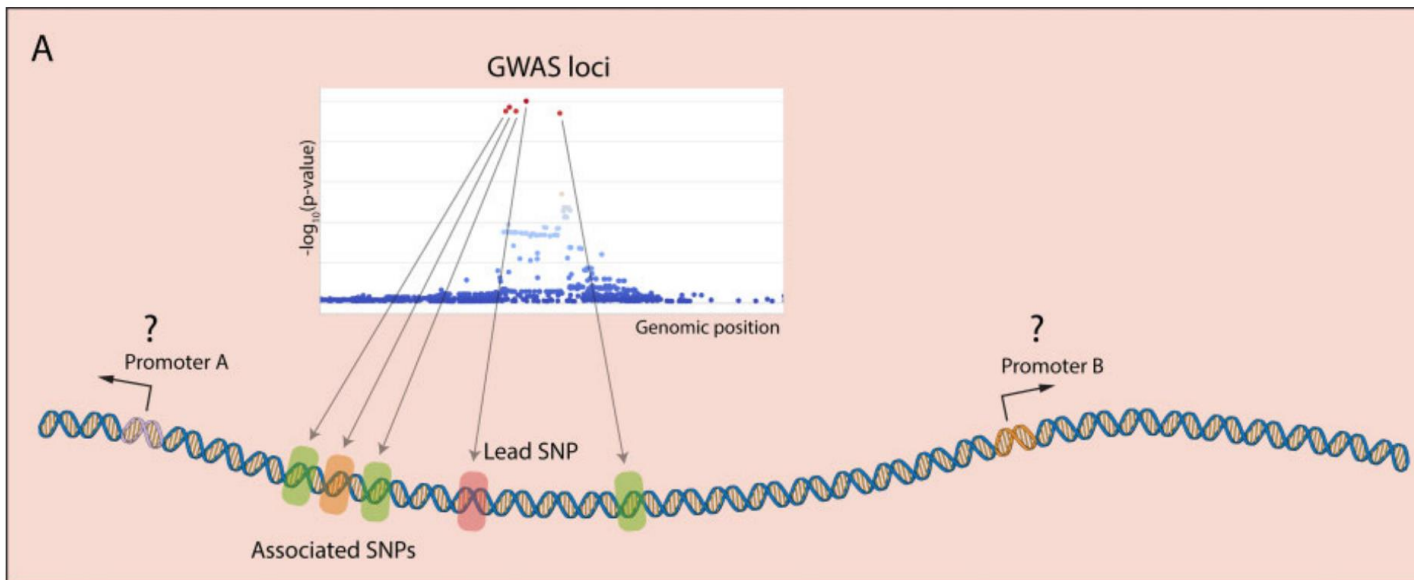


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>100
Susceptibility loci



What are the genes, biological pathways and mechanisms by which RA variants act to increase risk of disease?



Causal variants?

Function?

Causal genes?

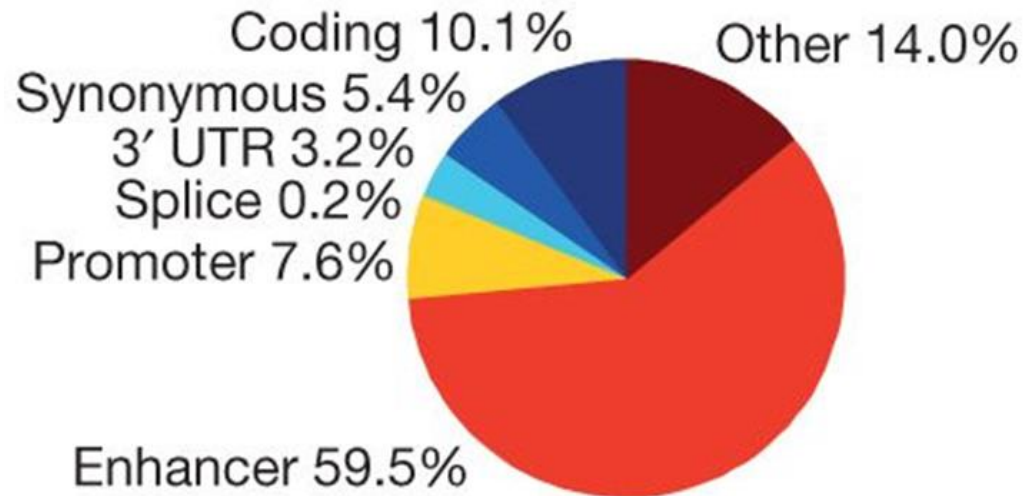
Causal cell types?

How can non-coding SNPs influence disease?

