



# The ADAMS project: a genetic Association study in individuals from Diverse Ancestral backgrounds with Multiple Scclerosis: Protocol and baseline results.

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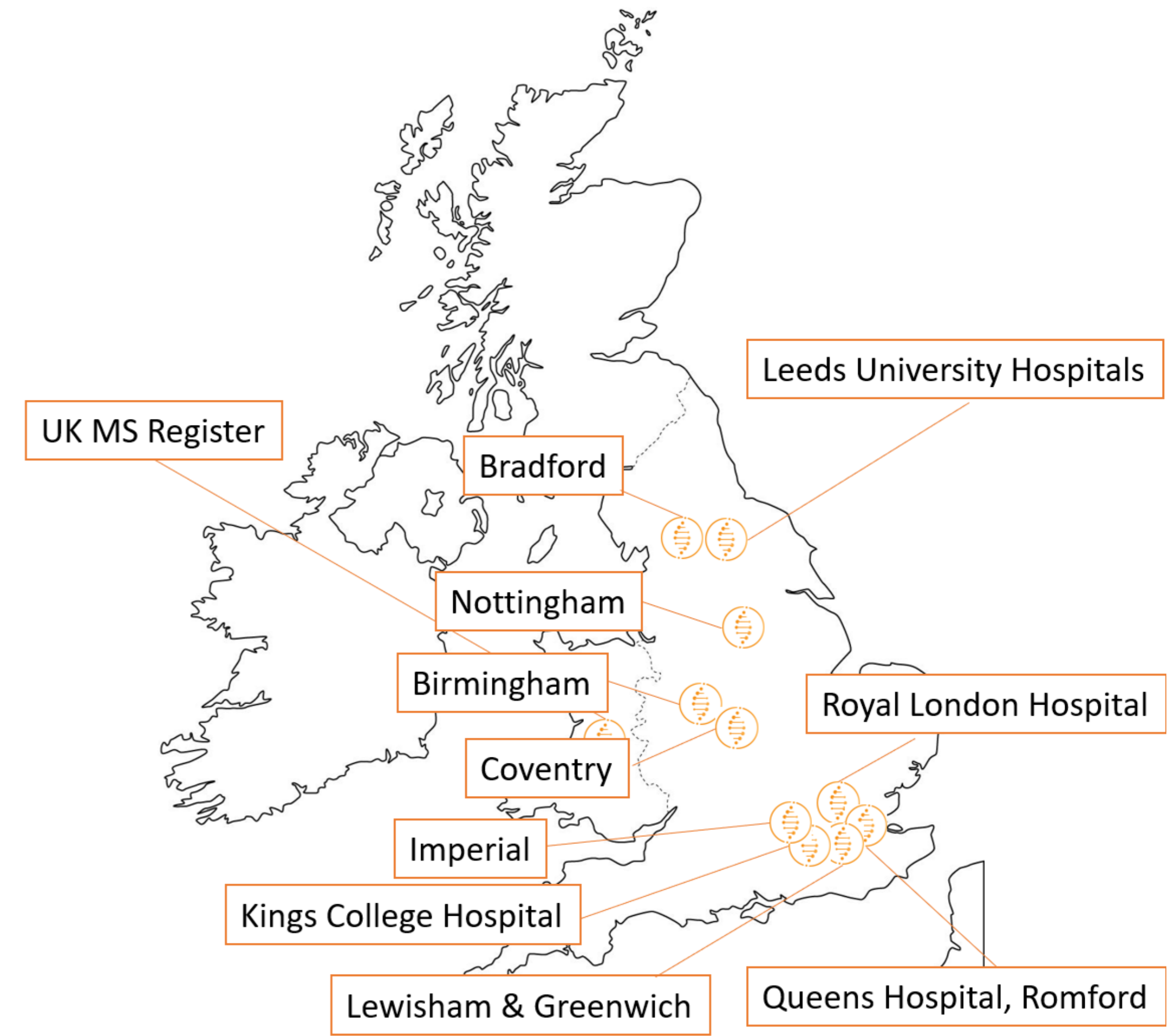
## Background

- Genetic studies of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) have focussed on people of European ancestry.
- MS affects people of all ethnic backgrounds and may be more aggressive in minority ethnic groups.
- Failure to include diverse populations in genetic studies of MS may exacerbate health disparities.

