

# TRACK-FA NEWSLETTER

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## At a glance

**Now that baseline recruitment has ended, we are analysing the data – stay tuned for the results in 2024!**

Across all study sites, 279 participants completed study visits, including 182 participants with Friedreich's ataxia and 97 matched healthy controls. TRACK-FA participants ranged from 6 to 42 years of age.

### Follow-up study visits continue

We are now inviting TRACK-FA participants for their 2<sup>nd</sup> (12-month) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (24-month) study visits (Figure 1).

As of November 2023:

- 150 participants have completed study Visit 2, which is over 50% of all TRACK-FA participants!
- 49 participants have completed study Visit 3

We are on track to complete all data collection before the end of 2025.

### TRACK-FA achievements

We're so proud of the number of participants who have taken part in this study, and we couldn't do it without you!

The TRACK-FA study is unique because:

- It is the first study to encompass **both children and adults** across disease stages and onsets within a longitudinal cohort.
- We successfully recruited the **largest-ever cohort** of participants with FA – and matched controls – in a multi-modal neuroimaging study on a global scale.
- TRACK-FA dataset uniquely includes **very young participants with FA**, with 10% aged 10 years or younger.
- TRACK-FA will therefore contribute to:
  - better understanding FA progression in young children
  - development of therapies tailored to young children

Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in TRACK-FA!

## TRACK-FA completed study visits – November 2023

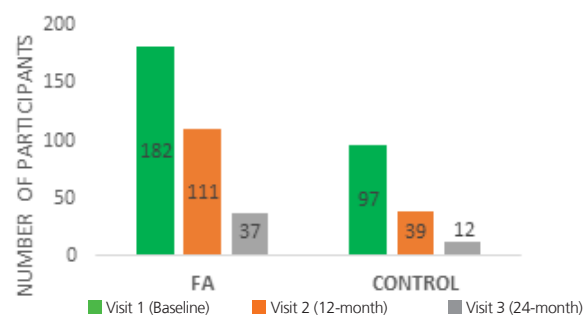
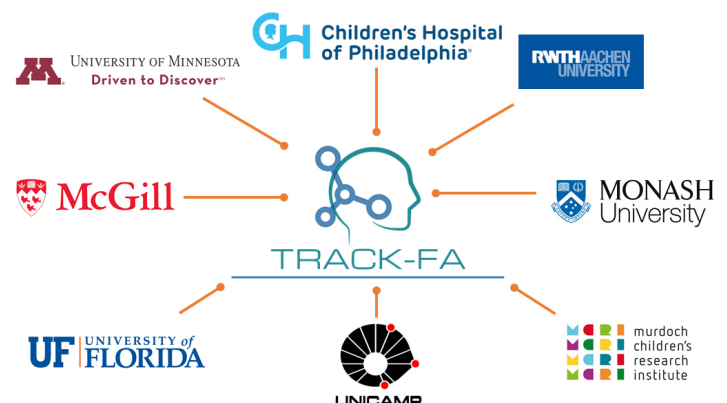


Figure 1.

## A quick note on permanent bracelets

These look and feel great, however, they can't go in the MRI scanner! If you are thinking of getting one, please wait until after you have finished participating in TRACK-FA. If you have any questions, please reach out to your local TRACK-FA study team.



## Our partners:



**The TRACK-FA research team would like to wish you a safe and prosperous holiday season!**



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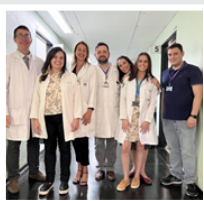
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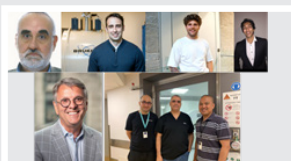
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