



## Newsletter 12

Dresden, May 23, 2017

Dear National Coordinators and Local Principal Investigators of PROBESE,

Dear friends,

**PROBESE is ready for the final round!** Thanks your efforts in data entry and cleaning, we have conducted the second interim analysis with the first 1436 randomized patients. Based on that, the Data Safety and Monitoring Board **recommended the continuation of the study** until the randomization of 2013 patients, as foreseen in the adjusted sample size calculation that followed the first interim analysis. Now, we are on the way to finalize the largest interventional trial on mechanical ventilation ever. There are only 300 patients remaining until randomization stops, but sites can take their unique chance on increasing the number of co-authorships in the publication of this study (1 co-authorship will be granted for every 12 randomized patients that are included in the final analysis).

### Study protocol published in TRIALS

Thanks your commitment and terrific contribution, the study protocol has been just published in "Trials". This is a relatively small, but also important step towards the possible publication of the main study and respective sub-analyses, which are now officially "pre-hoc".

### PROBESE@EUROANESTHESIA in GENEVA, June, 02-05, 2017

The next meeting of the PROBESE steering committee will be held on Sunday, 04 June 2017. Before that, on Saturday, 03 June from 18:30h to 19:15h, you have the chance to chat with us at the research reception held in the Poster Area in the Congress Venue (PalExpo - Geneva - Route François-Peyrot 30 1218) Le Grand-Saconnex, Hall 1. Thomas Bluth will also be available at the ESA booth on Monday, 05 June from 10-11:30. We are looking forward discussing the study with you!

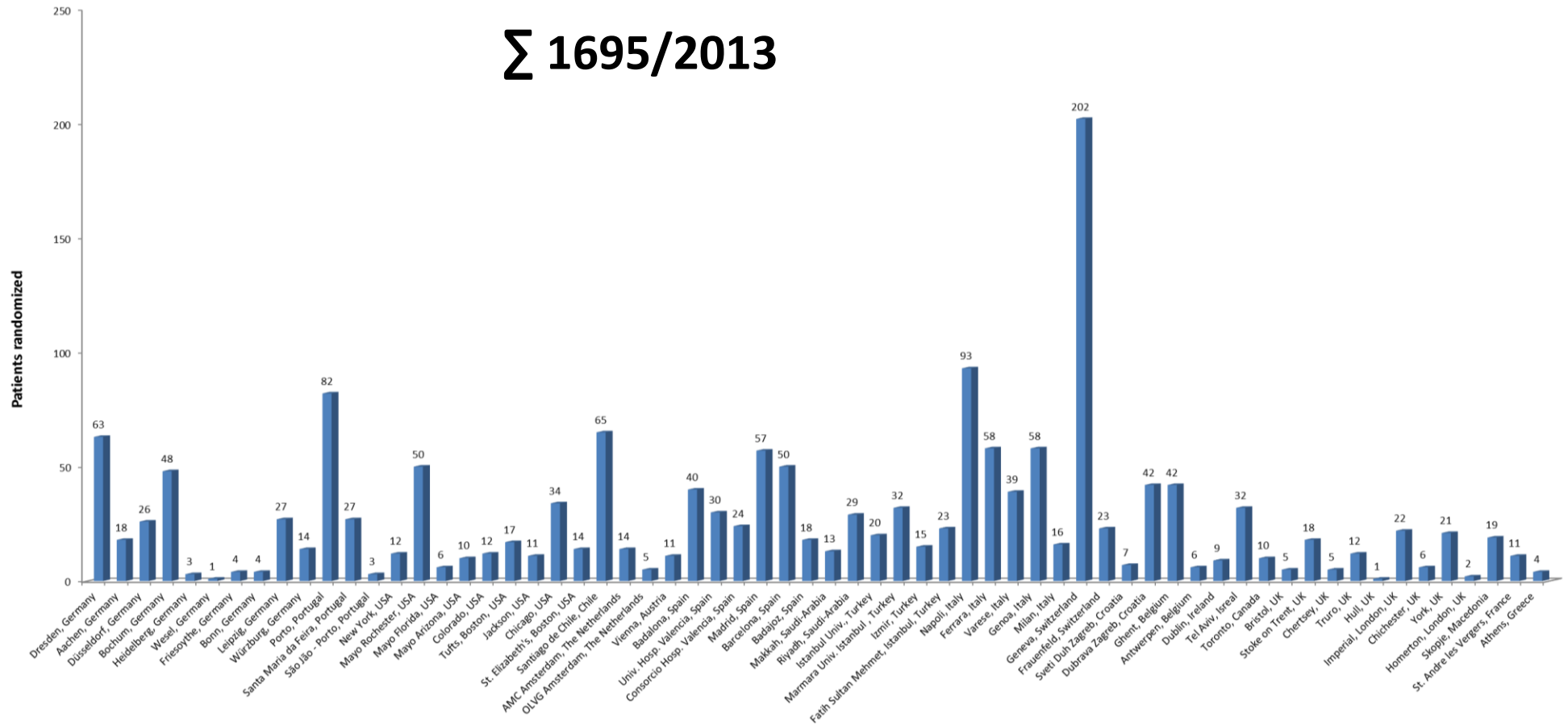
And now, keeping old traditions, please find the amazing figure of inclusions per site.



Protective Ventilation with Higher versus Lower PEEP during General Anesthesia  
for Surgery in OBESSE Patients

The PROBESE Randomized Controlled Trial

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