



**We are proud to announce the
recruitment of our**

3000th Subject !

**Our thanks to the entire team for the
continued effort that makes this possible.**

COPDGene[®] recruited its first 1000 subjects in six months, reaching this milestone on September 1, 2008. The second 1000 subjects were recruited in three and one-half months (mid-December 2008). Our 3000th subject was recruited on March 19, 2009. Despite winter holidays and cold weather, our pace of recruitment continues to increase.

A full-scale evaluation of the first quarter of our cohort is now underway, and the first component of our genome-wide analysis will be launched shortly. As soon as QA of the data is finished, a data set will be available to all COPDGene[®] investigators on our website. Expect this within a few weeks.

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