

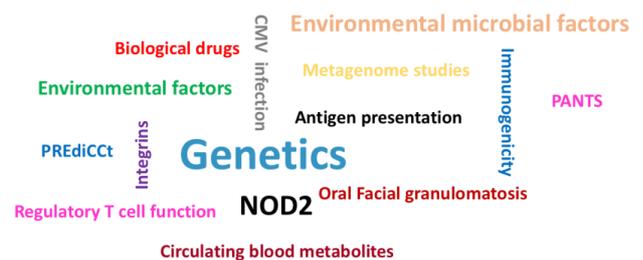
The Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) BioResource (part of NIHR BioResource)

Aims and Strategy

The IBD BioResource was established in 2016 by the UK IBD Genetics Consortium and the NIHR BioResource to accelerate the clinical translation of recent genetics advances and support important research in Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis (collectively IBD). These conditions are characterised by debilitating abdominal symptoms, and, in their severe forms, have a major adverse impact on health and quality of life. We, the IBD BioResource, want to facilitate quality IBD research so that current and future patients can benefit sooner. Our goal is to recruit a very large panel of 25,000 patients with Crohn's or ulcerative colitis (Main cohort) as well as 1,000 newly diagnosed patients (Inception Cohort). For all patients that are recruited, the IBD BioResource stores DNA, health and lifestyle data and clinical data.

Progressing from Genetics to Function and Clinical Translation in Crohn's disease & Ulcerative Colitis

The resulting IBD BioResource panel is accessible for future analysis and to allow selection of patients for recall to further research studies. These recall studies can be run by any investigator in the UK from academia, science or industry with an ethics-approved research project. Studies may range from completing an online survey, to providing fresh samples of blood from genotype- or phenotype-selected cohorts, or even participating in a trial of a new treatment. Importantly IBD BioResource volunteers, once notified of new projects, will be free to opt in or opt out as they wish at the time, according to their availability, their interest in the particular new project and their willingness to participate.



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Further information and contact details



Further information on how to sign up to the IBD BioResource or how clinicians and investigators can get involved and access the IBD BioResource, can be found here. In addition to our website, regular updates are posted on our social (Facebook, Twitter) and professional (LinkedIn) media platforms.

You can also contact the team of research coordinators or volunteer administrators at ibd@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk

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