

UK Screening programmes

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UK general population screening programmes

ELSA



Age 3-13 (*2-17 in early 2026*)

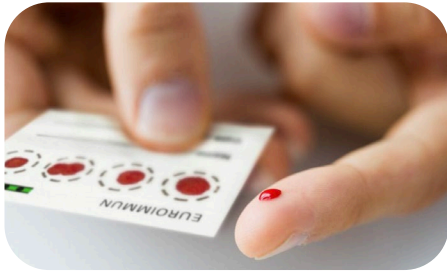
Feasibility and acceptability

T1DRA



Age 18-70

Natural History



Study End



Study End

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Education

Interview

Monitoring

Clinical trials



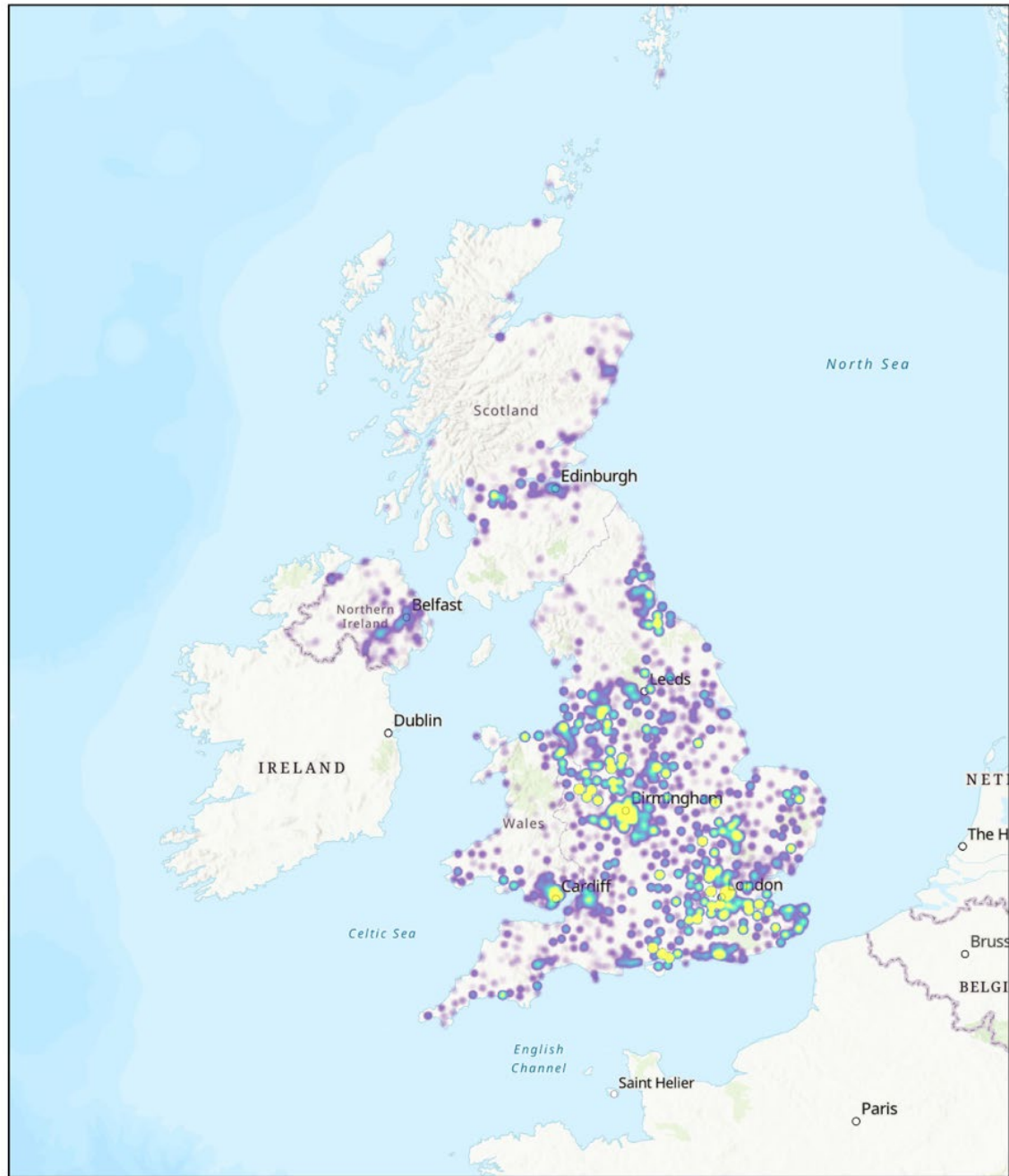
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RSR-3 screen:
GAD, IA2, ZnT8