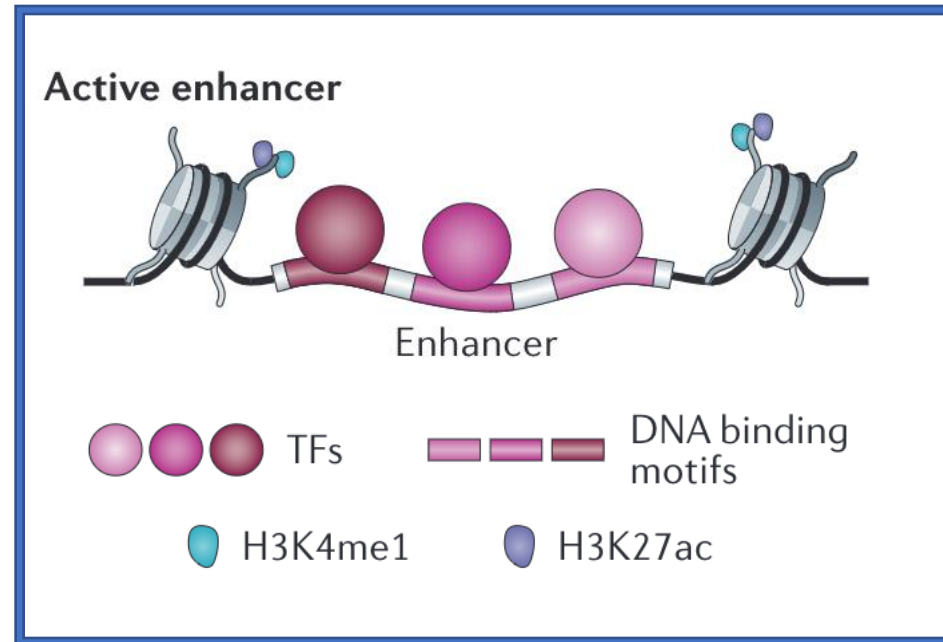
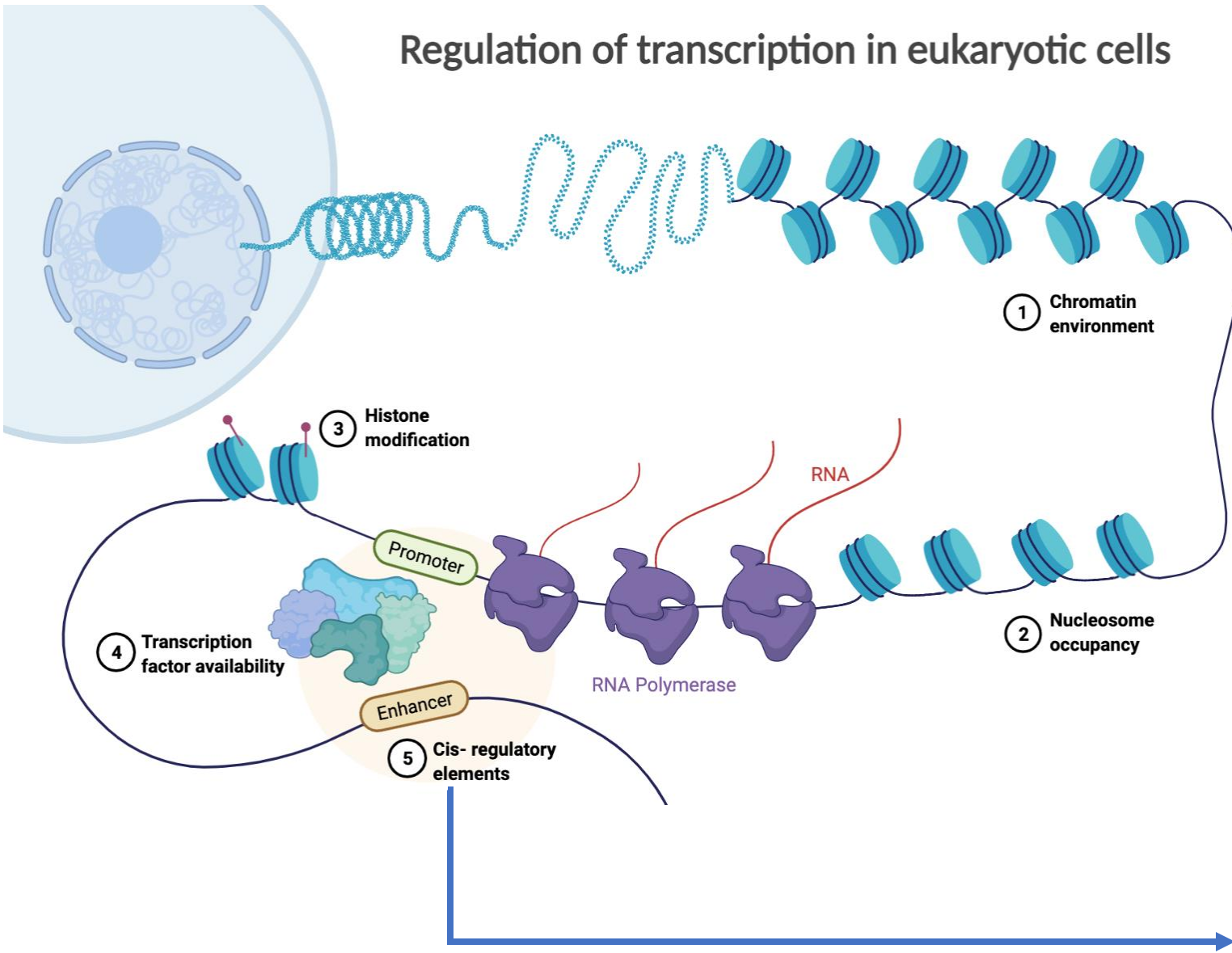
by altering the regulation of gene expression
in disease relevant tissues

