



PIC Bone

Imaging in Paediatric Osteomyelitis

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NEWSLETTER



NEWS BITES:

RECRUITMENT EXTENSION AGREED



NIHR have awarded us a **4-month recruitment extension** until **30 June 2024**.

Please file the NIHR letter in your electronic Investigator Site Files.

DATA ENTRY INFO

Please enter results on **tenderness, warmth, and range of motion** (although not mandatory fields) as they are required for accurate statistical analysis.



Happy New Year to all PICBone fans!

Recruitment has continued at the same pace during the festive season, which is impressive! Well done to everyone!

We are now **ready to face the challenge of these steep target recruitment curves** shown below. Let's make the most of this winter and recruit big numbers. We know there is some healthily competitive feeling among you, that will help!

Don't forget:

1. The retrospective study is a **great opportunity for trainees** to complete work and get their names on papers.
2. For the prospective study, keep an eye out for every limping child and irritable hip. They should all be recruited.

Let us know if you need any help, we are here to support you!

"Keep recruiting - or I'll send in the heavies!"



Tim and Dan



Name of Site	Months open	Recruitment*	
		Prospective	Retrospective
Alder Hey, Liverpool	7.0	69	554
Cambridge	5.2	66	112
Bristol	5.3	46	0
Cardiff	5.0	39	66
Oxford	4.7	38	60
Leicester	4.3	26	125
South Tyneside	2.9	14	39
St George's	3.6	11	1
Ipswich	6.6	9	110
Dorset & Poole	4.3	8	72
Guy's & St Thomas'	3.8	8	1
Barts, London	2.2	7	123
Royal Berkshire	1.7	6	8
Peterborough	1.1	5	13
Hillingdon	2.5	5	10
Maidstone	4.2	4	0
Sheffield	3.8	3	206
Lewisham & Greenwich	4.7	3	84
Colchester	<1	3	67
Airedale	1.3	3	27
Royal Cornwall	3.6	3	25
Hull	3.0	3	0
Nottingham	<1	2	0
Chelsea & Westminster	4.8	1	45
Norfolk & Norwich	<1	1	0
North Tees	<1	0	4
Manchester	2.0	0	2
Epsom & St Helier	1.8	0	0
Sussex	<1	0	0
Birmingham Children's	5.3	N/A	230
Total		383	1,984

*Data accurate as of 31 December 2023 for consented patients.

Recruitment Updates

Study Steering Committee conclusions

The opening of hospital sites has been impressive over the last 6 months and has now met the target. It looks like more sites could open than originally planned, which indicates the study question is important!

Recruitment is going well and is as anticipated, given the 3-4 month delay in commencement.

We unanimously support a recruitment extension!



James Robb
PIC Bone SSC Chair

Qualitative Study Update

Interviews with parents are underway! More health professionals of all disciplines sought for the focus groups on the Bone and Joint Infection diagnostic pathway.

Please contact Andy Kirkcaldy on a.kirkcaldy@liverpool.ac.uk with possible names / contact details of potential participants.



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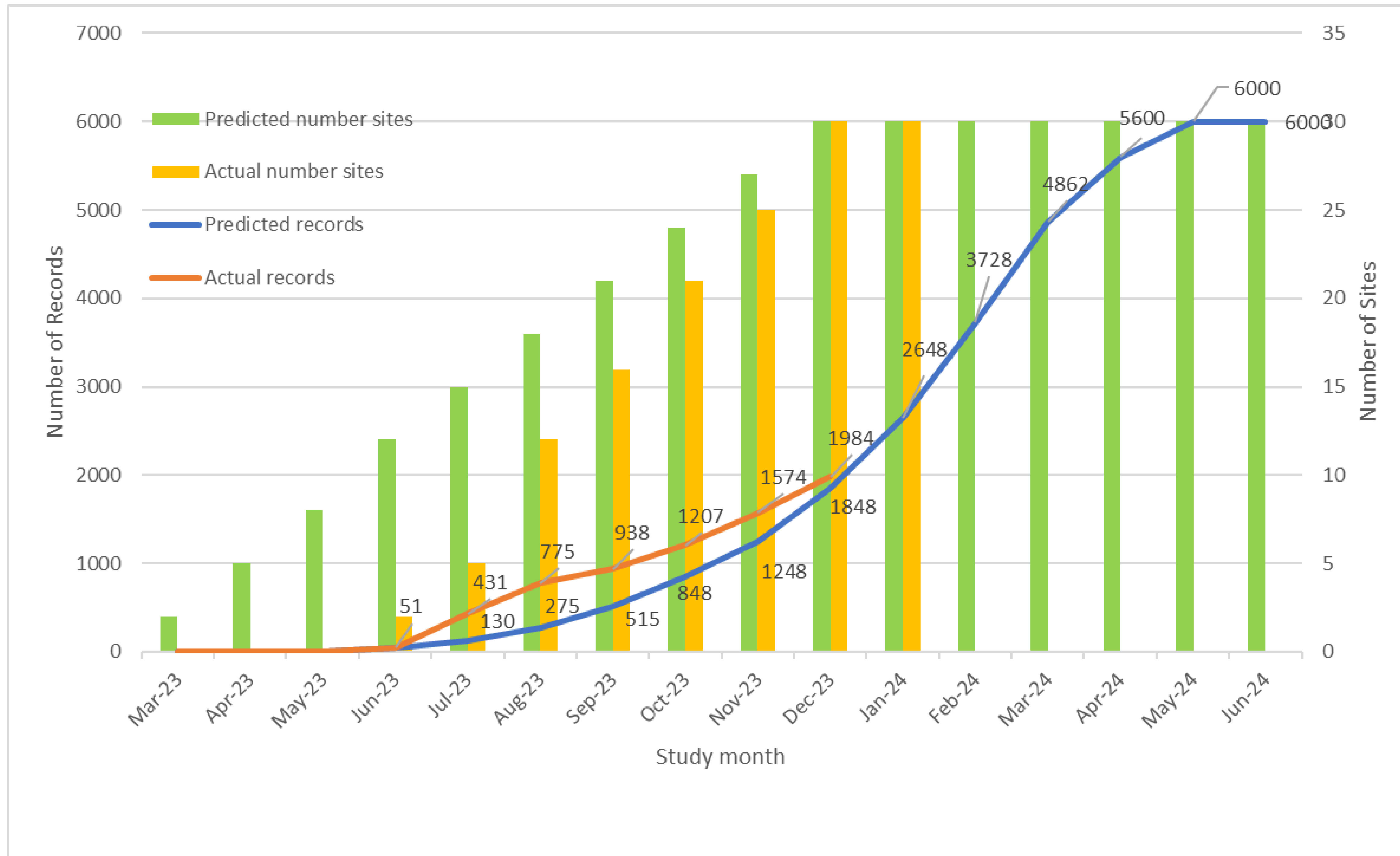