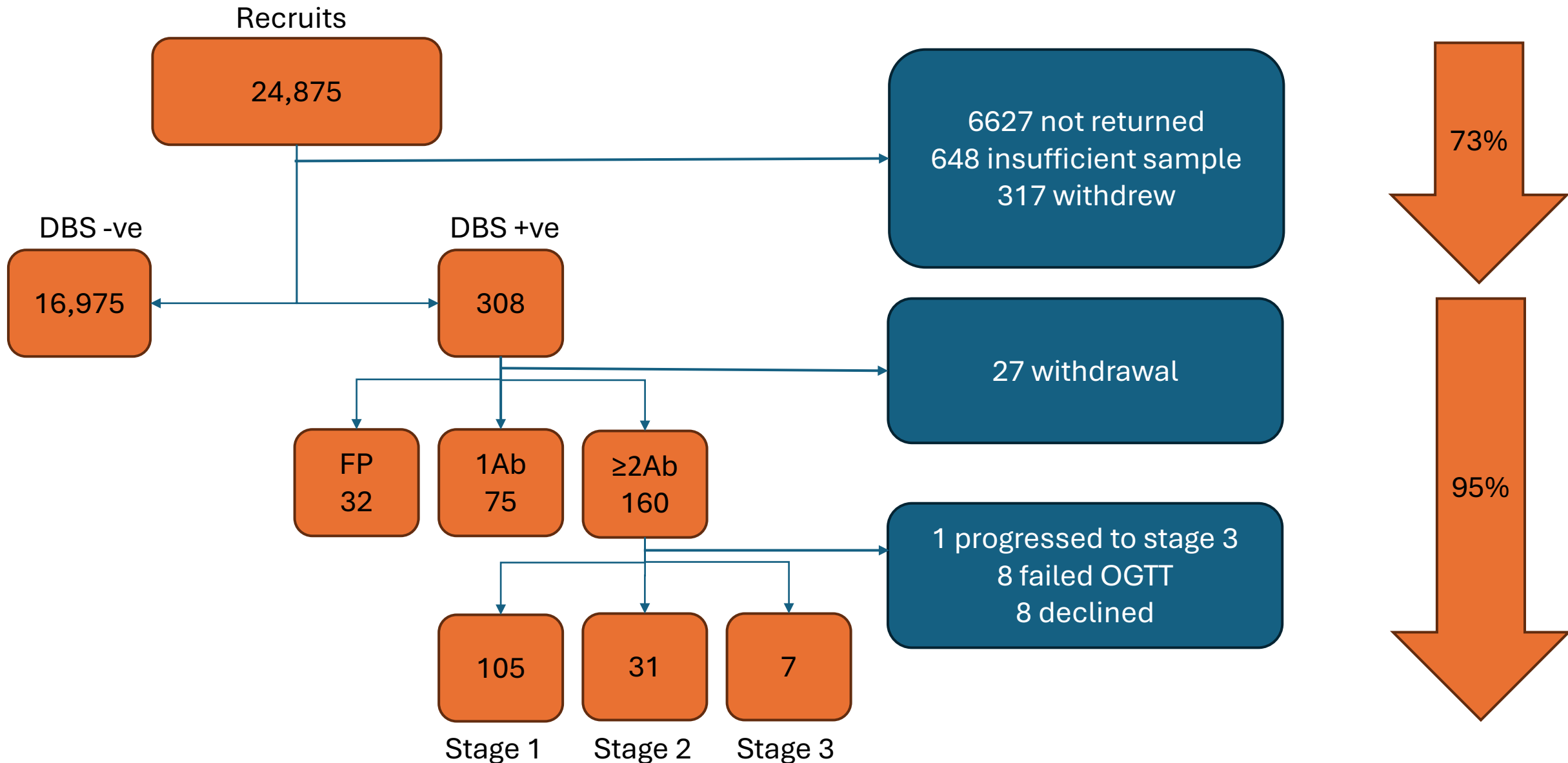
GAD, IA2,
ZnT8, + IAA

GP informed
SNOMED code





ELSA Consort diagram WDD 2022- WDD 2024



Dried blood spot testing followed by confirmatory testing at local sites is both **feasible** and **acceptable**

