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Editorial

Today we are pleased to send you our digital Newsletter which aims to provide you with some important ECAT information, relevant articles and reviews on publications in the fields of quality control and/ or laboratory diagnosis in thrombosis & haemostasis.

The editorial board and the advisory committee wish you a healthy 2020.

Petra ter Hark - van Velp

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Save the dates

On 5-6 November 2020 the 12th ECAT Participants' Meeting will be held in Leiden, The Netherlands. Later in Spring we will provide you with more detailed information.

Survey manual 2020

The ECAT Foundation is increasingly focussing on making documents available electronically only. We therefore decided to publish the annual Survey Manual only on our website. The Survey Manual for 2020 will appear by the end of February 2020. To get access to the Survey Manual, please go to the Participant Area, select Survey Reports, Download Reports and Login. In the top menu you see the option View Documents. Select this option.

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Useful documents

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If possible to download and save a copy to your own PC, simply click the document and choose Save to your PC.

• [Participant Information 2020.pdf](#)

Case Report: Two cases of autosomal dominant macrothrombocytopenia caused by a rare GPIBB variant

We present two cases of unrelated patients, who were both referred to a haematologist for diagnostic elaboration of macrothrombocytopenia, persistently found in routine peripheral blood analyses. The first patient was a 32-year old woman. Her medical history revealed multiple bleeding symptoms: frequent ecchymoses, gingival bleeding, metrorrhagia and bright red blood loss per rectum. The second patient, a 22-year old man, had no documented bleeding diathesis. [Read more](#)

Literature Review: International external quality assessment for measuring of direct oral anticoagulants: results and recommendations

(Hollestelle M.J. et al. *British Journal of Haematology*; ahead of print)

Piet Meijer, ECAT, The Netherlands

Several studies have looked in detail into the effect of DOACs on general coagulation tests [1-6], but so far only a limited number of data have been published regarding the inter-laboratory performance of tests for direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) [7].

To generate more knowledge about the accuracy of DOAC tests, ECAT external quality assessment data from 2013 - 2017 were evaluated using [8]. Data from Dabigatran, Rivaroxaban, Apixaban and Edoxaban were included. [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

International Congress on Quality in Laboratory Medicine

06-07 February 2020, Helsinki, Finland

[website](#)

64th Annual meeting of the Society of Thrombosis and haemostasis Research

18-21 February 2020, Bremen, Germany

[website](#)

5th biennial Summit of the Thrombosis & Hemostasis Societies of North America

23-25 April 2020, Chicago, United States

[website](#)

26th International Fibrinogen & 4th Factor XIII Workshop

07-11 June 2020, Vevey, Switzerland

[website](#)

WFH 2020 World Congress

14-17 June 2020, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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