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EDITORIAL: IT'S TIME FOR TB-SPEED

In commemoration of World TB Day, the TB-Speed project started up the TB-Speed Pneumonia study on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Every year, March 24 marks World TB Day to draw public awareness about the devastating health burden of tuberculosis. It is a day to look back at the progress made in the fight against TB and to look forward to the progress expected in the future.

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EDITORIAL: TB-SPEED HIV AND TB-SPEED SAM STUDIES ARE NOW LAUNCHED AND READY TO EVALUATE NEW TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV OR PRESENTING SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION

As outlined in the TB-Speed newsletter, the ongoing TB-Speed HIV and TB-Speed SAM studies are now launched and ready to evaluate new tuberculosis diagnostic tools for children living with HIV or presenting severe acute malnutrition.

Children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) are also at high risk of being undiagnosed for tuberculosis. The TB-Speed SAM study aims to evaluate and validate an innovative diagnostic algorithm for tuberculosis in children with SAM under the PAANHER algorithm.

HEADLINE NEWS: THE TB-SPEED HIV & SAM STUDIES

- TB-SPEED HIV**
 - OBJECTIVE**: Evaluate the feasibility of a new diagnostic algorithm for tuberculosis in children living with HIV.
 - STUDY INTERVENTION**: TB-Speed HIV study includes two arms: one with the current standard of care (SOC) and one with the new diagnostic algorithm.
 - DURATION**: 18 months of total study duration.
 - STUDY POPULATION**: 50 children aged 12 months to 14 years with documented HIV infection and presumptive TB.
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- TB-SPEED SAM**
 - OBJECTIVE**: Evaluate the feasibility of a new diagnostic algorithm for tuberculosis in children with severe acute malnutrition.
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 - DURATION**: 18 months of total study duration.
 - STUDY POPULATION**: 70 children aged below 5 years with severe acute malnutrition.
 - STUDY SITES**: Cameroon, Senegal, and Uganda.

PARTNERSHIPS



NEWS ON THE PROJECT

UPDATE ON THE TB-SPEED PNEUMONIA STUDY (OUPUT 2)

On September 30, a total of 1000 children were enrolled in the study and included in the TB-Speed Pneumonia study. The TB-Speed Pneumonia study is currently recruiting children aged 12 months to 14 years.

TB-SPEED DECENTRALIZATION STUDY (OUPUT 1)

The TB-Speed decentralization study has been launched in July with the implementation of the observation phase. The study aims to evaluate the feasibility of a new diagnostic algorithm for tuberculosis in children living with HIV or presenting severe acute malnutrition.

3RD SCHEMATIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The 3rd Schematic Advisory Board Meeting of the TB-Speed Pneumonia study took place in Bordeaux on September 24th. Board members discussed the study design and implementation.

NEW ANCLAY STUDY

The ANS has approved a new ancillary study on pharyngeal carriage of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in children with severe acute malnutrition in Zambia and Uganda.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

TB-SPEED AT THE UNION CONFERENCE

The TB-Speed project will have four scientific presentations at the Union Conference in Hyderabad, India between the 29th October and 2nd November 2019.

DEVELOPMENT OF A SIMPLE STOOL PROCESSING METHOD FOR GENOTYPING ISOLATED MYCOBACTERIA IN CHILDREN WITH HIV

Childhood TB diagnostic capacity in primary health care facilities in high burden countries remains low. The TB-Speed project aims to improve diagnostic capacity in these settings.

AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES IN THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE LEVEL: A MULTI-COUNTRY SURVEY

EMERGING THE EMERGENCY

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