Feasibility

- 73% DBS return rate
- 95% of DBS positive proceeded to confirmatory testing and staging
- 85% completed education follow-up

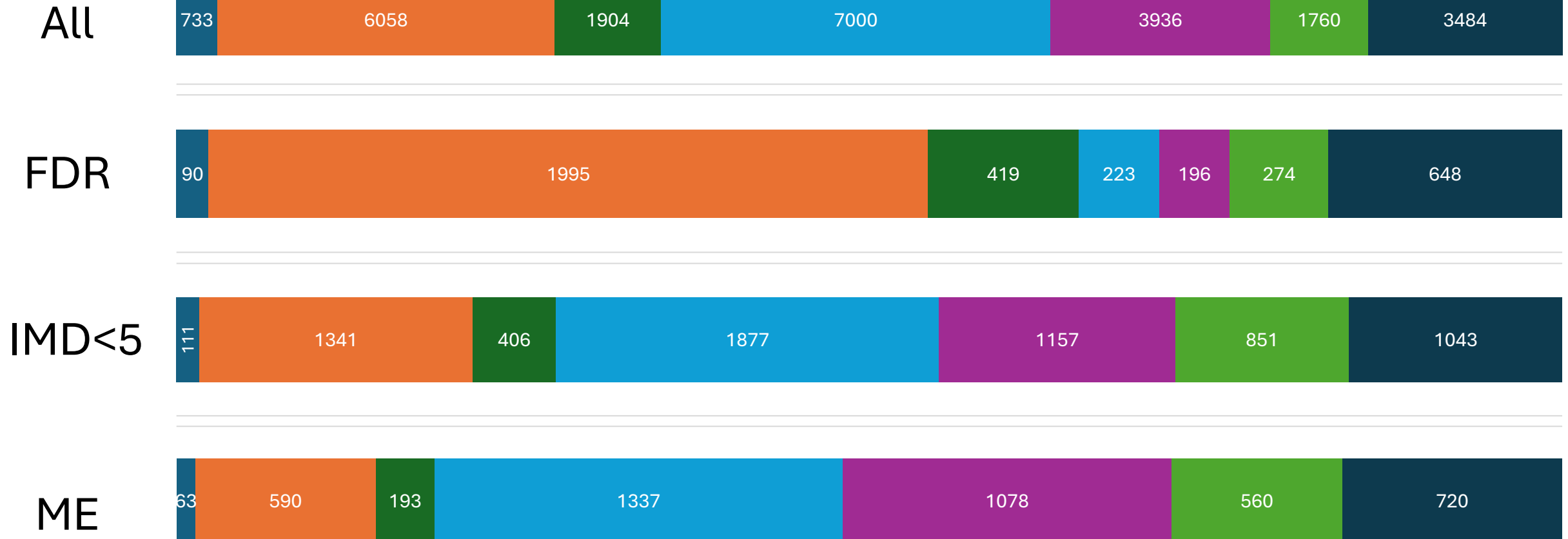
Acceptability

98% found the screening acceptable, positive experience, would recommend

- High satisfaction
- Overall, easy, convenient process
- Trusted the study
- Benefit and process acceptable regardless of screening outcome (DBS positive or negative)
- Grateful for opportunity to take part and receive child's risk status
- Highly recommend

Where did you hear about the study?

■ TV/Radio ■ Social Media ■ Family and friends ■ School ■ GP ■ Hospital ■ Other



Adverse events generally felt to be acceptable

DBS negative

No lasting impact

Worst parts were the DBS and the wait for results

DBS positive

Families still felt worthwhile and grateful for taking part

Anxiety requiring psychological support was rare

Most experienced screening anxiety which persisted after the education session

(First Degree) Relatives are a good way to start

More
engaged

37% of ELSA
participants

Greater
kit return
rates

Home DBS
testing
procedure
more
acceptable

Enabler for study
entry

Implications of
negative test

Comprehension
following education

More likely to
screen positive

3.73% FDR
2.24% any relative
0.25% Gen Pop

FDR screening of all
T1D children in England
£7M over 5 years

(180M / year flu vaccine)

24,500 children with T1D

Screening FDRs at 3 age points : £3M

Monitoring those with early T1D for 5 years : £4M

ELSA 2025-2029

Increase
screening age
Age 2-17

Genetics

Health
economics

Monitoring
and support

Screening of
relatives



Thank you to all the families
who have taken part!