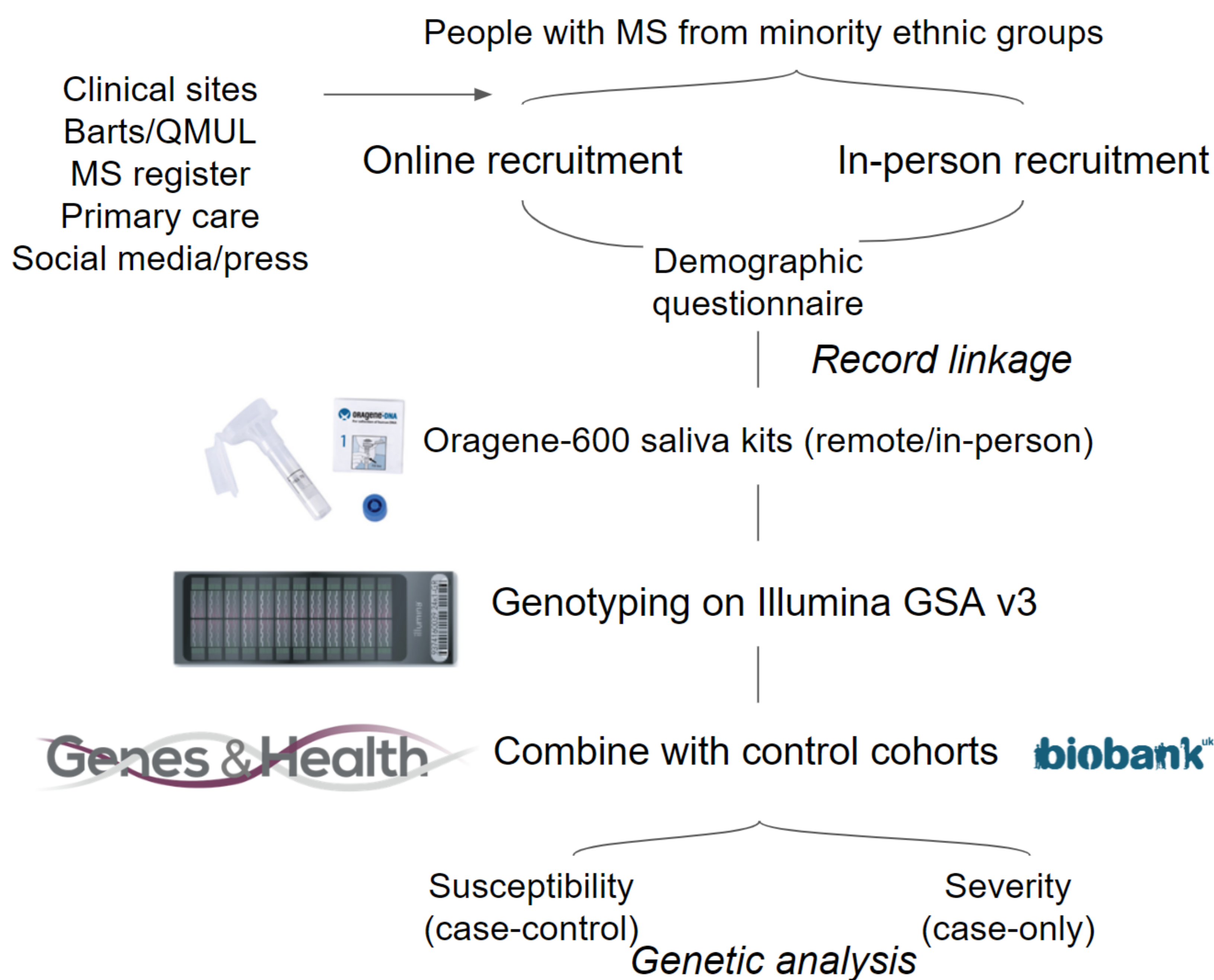
## Aims

- Establish a large genotyped cohort of people with MS from diverse ancestral backgrounds.
- Assess the degree of replication of European MS risk variants in other ancestries.
- Enhance the generalisability of MS genetic risk scores to other ancestries.

