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### Publication Update



Work carried out during the A-STAR Study has been used in two publications which can be found here:

- Mapping exercise and status update of eight established registries within the TREATment of ATopic eczema Registry Taskforce:

<http://doi.org/10.1111/jdv.18566>

- Comparison of real-world treatment outcomes of systemic immunomodulating therapy in atopic dermatitis patients with dark and light skin types (in collaboration with TREAT-NL):

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdin.2022.09.006>

Thanks to all of your excellent efforts, there are plans for further publications using information gathered from the A-STAR Study in the future too!



### A-STAR Ireland



We are delighted to announce that **A-STAR Ireland**, led by Professor Alan Irvine, is up and running!

The first participant enrolled in Ireland was at St James's Hospital (Dublin) in October 2022.

The A-STAR Ireland team share essentially the same files and database with the A-STAR UK Team and will carry out joint data analyses with A-STAR UK.

For more information about the **A-STAR Ireland Study**, please contact their Study Manager Lara Cutlar at: [l.cutlar@nirsolutions.com](mailto:l.cutlar@nirsolutions.com).

## A-STAR NEWSLETTER

December 2022

As we draw to the end of 2022, we would like to thank all of the A-STAR team members for their tremendous work over the past year. We look forward to working with you and carrying this on into 2023 and beyond.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and best wishes for prosperous 2023.

### A-STAR Co-ordinating Team availability during Christmas and New Years

There will be a member of A-STAR Central Co-ordinating Team in the office everyday over this period except on the following Bank Holidays:

- Boxing Day (Monday 26th December 2022)
- Bank Holiday (Tuesday 27th December 2022)
- Bank Holiday (Monday 2nd January 2023)

For any queries over this period, please use the A-STAR email address: [A-Star@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:A-Star@gstt.nhs.uk) so that the team can get back to you.



### A-STAR Lab Closure

The A-STAR labs will be closed over the Christmas & New Year's period and so our team will not be able to confirm receipt of samples until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

However, you can carry on recruitment and sample shipments as usual for your A-STAR participants.

Please follow the normal shipment procedure and send the ambient DNA samples collected to the St John's Institute of Dermatology Labs on the day of collection. The ambient DNA blood tubes and a copy of the completed sample slip should be placed in a Royal Mail SafeBox.

All blood collection tubes should be labelled with the A-STAR ID and visit date.