



The Threshold for Platelets study: A prospective randomised trial to define the platelet count below which critically ill patients should receive a platelet transfusion prior to an invasive procedure

All Site Meeting - 06 December 2023

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Agenda

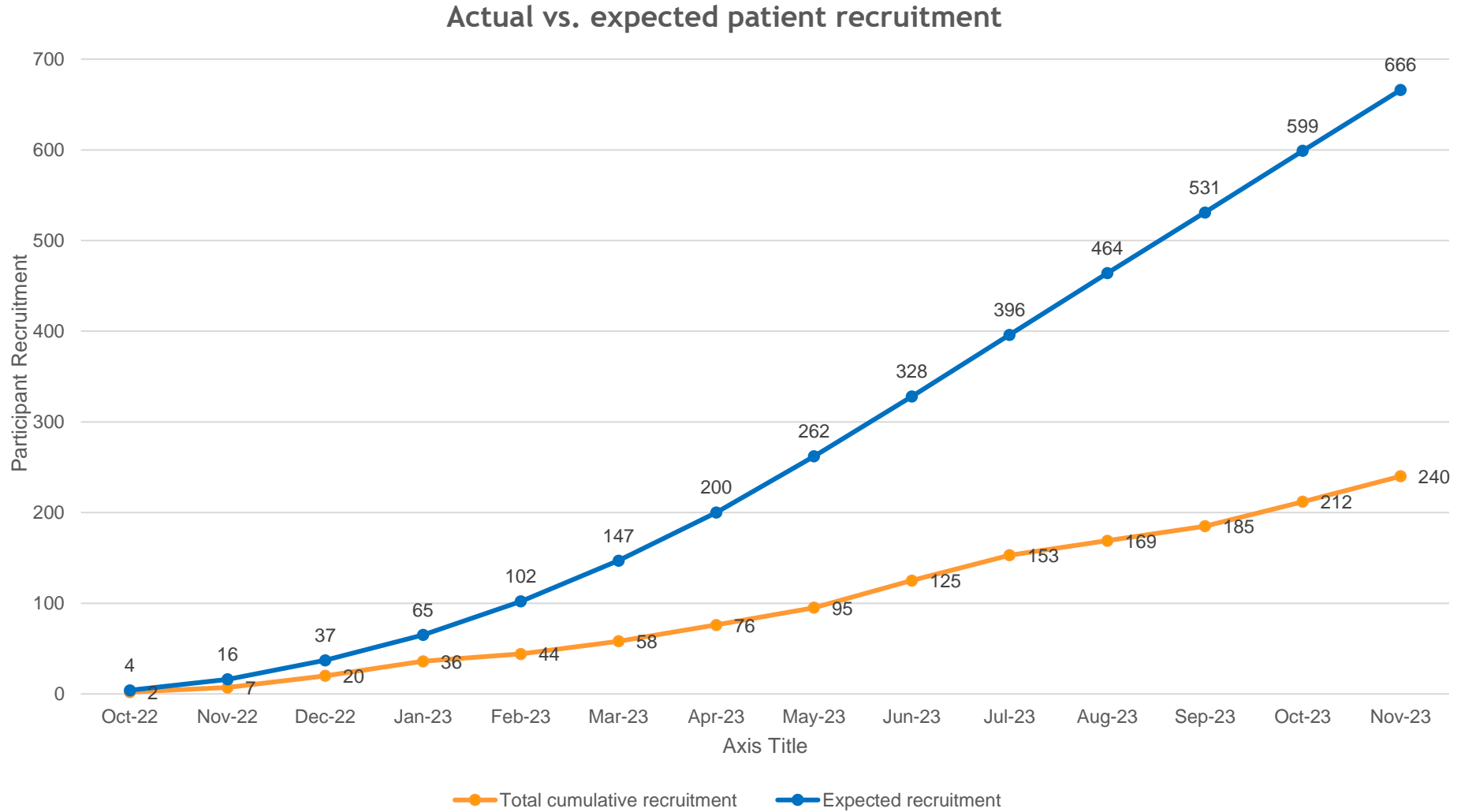
- Trial update
 - Sites
 - Recruitment
 - Non-substantial amendment #6
- Eligibility confirmation update
- Buddy scheme feedback
- Questions/site discussion

Trial Update - Sites

- Aim: **66**
- Open: **44**
 - Since our last meeting, welcome to:
 - **University Hospital Wales (Cardiff)**
- In set up: **12**