GWAS SNPs are enriched in enhancers

GWAS SNPs



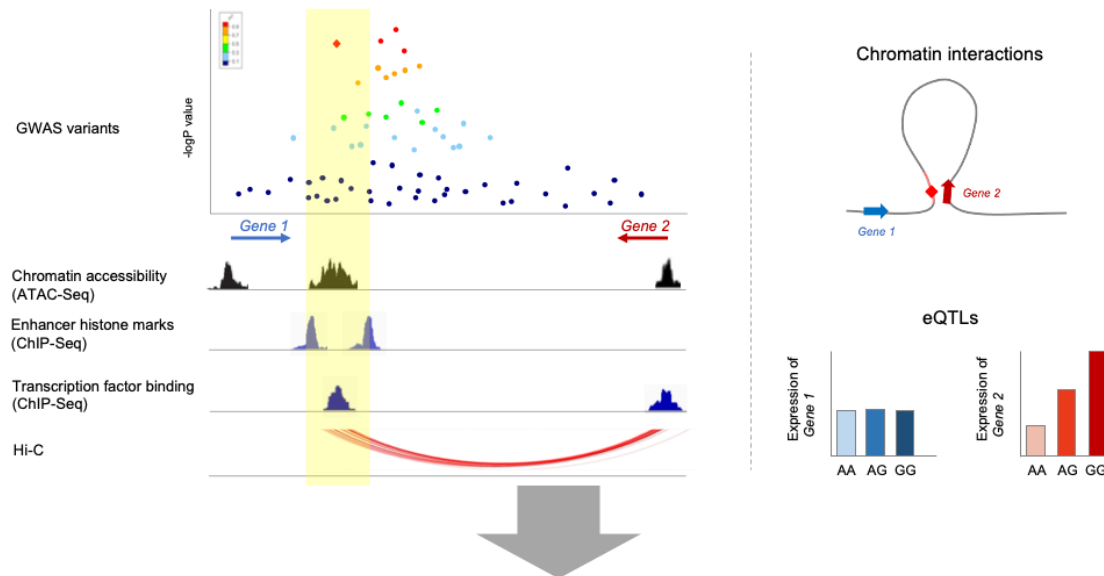
Regulation of transcription in eukaryotic cells



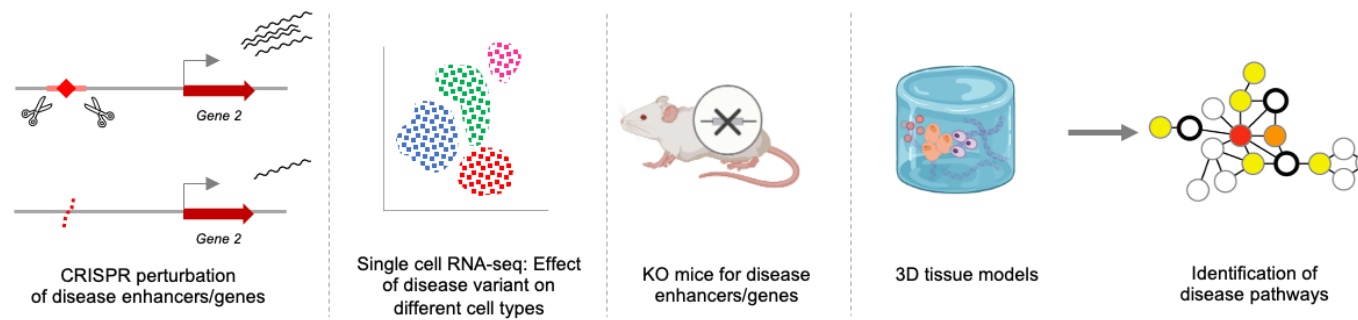
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“variant to gene to pathway to translation” pipeline

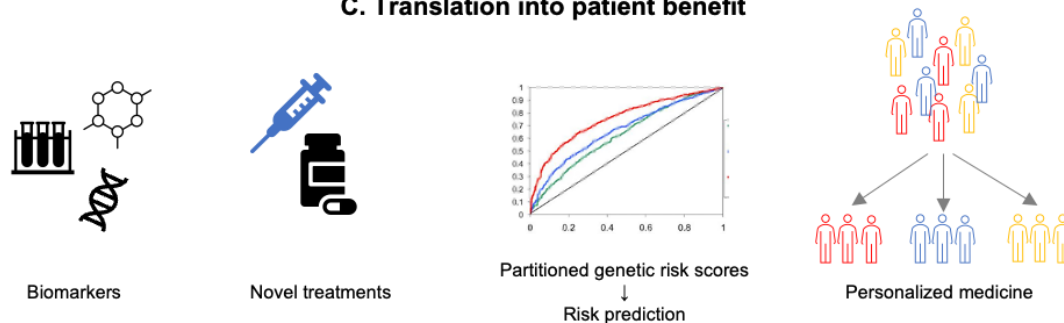
A. Functional characterization of cell type regulatory effects and causal gene prioritization



B. Confirmation of casual genes and identification of disease mechanisms



C. Translation into patient benefit



Combining our strengths versus arthritis

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Streamlining Clinical Trial Set-Up