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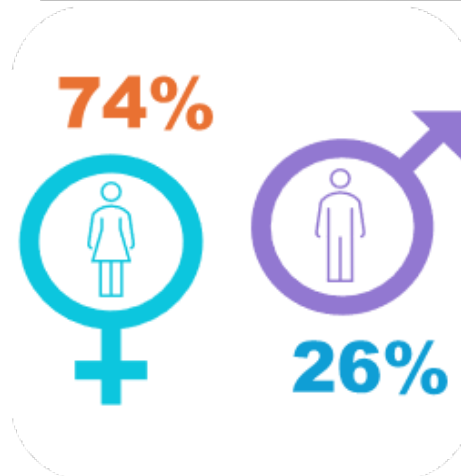
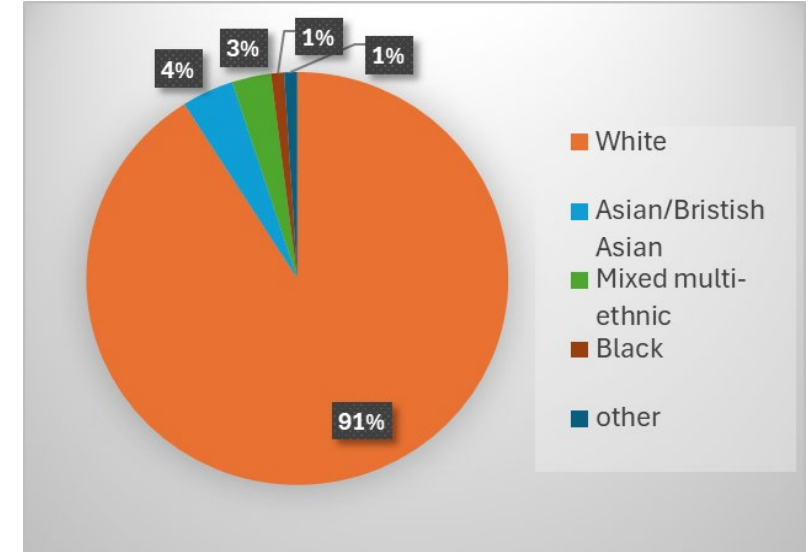