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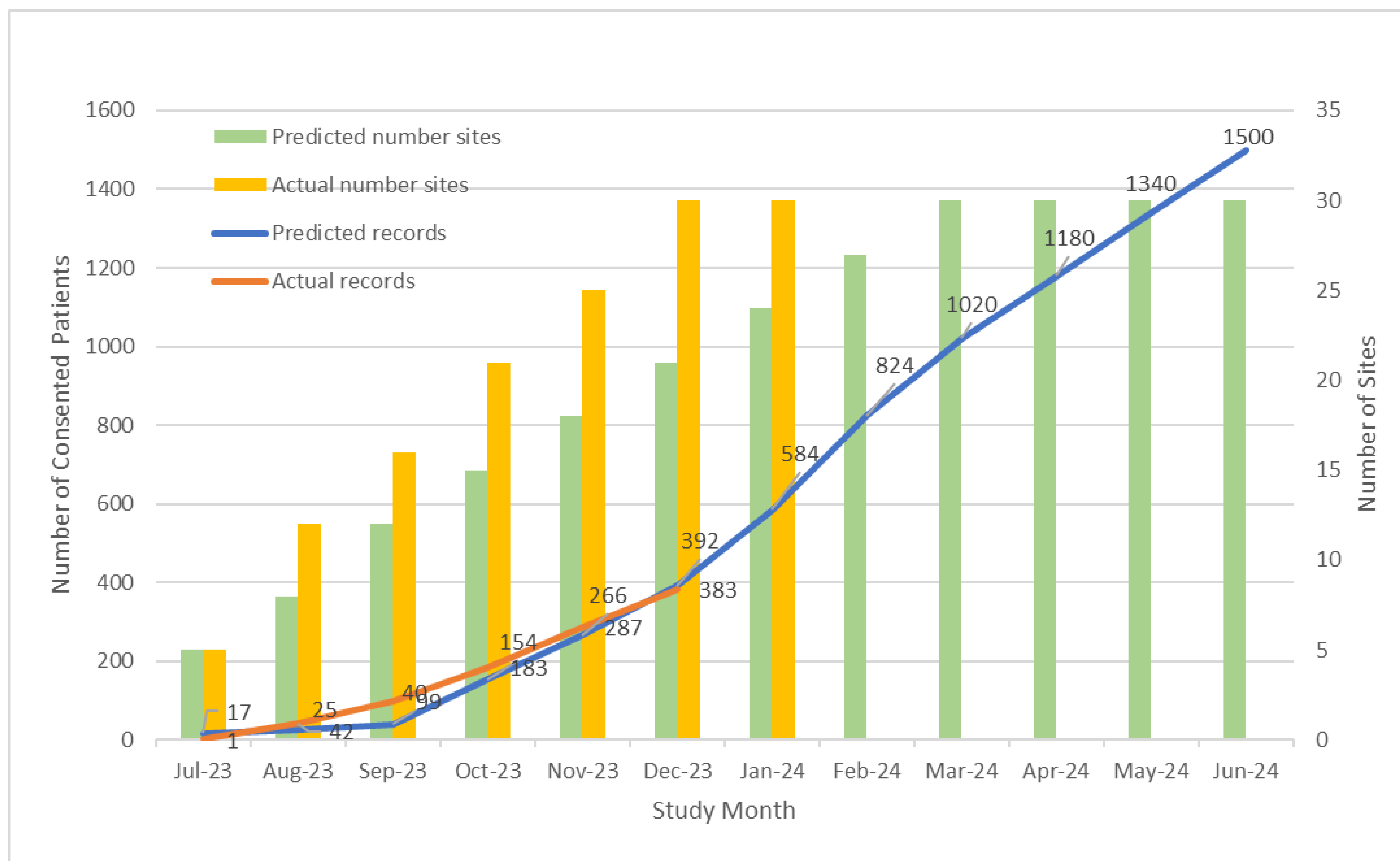