Dr Beatriz Duran

Consultant Pharmacist Clinical Trials and ATMPs

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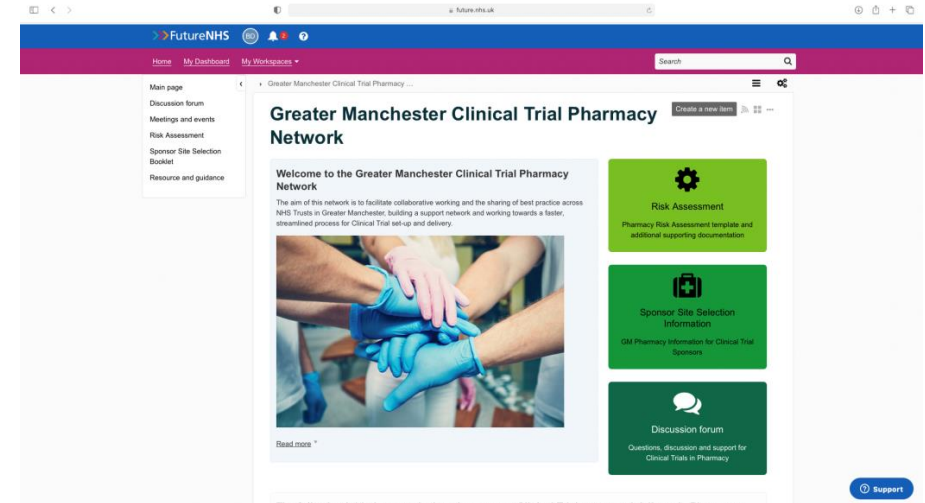
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Streamlining Clinical Trial Set Up. Pharmacy

GM Inflammation Research Showcase
17th Sep 2024

Dr. Beatriz Duran-Jimenez, PhD, MReS, MPharm
Consultant Pharmacist- Clinical Trials and ATMP, MFT
Lead Sponsor Pharmacist, UoM
Honorary Pharmacy Senior Lecturer, UoM



Why Research Pharmacy?

- Make a difference to patients with new therapies.
 - Working in Manchester and in an ever-changing environment for improvement and innovation is both equally challenging and rewarding.
 - First in human gene therapy for a paediatric patient with a rare disease. Following this, a clinical trial is now open at the [Royal Manchester Children's Hospital](#), sponsored by UoM.
- There are always challenges in the world of academia and the NHS, but when we see the benefits of research in action – improving outcomes for our patients at MFT – everything is worthwhile.

Agenda:

1. Challenges in set up- Pharmacy

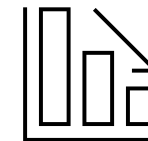
2. GM Collaboratively RA for multicentre trials

3. Pan UK ATMP Pharmacy Working Group- CT

4. Future Direction

1. Challenges in Set Up

- Bureaucratic, repetitive, time consuming
- Pharmacy Manual not part of CTA
 - Global, UK regulations, SOC, ancillaries
- Health Research Authority (HRA): Technical Pharmacy Assurance Review- 2017
 - Feasibility
 - Not compulsory
 - Incomplete- ATMP, delivery to patient, amendments



44% Patient enrolment post-pandemic (NIHR supported studies- 2021-2022)



UK fall from 4th place to 10th place globally

Pharmacy identified as one of the constraining services which delays the set-up and delivery of CT

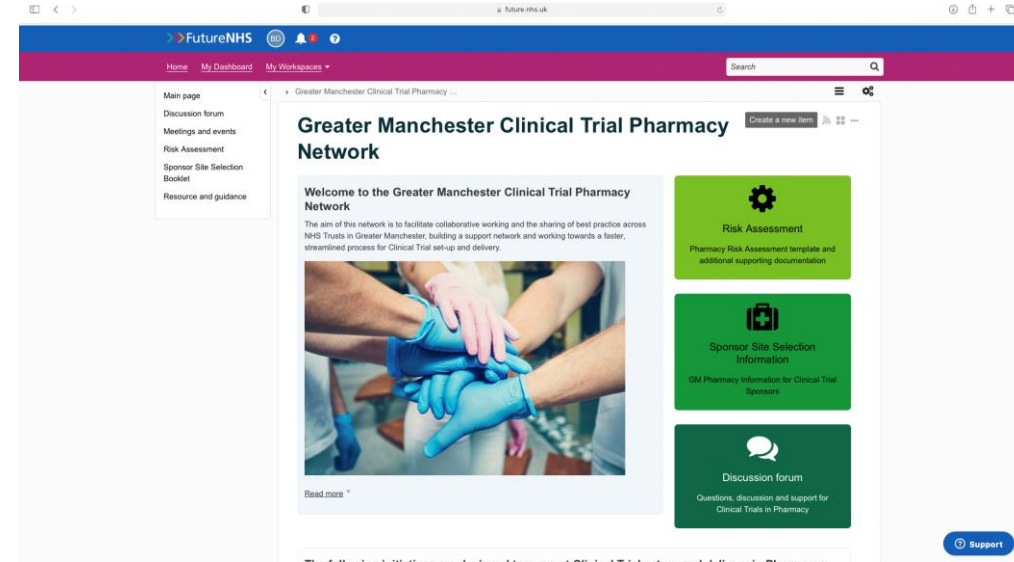
2. GM- Single Regional RA

Community of Practice Oct 2023. FutureNHS workspace launched in Jan2024 (11 NHS Trust in GM)

GM-Risk Assessment available for use from Jan2024. The GM-RA covers all IMP management activities, including injectables, ATIMPs, GMO, HOMECARE...

