



Newsletter 9

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Dear National Coordinators and Local Principal Investigators of PROBESE,
Dear friends,

PROBESE CONTINUES!

The *Data Safety and Monitoring Board* carefully reviewed data of 1092 patients enrolled so far. Based upon an interim analysis and the patient inclusion rate (15-20 patients/week), the continuation of the trial was recommended. Congratulations, this is your achievement!

News from the last Steering Committee meeting in London

The Steering Committee discussed proposals for sub-studies by Dr. de Baerdemaeker (Ghent, Belgium, postoperative lung function assessed by spirometry), Dr. Licker and Dr. Wrigge (Geneva, Switzerland and Leipzig, Germany, intraoperative electrical impedance tomography – EIT) and Dr. Gama de Abreu (Dresden, Germany, plasma markers of lung injury and inflammation). Recently, Dr. Canet (Barcelona, Spain) also submitted a proposal for an “oxygen stress test” before surgery, which is still under evaluation. Documents related to those proposals will soon be available at the trial website (<http://www.peg-dresden.de/probese/>). The Scientific Committee agreed that the study is running very well, emphasizing the importance of sites to keep enrolling patients.

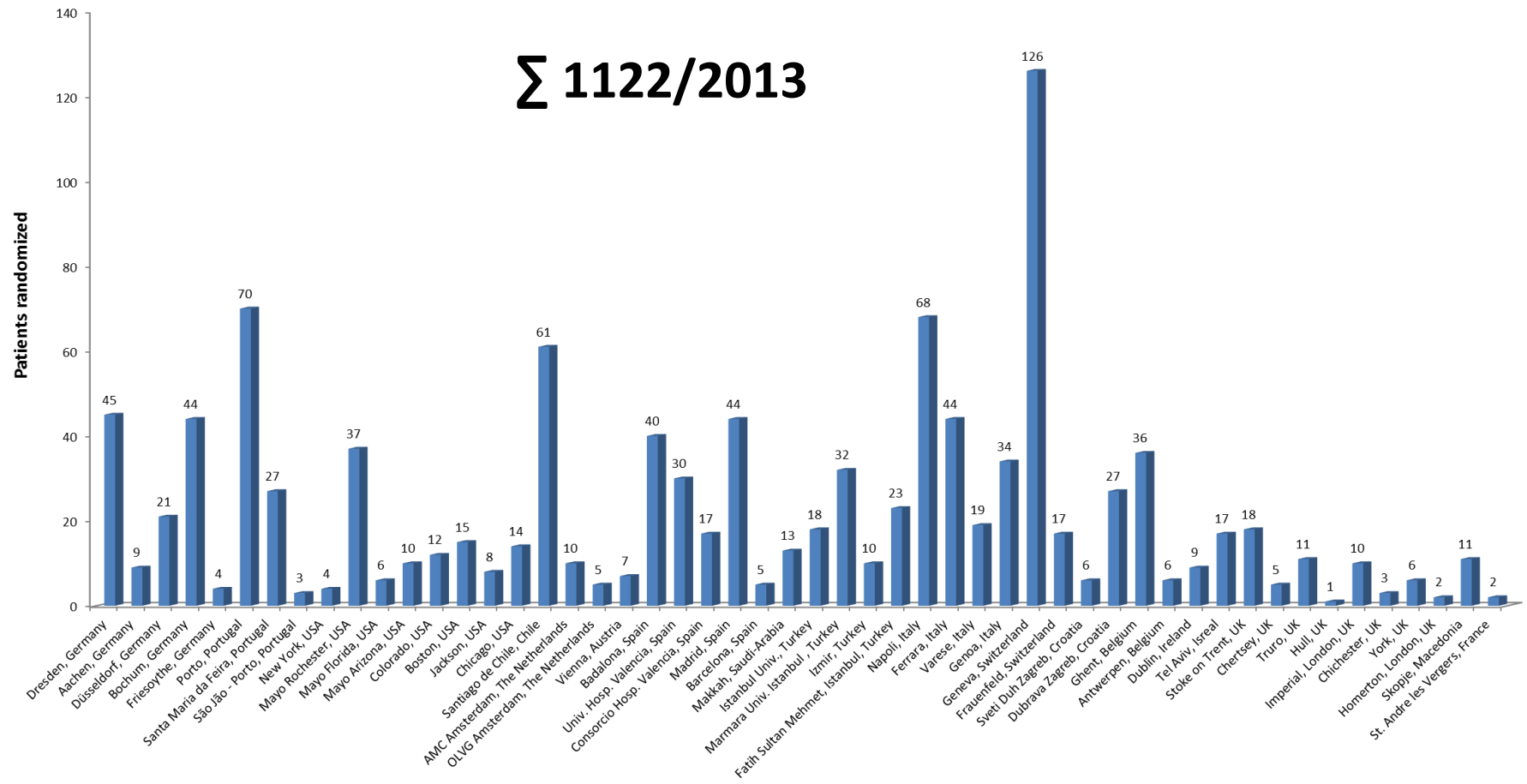
Publication of the study protocol

We will submit a manuscript reporting on the study protocol for possible publication in *Trials*. Centers that have obtained IRB approval will be granted a collaborative co-authorship. For every 12 patients enrolled until the submission date, a further collaborative co-authorship will be granted. In order to get all names, each center will be contacted separately. If accepted for publication, every collaborative co-author will be searchable and identifiable as such in the PubMed.



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The PROBESE Randomized Controlled Trial





Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

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