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Researchers' Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the new VIVO Biobank Researchers' Newsletter!

The VIVO Biobank is the UK's leading research resource dedicated to storing samples and data of cancers affecting children and young people. We are a new entity created from the merger of the Leukaemia CellBank and the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) Tissue Bank.

We would also first like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who have kindly donated their samples or their loved one's samples to the VIVO Biobank, while showcasing the impact those donations have had.

Supporting Research



Locations
of active
VIVO
projects

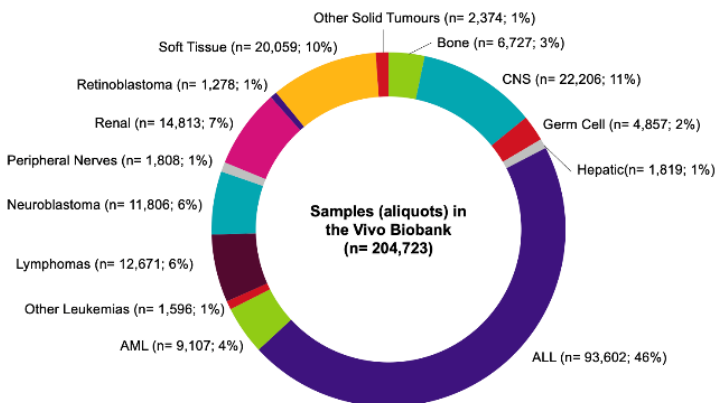
Currently, there are over 40 active projects supported by VIVO Biobank across the British Isles and a handful of countries beyond, including but not limited to Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Australia, and the US.

These projects were approved after rigorous scientific review and they cover a wide range of project types, from new drug testing and treatment late effects, to identifying biomarkers and risk groups. Research using VIVO Biobank samples has changed treatments and influenced clinical trials.

Please visit our website below to see the publications from the projects we have supported.

<https://vivobiobank.org/publications>

The Range of Samples We Hold



20,000+	Children and young people living with cancer have donated samples
200,000+	Samples banked
300+	Research projects supported
23	Major children's cancer hospitals banking samples

New Projects

This year has shown a marked increase in projects with 16 new projects approved since January.

These new projects focus on a range of disease types, including:

- Adrenocortical Carcinoma
- Acute Myeloid Leukaemia
- B-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia
- Burkitt's Lymphoma
- Craniopharyngioma
- Medulloblastoma
- Neuroblastoma
- Rhabdomyosarcoma
- T-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia
- Wilms

This is an encouraging start for the VIVO Biobank, and we look forward to facilitating, supporting, and encouraging further research into paediatric cancers.

Clinical Trials

VIVO Biobank also supports a range of clinical trials by collecting, processing and storing samples. This is a great help to the trial teams and also means that any samples not needed for the trial can be used for non-trial research (with the appropriate consent).

Trials currently being supported by VIVO Biobank include:

- HR-NBL2 (Neuroblastoma)
- FaR-RMS (Rhabdomyosarcoma)
- ALLTogether (Acute lymphoblastic Leukaemia)
- MyeChild (Acute Myeloid Leukaemia)
- BIOMECA (Ependymoma)

We hope to provide this service to other trials as they are developed.

Website

<https://vivobiobank.org/>

We now have a new website with a brand new look and which is full of information. This is still being developed and we are bringing in the best of both our previous websites. You can find frequently asked questions, how to apply for samples, application process, copy of our application form, and details of publications from research using our samples there.

We are currently working on a new section to describe all the research that is going on.

VIVO Biobank's Sample and Data Access Committee (SDAC) is seeking one or two extra members to help with application reviews. If you would like to find out more about what it involves, or become involved by joining the SDAC committee, or if you require any other information, please contact us via enquiries@vivobiobank.org.

Thank you to everyone involved in biobanking with us – it's because of you that we are able to support such important research.



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