GM-CRN providing a monthly report showing multi-centre trials taking place across GM

14 multi-centre GM trials identified since Jan 2024



Short report

A single harmonised pharmacy process to improve clinical trial set-up times



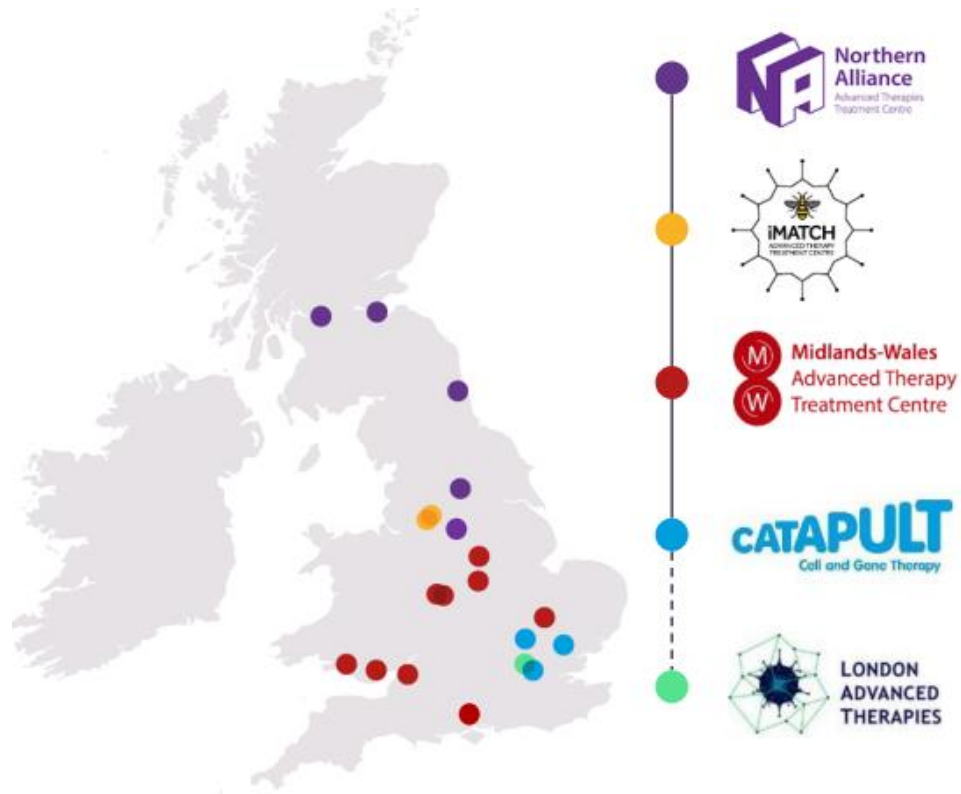
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Correspondence to Dr Miriam Lettieri, Pharmacy, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, UK; miriam.letteri@mft.nhs.uk

Abstract

The UK has fallen from fourth to 10th place in the global ranking for clinical trial activities in the past 6 years. Due to the limited capacity of the clinical trial pharmacy workforce and delays in providing pharmacy approvals, pharmacy has been identified as one of the constraining services that delays the set-up and delivery of clinical trials. To tackle this problem, we developed a single pharmacy review process for multicentre trials across Greater Manchester (GM) and tested its feasibility and implementation in our region. A survey completed by each GM Trust suggests that this harmonised pharmacy review process for multicentre studies would expedite trial set-up time at each pharmacy site and standardise the pharmacy review process in GM. We therefore believe that this harmonised review process could potentially reduce pharmacy set-up time and reposition the UK in the global market for clinical trials.

3. Pan UK ATMP Pharmacy Working Group- CT



ATTCs

- 27 NHS Trust
- ATTC- Alignment with BRCs, CRFs and ARC

NIHR- ATIMP
ASU Transformation STEM
CELL LABS, NHSBT
DIGITALISATION

Nationwide reach- Integrated healthcare system- established research networks



NHSE- SPS- ATMP Pan-UK Pharmacy Working Group (governance, clinical, CT)



