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Free access to online, GDPR compliant clinical trial management system offered by EasyTrial to all COVID-19 research projects globally during entire research period

In the light of the current crisis, Danish-based EasyTrial offers its web-based, GDPR compliant clinical trial management system free of charge to researchers at hospitals and universities, medical, biotechnological and pharmaceutical companies and contract research organizations (CRO) all over the world. The clinical trial management system is already used by the Danish Cancer Society, the Norwegian Cancer Registry and Scandinavian University Hospitals and handles all phases of a research project. The platform observes GCP and is praised by current users for its user-friendly front-end that eases online contact with test participants or patients and fellow researchers. Furthermore, the system is built to support research across borders.

"We dedicate an EasyTrial server entirely to any research related to the combat of COVID-19", says Ms Jannie Hedegaard, Sales and Marketing Director of EasyTrial ApS. "The offer is for any researcher anywhere in the world who can contribute to the prevention, treatment and diagnostics of the COVID-19 virus which has taken the world by surprise.

Many professionals are already carrying out life-saving research and luckily, we see funds flowing from for instance the EU Commission to researchers. Our offer goes out to both these researchers, but also to minor and equally important project that may not get funds for their research.

We see this as our contribution to the combat of the COVID-19 virus – and it has no catch, Ms Jannie Hedegaard from EasyTrial underlines. "The platform will be free for research on COVID-19 during the entire research process".

Support to clinical trials at no cost to speed up the combat of COVID-19

Researcher around the world are presently working together to find ways to tackle the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus that has hit the world. Projects include current and ongoing research on COVID-19 vaccine development, treatment and diagnostics as well as emergency research about to start now:

- Development of new vaccines both prophylactic and therapeutic that will prevent and treat COVID-19
- Diagnostic tests that enable health care workers to diagnose more rapidly in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus
- New treatments both treatments in the pipeline and advanced modelling and computing techniques to screen and identify molecules that would fight the virus
- Improving the public health and monitoring systems to prevent and control the spread of the virus



Free clinical trials management for COVID-19 researchers globally

EasyTrial reaches out to support the combat of the virus and has made a rapid decision to make their clinical trial management system available for free to all COVID-19-related research projects – whether local or cross-border – in order to speed up the process towards finding a vaccine.

"So, whether you are a professor or a PhD student, whether you are in Copenhagen or China, we are offering assistance in setting up your research on a web based, GDPR compliant storage platform. All communication with both patients, test persons or even the public to gather data about any phase of the COVID-19 infection can take place as long as the user has a cellular phone, tablet or PC and access to the internet.

In principle, the platform can also be used by national authorities to gather data from all citizens about the development of the virus at home – the cases that never reach the hospitals because people are told to stay home while not life-threateningly ill.

Naturally, the management software is specifically tailored to the needs of professionals and can be used by a group of researchers collaborating across borders.

Thoroughly tested clinical trial management system

Existing users of the EasyTrial management system range from the University of Bergen to the Danish Cancer Society. A group of researchers in the Cancer Registry of Norway that carried out HPV-based epidemiological research has this comment to their experience with EasyTrial:

"As part of the long-term follow-up of a vaccine trial, EasyTrial was used to monitor the blood collection from 1,000 women at 10 different sites across the country. The 'live' EasyTrial status reports from each site allowed us to easily monitor progress, identify discrepancies and provide assistance when and wherever needed. Altogether, it strongly contributed to the overall response rate of the trial. Support from the EasyTrial team was also excellent throughout the trial".

Key features of the EasyTrial clinical trial management system related to COVID-19 trials

The clinical trial management system offers researchers:

- Complete, online, real-time study overview
- A tool for cross-border collaboration (audit trail compliant with EU and US legislation)
- Predesigned and customizable eCRF and questionnaires
- Multi-site management
- Off-site backup of study data and security monitoring
- Automatic encryption and anonymization of person sensitive data
- Appointment system and calendar function across sites
- Invitations and notifications by text or e-mail to test participants
- Import and export of study data
- Compliance to GDPR in the US and the EU
- Technical assistance and hosting in Denmark
- Assistance in setting up the system at user level and of the research study
- Free access to system for entire project period for all research related to COVID-19



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About EasyTrial

EasyTrial is a Danish company offering researchers and professionals in hospitals and universities, medical, biotechnological and pharmaceutical companies and CROs a complete online system for the management of clinical trials. The system is 100% GDPR compliant and compliant to US and EU legislation concerning the safe handling of person sensitive data. For more information visit www.easytrial.net/.