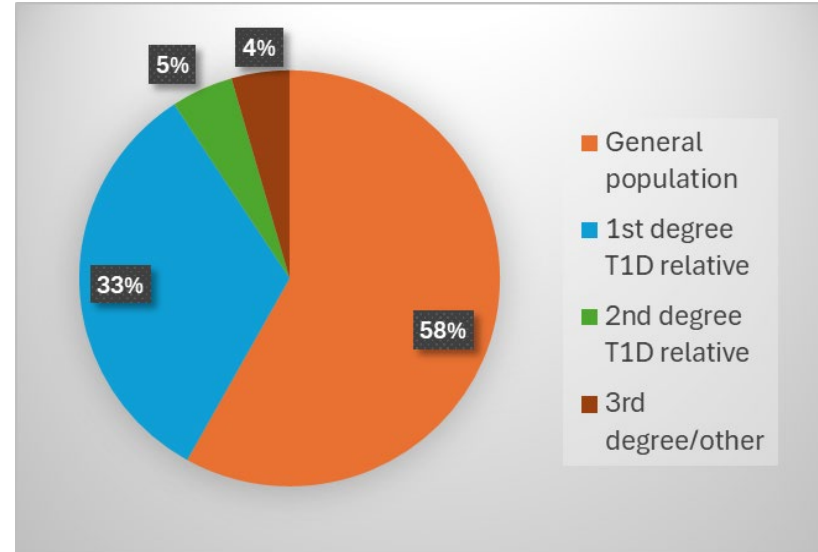
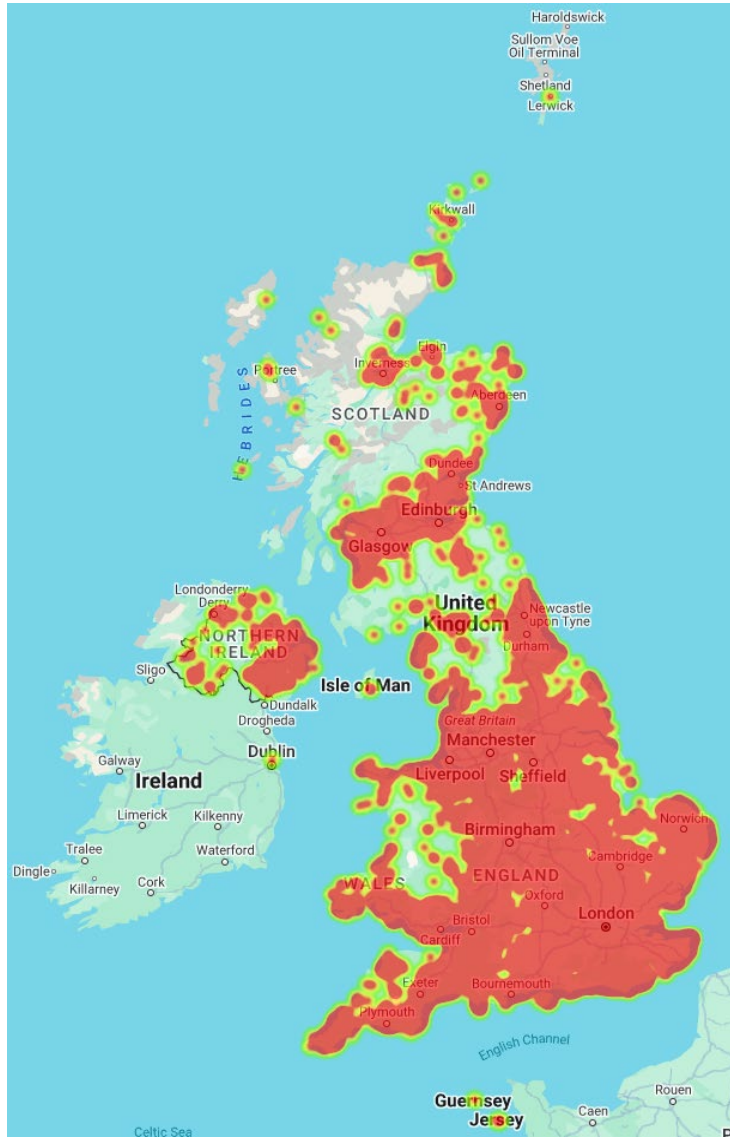
Introduction