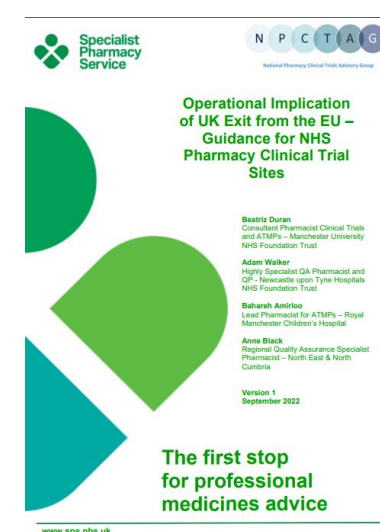
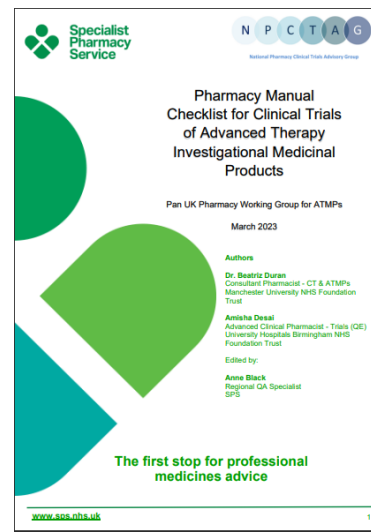
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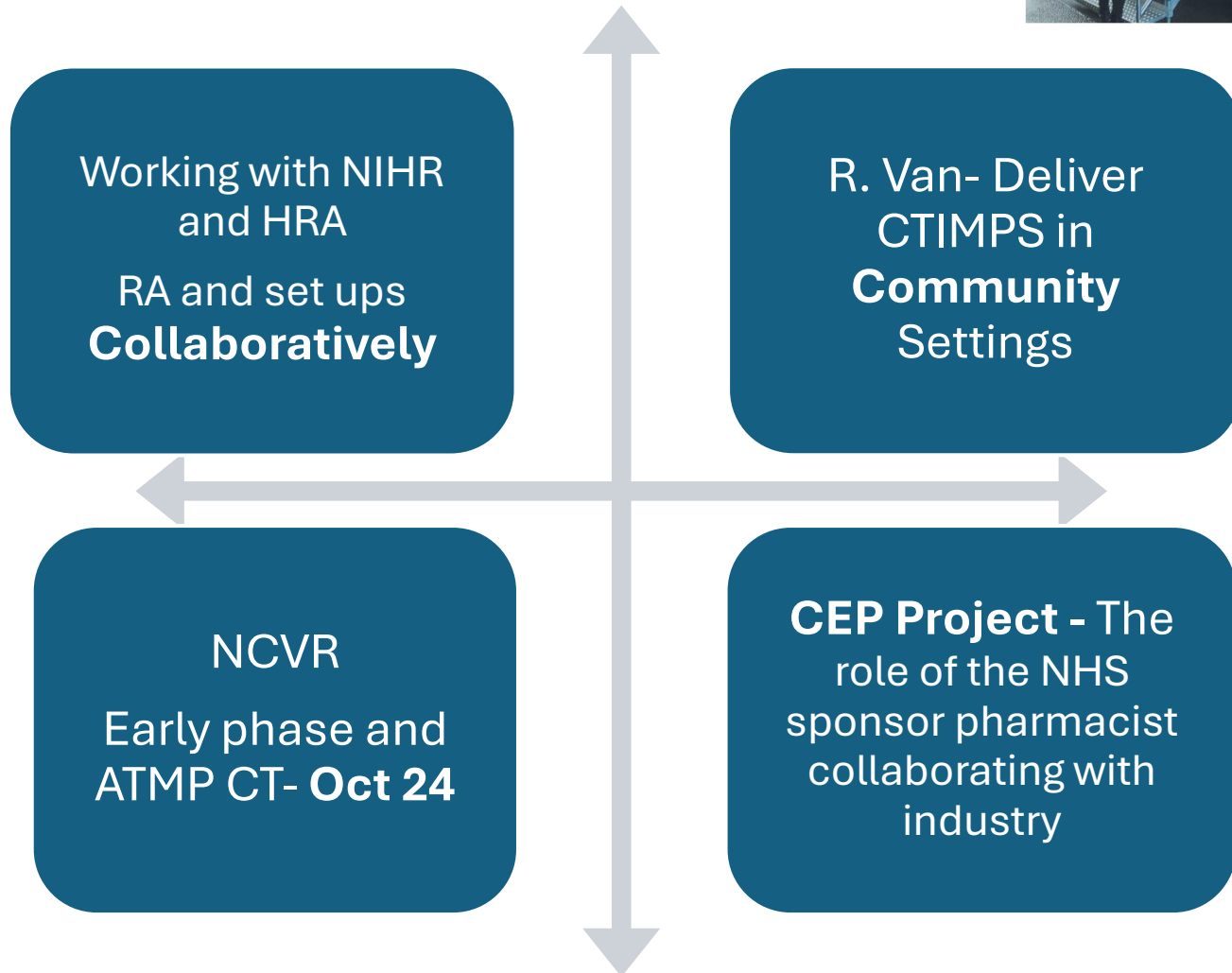
ATMP Pan-UK Pharmacy Working Group (governance, clinical, CT):

- Clear regulatory, governance and traceability pathways within the NHS- Institutional Readiness. **Institutional Readiness: Car-T, Gene Therapy**
- Efficient resource management- RA (GMSC)
- Collaboratively funding/contract model and technical agreements





4. Future Direction



The role of the sponsor pharmacy in clinical trials of investigational medicinal products (CTIMPs)

Published 12 December 2022

Topics: Clinical trials · Service advice and planning



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MFT – Reshaping the future Innovations in MSK and Rheumatology Research

Visveswaran Mallayan & Sindhu John



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Reshaping the future Innovations in MSK and Rheumatology Research

Visveswaran Mallayan - Research and Innovation Manager (RSU2)

Sindhu John - Nurse Manager Rheumatology Research & Cross Speciality Team.