Trial Update - Recruitment

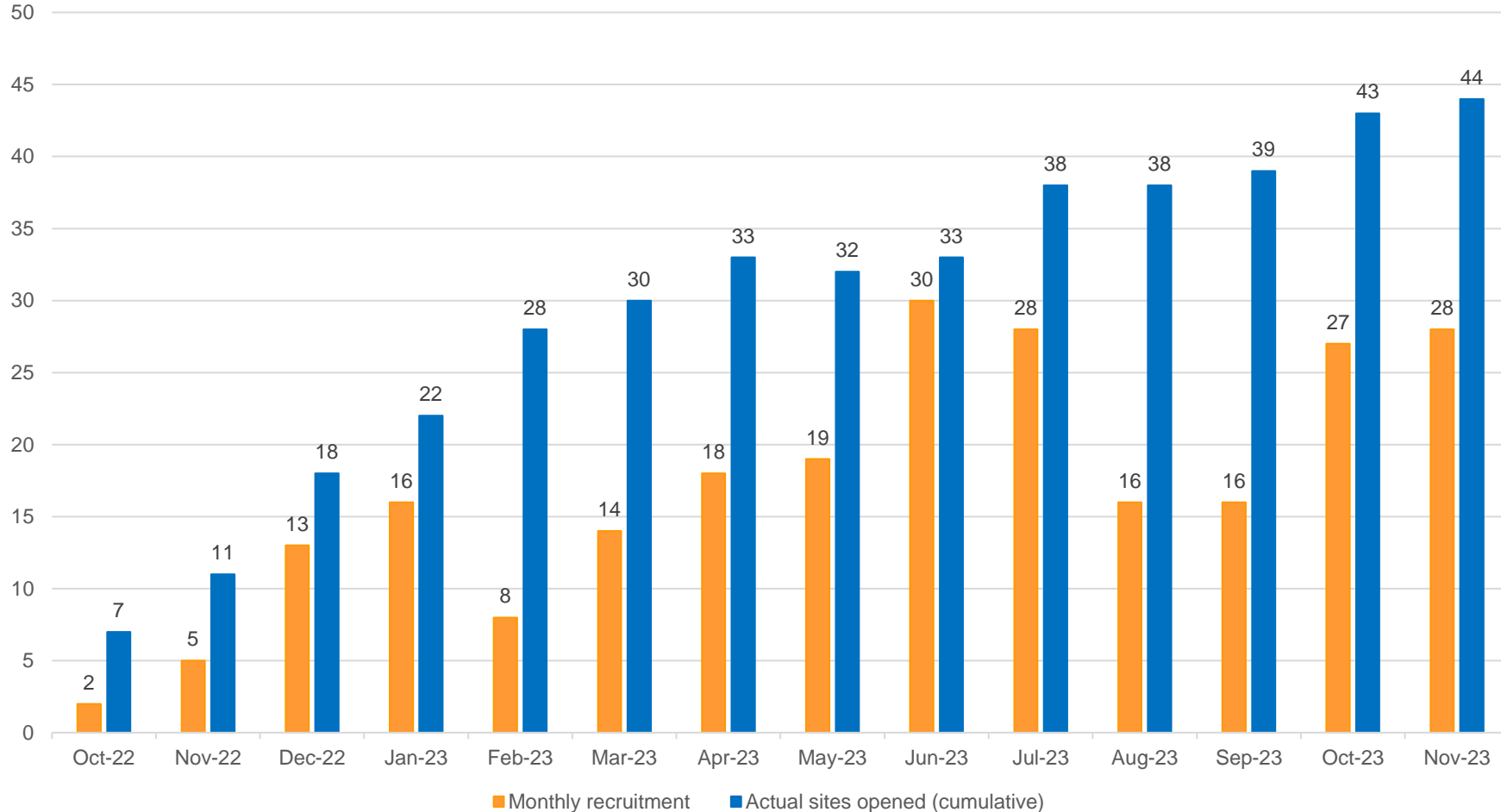
- As of 06 December 2023, **244** patients randomised



Trial Update - Recruitment

- Monthly recruitment up to 30 November 2023

Monthly recruitment vs. sites open



Non-substantial amendment #6

- Protocol updated with Scotland consent procedures
- Reminder that implementation date for new protocol:
 - **12 December 2023**
- CTU team will confirm implementation on this date
 - Save/print new protocol in ISF, circulate to rest of team and use this version from this date onwards

Changes to who can confirm eligibility

- **NEW: A doctor, nurse or clinical practitioner**, as long as they are appropriately qualified, and have undergone study training as documented on the training log. **Must still be overall oversight by a medically qualified doctor.**
 - i.e., if the person confirming eligibility is not a doctor, they must receive agreement from the doctor responsible for the patient's care that the patient is suitable to be entered into the trial. Document this in the medical notes
- Names of all must be entered on the randomisation form.
- *Note: If the doctor, nurse or clinical practitioner, is performing the eligibility/randomisation tasks ONLY, then they do not need to go on the delegation log. They can complete the training log once they have received trial training.*
- Implementation date - **today**

Buddy Scheme feedback

- What is it?
 - Informal scheme where we match two T4P sites together
- What does it involve?
 - Initial meeting set up with buddy sites to share experience so far, ask questions and learn some new tricks to implement
 - Buddy sites then stay buddies - they can meet or email at leisure
- Where are we up to?
 - 14 sites have signed up to the scheme
 - 12 sites have had their initial meeting
 - If you'd still like to be buddied up, do let us know!

Buddy Scheme feedback - tips from initial meetings

- **Associate PI scheme** most useful resource - bridge gaps between trainees and consultants
- Ensuring at least one person **each shift** is trial trained
- Folder on unit (**“grab-pack”**) with printed randomisation forms, copy of training log, **laminated training slides**, etc.
- ICU research board displaying trial posters and staff certificates for randomising - **“wall of fame”** - create competition!
- Adding research to **handover sheet**
- Displaying **posters in resus/ED** and engaging critical care **outreach** teams
- **Reminding nurse in charge** of headline eligibility criteria (platelets and procedure)
- **Meet clinical nurses monthly** to provide overview on research - feedback what happens to their patients after they flag them as potentially eligible

Coming up...

- Next **drop-in training** session:
 - W/C 18 December 2023
- **Individual site reports:**
 - Will be circulated next week!
- **Out of hours helpline:**
 - Will be rolled out within next couple of weeks - in time for Christmas

Questions/site discussion

- Any questions?
- Discussion points:
 - Christmas recruitment
 - How do you plan coverage over this time?
 - Anything you need from us to ensure continued recruitment?
 - CTU availability
 - Closed weekends/bank holidays
 - Inbox and phone line available 28-29 December (not 27 December)

Thank you!



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