



Welcome to the 5th edition of the BENCHISTA Newsletter. We appreciate your continued participation and support towards the study.

In this issue, we provide an update on the project's progress, highlights of 2023, plans for 2024, key information regarding funding and further dissemination plans.

67 population-based cancer registries (CRs) from 23 European countries, Australia, Brazil, Japan, and Canada currently participate in BENCHISTA.

10,939 cases were submitted.
Stage completeness ranged between 92% to 97% (average 93.2%)
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- On-site participation at the UK and Ireland Children's Cancer and Leukemia Group with a poster presentation.
 - Oral presentation in the University College London (UCL) Developmental Biology and Cancer Symposium

- BENCHISTA was highlighted in the ENCR Newsflash.
- Poster presentation at the UCL Cancer Symposium.
- On-site attendance at SIOP Europe in conjunction with CCI-E, with a special session dedicated to BENCHISTA.

- On-site participation and poster presentation at the GRELL Meeting.
- First PWG face-to-face meeting gathering more than 70 participants on-site and on-line.
- On-site attendance with oral presentation

BENCHISTA has proved to be a successful project achieving a remarkable international collaboration.

The work done reflects the significant effort from the cancer registries, the importance of involvement of clinical experts in the specific tumour types and close working with clinical data sources. We have all learnt from our participation about how to overcome challenges and define areas for improvement when processing, sharing, and analysing data from different sources. Together we have successfully achieved assignment of the international consensus Toronto Stage at diagnosis in 93.2% of cases, collecting optional variables and data related to tumour biology, treatment, relapse/progression and cause of death.

Submit two separate publications, each addressing the two main hypotheses of the project; and submit the mixed-methods descriptive analysis of variation in child health practices between participating countries.

Finalise the distribution of per case reimbursement to cancer registries requiring this.

Generate more in-depth analysis of tumour-specific data and optional variables in conjunction with clinical experts.

Generation and submission of the new grant for BENCHISTA phase II to Children with Cancer UK.

Plan with PPIE representatives for further dissemination and communication of the results.

Continue regular project meetings and oversight from the Independent Advisory Board. Plan further meetings with potential collaborators outside BENCHISTA.

Opportunity for PWG members to present BENCHISTA data in national meetings - please

The new grant submission to Children with Cancer UK is focused on expanded follow-up period, encouragement and maximization of data completeness of previous optional variables, increased linkage between cancer registries and