Recruitment Updates

Retrospective Study Recruitment as of 31 December 2023



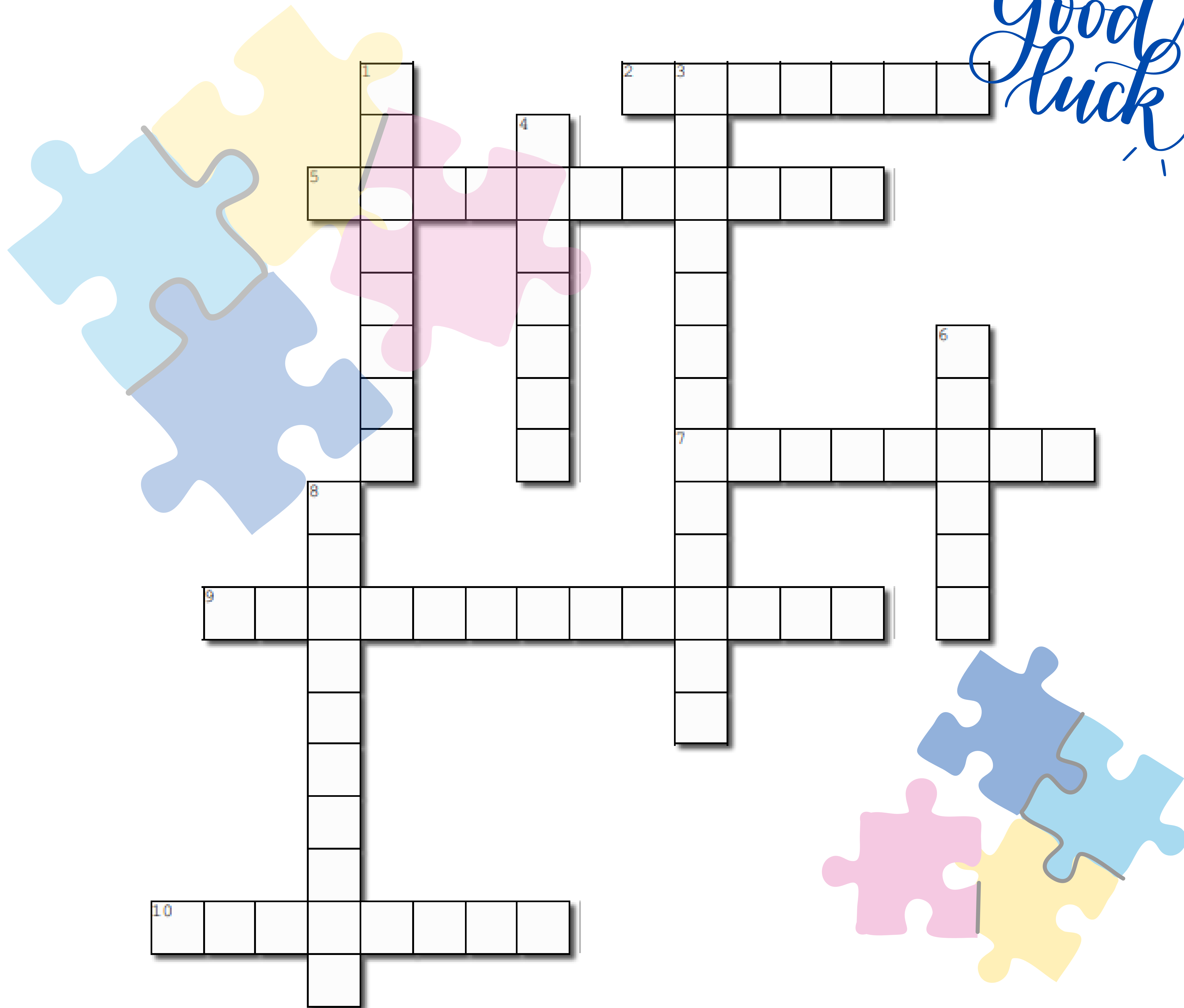
Prospective Study Recruitment as of 31 December 2023





Bonus PIC Bone Crossword Puzzle

Good luck!



Across

2. Patient agrees to take part in the study
5. Type of data collected from interviews
7. Patient should be _____ from the study if older than 15 and 9 months
9. Arm of study dealing with only anonymous data
10. M in MRI

Down

1. Maximum number of days participants can have symptoms before presentation
3. Inflammation of the bone, usually caused by infection
4. Walking unevenly
6. Database site
8. Imaging technique that uses high frequency waves

*Answers will be provided in the next issue!