

Key information

The Trial Statistical Analysis Plan was finalised on 10th October 2019, **please see** on our website www.POSE-trial.org under the heading “Study documents”.

In the meantime a final statistical data cleaning was processed during October and November and we thank all centres for their fast reply to the queries of our statisticians!

Finally **9497 patients have been enrolled in POSE** throughout Europe!

The next steps

1. Statistical analysis

The statistical analysis has already started. First results will be presented to the POSE Steering Committee during a meeting on 12th December in Brussels. We expect that the statistical analysis will be finished until February 2020.

2. Main manuscript publication

A core writing team will conceive the first manuscript and will circulate it to the other co-authors. Of note, we have planned the following stages for review of this manuscript by the co-authors:

Review step	Time for co-author review
1 st full draft review	2 weeks (due)
2 nd full draft review	1 week
Final approval	1 week

The final version of the manuscript will also be circulated to the collaborators. If we don't receive feedback for the final version within one week, we will assume you agree on the content of the manuscript as it stands.

3. Results of the POSE survey

The results of the POSE survey will be summarised by Tamar Macharadze (NC Georgia) and Peter Lee (NC Ireland) in an *Editorial article*, which will be circulated parallel to the main manuscript to all co-authors and collaborators before publication. We aim to publish the article in the EJA.

4. POSE-Secondary analyses are welcome!

If you aim to perform a secondary analysis of the complete or portion of the POSE dataset, please send a detailed study proposal (including authorship rules) to akowark@ukaachen.de. A guideline and the study proposal template can be found on our website www.POSE-trial.org >> Study documents. **Please note that any publication or presentation of the secondary analysis data is not allowed until the main results of POSE have been published.**

Up to now, we have received only one formal study proposal by Dr. Milenovic (NC Serbia)!

5. POSE II Study

The concept of the POSE II Study will base on the results of the POSE Study and will be discussed during the Steering Committee meeting in December. Further information will follow soon...

We would like to thank you for the excellent cooperation in the course of the past year and wish you a peaceful Christmas and a lovely New Year!

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