T1DRA was set up to understand the natural history of type 1 diabetes in adults by

- screening individuals between the **ages of 18 and 70** years for the presence of
- islet autoantibodies using high performance tests.
- Positive individuals enter an annual monitoring programme

T1DRA Recruitment characteristics of 13535 adults

Data to 14 Oct 2025

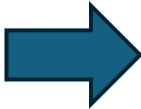


Study Design

Advertising



Recruitment



Consent online



Capillary sample kit posted (and returned)



Serum isolated/ volume recorded



Samples tested for IAA (RBA)/tGADA/IA-2A/ZnT8A LIPS



Confirmation sample requested on positives



Education about T1D and annual follow up including HbA1c offered to confirmed positive participants



T1DRA PPIE
Group



Confirmed Positive adults (no diagnosis of Diabetes)

n= 290 without T2D (**3.7%** of participants screened)

Multiple islet autoantibody positives

n= 41 (**0.5%** of screens); 25x2abs, 15x3abs 1x4abs

(3 participants Dx T1D since screening)

Relatives 54.7%; General population 45.3%

Age: Median 36 years, (Range 19-67 years); 70% female

Single islet autoantibody positives

n= 249 (**3.1%** of screens). 159 tGADA; 40 ZnT8A, 39 IAA, 11 IA-2A

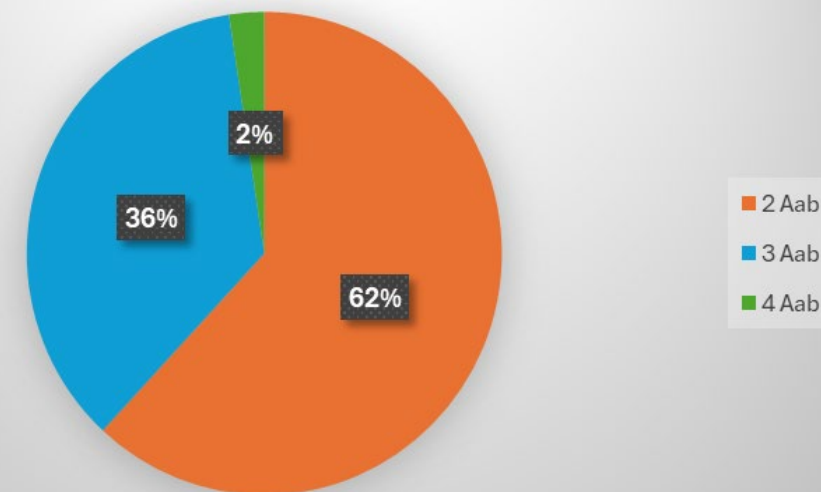
(2 participants Dx T1D since screening)

Relatives 59%; General population 41%

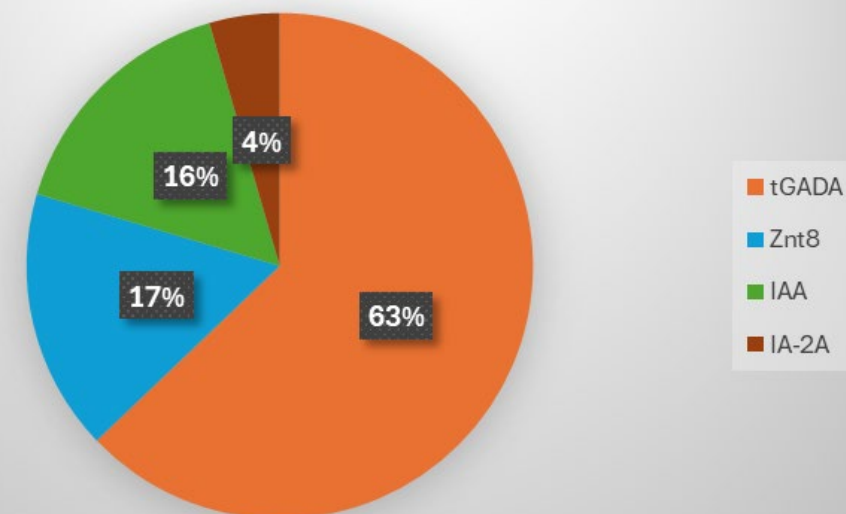
Age: Median 41.2 years, (Range 18-70 years)

81% female (64.5% tGADA); 19% male (54.3% tGADA)