**Total Clinical workforce
6 (5.8WTE)**

Musculoskeletal/Rheumatology Research Performance (2024-2025)

**Total Non-Clinical workforce
2 (1.7WTE)**

**Number of
Interventional Trial**

9

**Number of Medicinal
Trial**

7

**Recruitment Target
Met Studies**

24

**Studies open to
recruitment**

31

**Number of
Observational study**

22

**Open Commercial
Trials**

6

**Portfolio Studies
(Recruitment Target Met)**

23

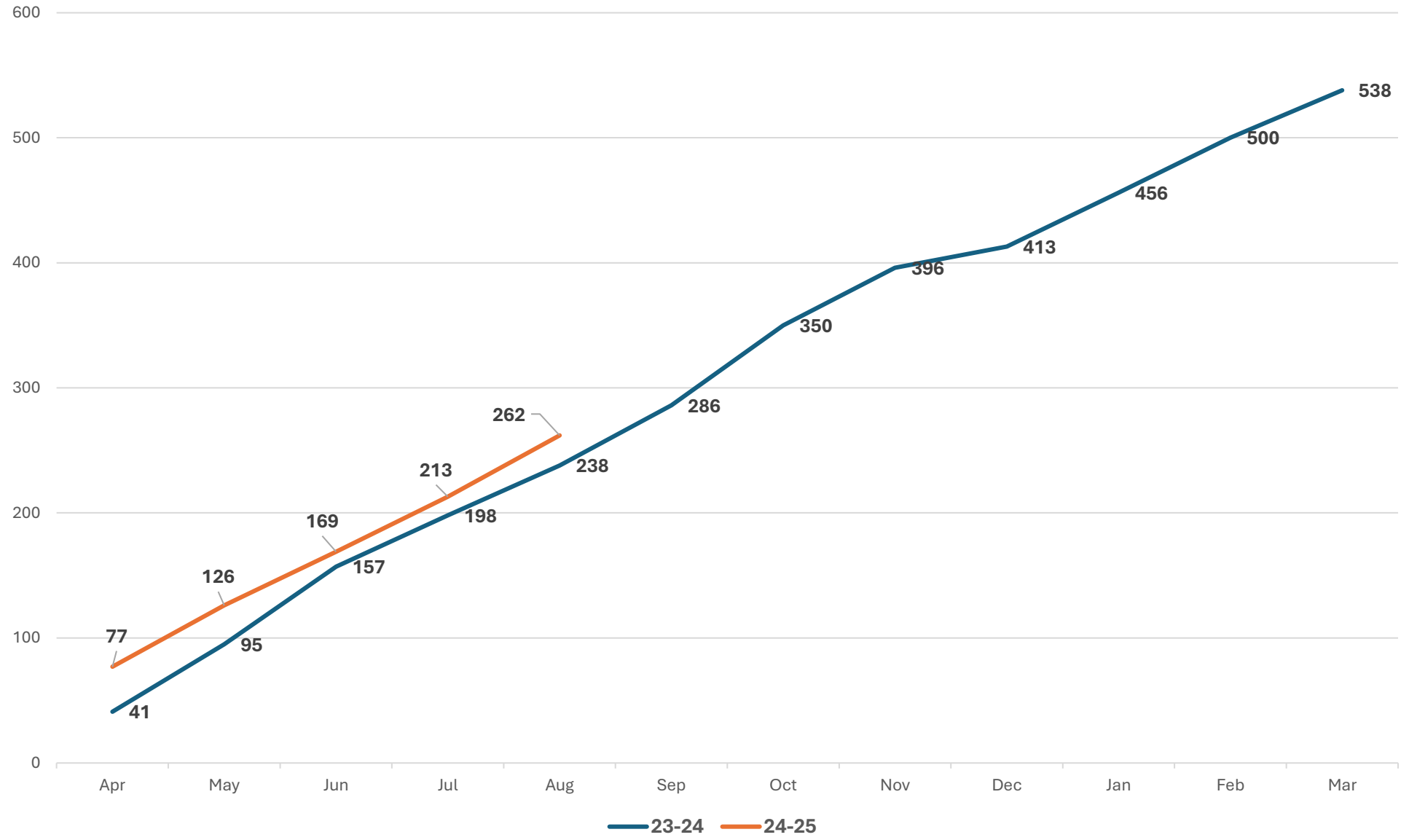
**Recruitment Target
Met Studies In
percentage**