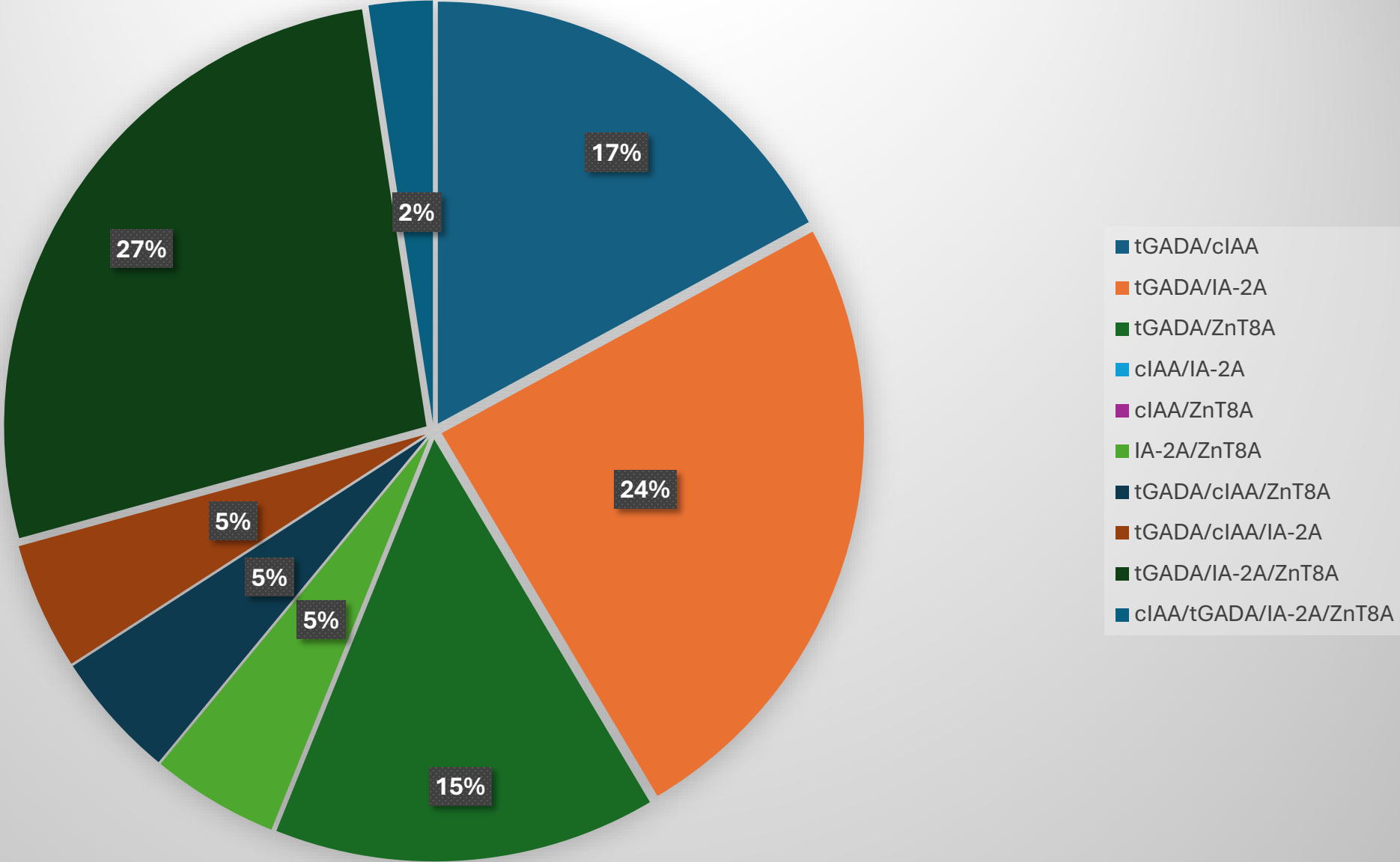
Multiple Islet Autoantibody Positives



Single Islet Autoantibody Positives



Frequency of multiple islet autoantibody positive combinations in T1DRA



Follow up for T1DRA participants

- Annual islet autoantibodies
- HbA1c
- UCPCR/remote OGTT
- Make participants aware of upcoming clinical trials

Follow up



Nov 2023

Nov 2024

Oct 2025

Recruitment/Screening/Confirmation = 291 with islet abs

Annual follow up samples n=103

[Review](#) > [Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.](#) 2025 Nov;13(11):980-986.
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Managing adults with screen-detected islet autoantibody positivity: a pragmatic framework

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Same result – n=83
Single ab lost – n=13 – usually GADA
Single gained two abs – n=3
Single gained one – n=2
One three became 2
One two became 1

HbA1c in Islet autoantibody positives close to confirmation

Stage 1 n=36

Stage 2 n= 4 – 2 offered Teplizumab (two tipped over to Stage 3)

Abnormal glucose tolerance - n=4 (2 GADA/IA-2A/ZnT8A; 1 IA-2A/ZnT8; 1 GADA/IA-2A)

Stage 3 n= 1

Stage 0 (Single positive) HbA1c data available on n=38

Type 1 diabetes diagnosis - n=2 (high single GADAs)

One participant did not send confirmation sample (3 abs) has been diagnosed

Year 0 follow up – High single GADA – raised Hba1c

Year 1 follow up – High Single IA-2A – raised HbA1c

Summary

- Almost 14,000 adults have been recruited to the T1DRA study
- Three quarters of participants are female
- Approximately one third of recruits are FDRs
- In the dataset thus far,
 - 0.5% of adults are multiple islet autoantibody positive
 - 3.1% of adults are single islet autoantibody positive
 - tGADA are the most prevalent
 - IAA are unexpectedly common
- Annual monitoring is ongoing in all positive participants
- Increasing focus on recruiting individuals from diverse backgrounds in the general population

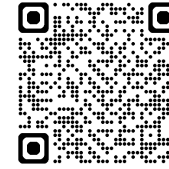
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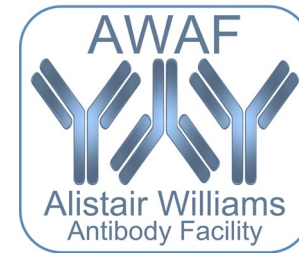


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