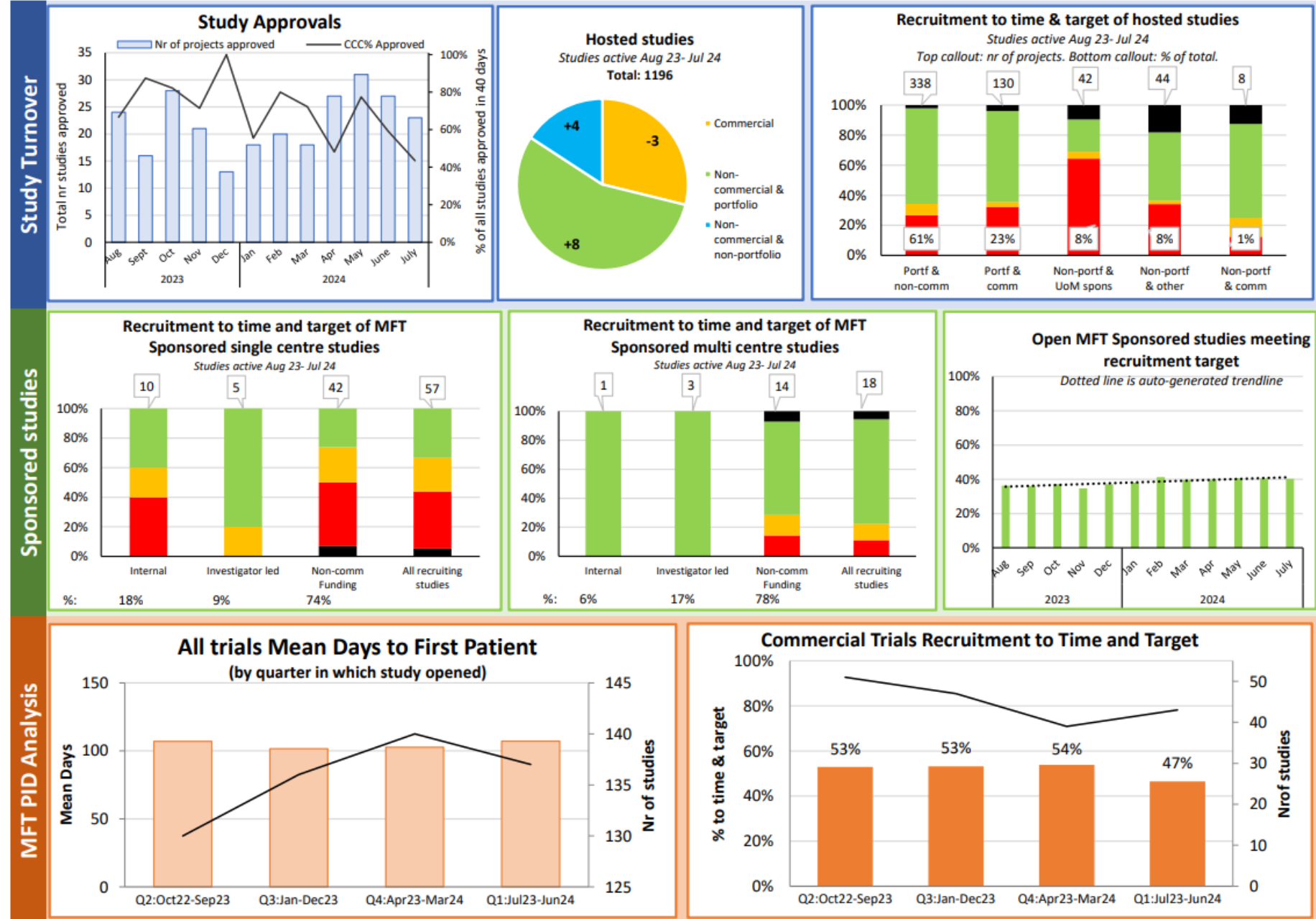
77%

**Open
Non-Commercial
Trials**

25

MSK and Rheumatology recruitment comparison (23-24 Vs 24-25)





High lights-Patient Response.

Taper study

- “ I am happy that I have participated in this study as I hate injections, and I managed to stop my biologic injection through this study. I wouldn't have been able to do that otherwise”.
- “ Even though I couldn't stop my injections, I managed to get to increase the interval in between”
- “ I was relieved that I had direct contact with the research nurses if I flare throughout the study”

PEAC study

“ My Joint is so much better after the Synovial biopsy, and I feel like a normal person now “

DOBS Study

The participant shared that getting a comprehensive checkup including blood tests as a part of research visits every 3 months, is a great advantage to her compared to the monthly lab appointments at the GP, which do not include any clinician's review. They no longer have to go to the GP for lab appointments, as it is covered by the research visits.

LEAP Follow-Up study

During the visit participant mentioned that it's good that we do all the blood tests and arteriographs and in the future, this research might come up with something significant. Also mentioned that he is happy to participate in any other studies and help us in the future.

Was happy to come to the hospital for Research as she hardly gets out of the house due to her condition, but this visit gave opportunity to come out and it's like a day outing for her. Happy to participate in future studies.

3TRSLE Study

Happy to take part in the study saying that if in the future we come up with something significant that will identify when someone is going to go in a flare which will be great.

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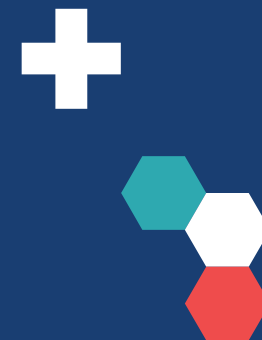
The patient was delighted to know that we are going to keep a record and monitor the patient so frequently from home and especially she mentioned that she struggled to get the appointment for a long time.

If there is a way by which he can let his doctor know what he is going through. This is because he gets bad flares at home, and by the time he is seen by the doctor, the condition might have improved. “ I believe this app will communicate my issues to my doctor and would help them plan better care for me.”

What works well - Sharing good practice

- High recruitment numbers
- Recruiting across MFT sites.
- Research active PIs
- Recruit across various disease groups
- Making the most of our facilities (e.g. using CRF, opening studies across multiple sites)
- Research interested patients!





Patient Reflections

Susannah Williams, Ini Ekang & Russ Cowper

Engagement and Involvement Specialist and Public Representatives at VOCAL



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