## Recruiting network

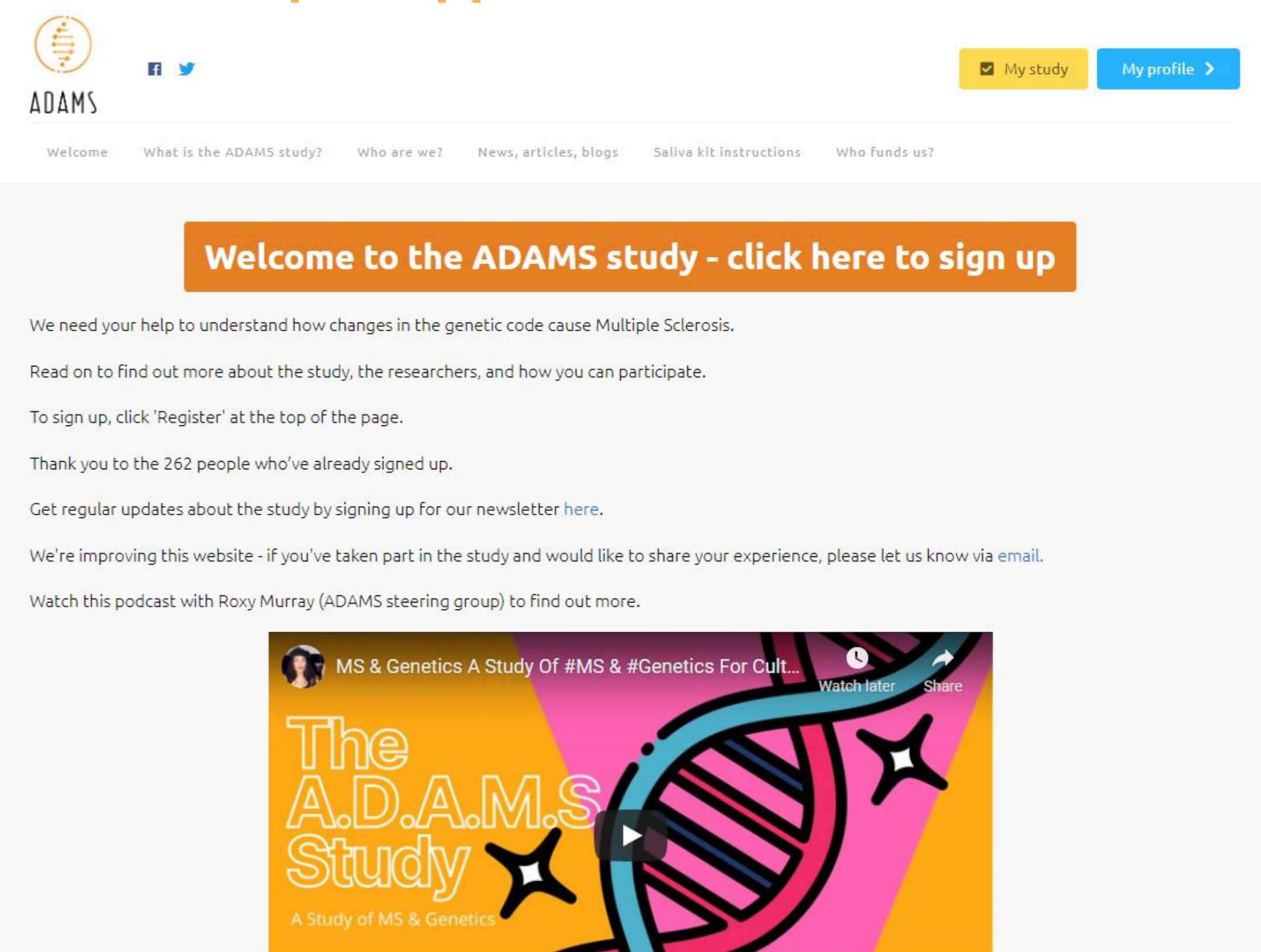


## Study design

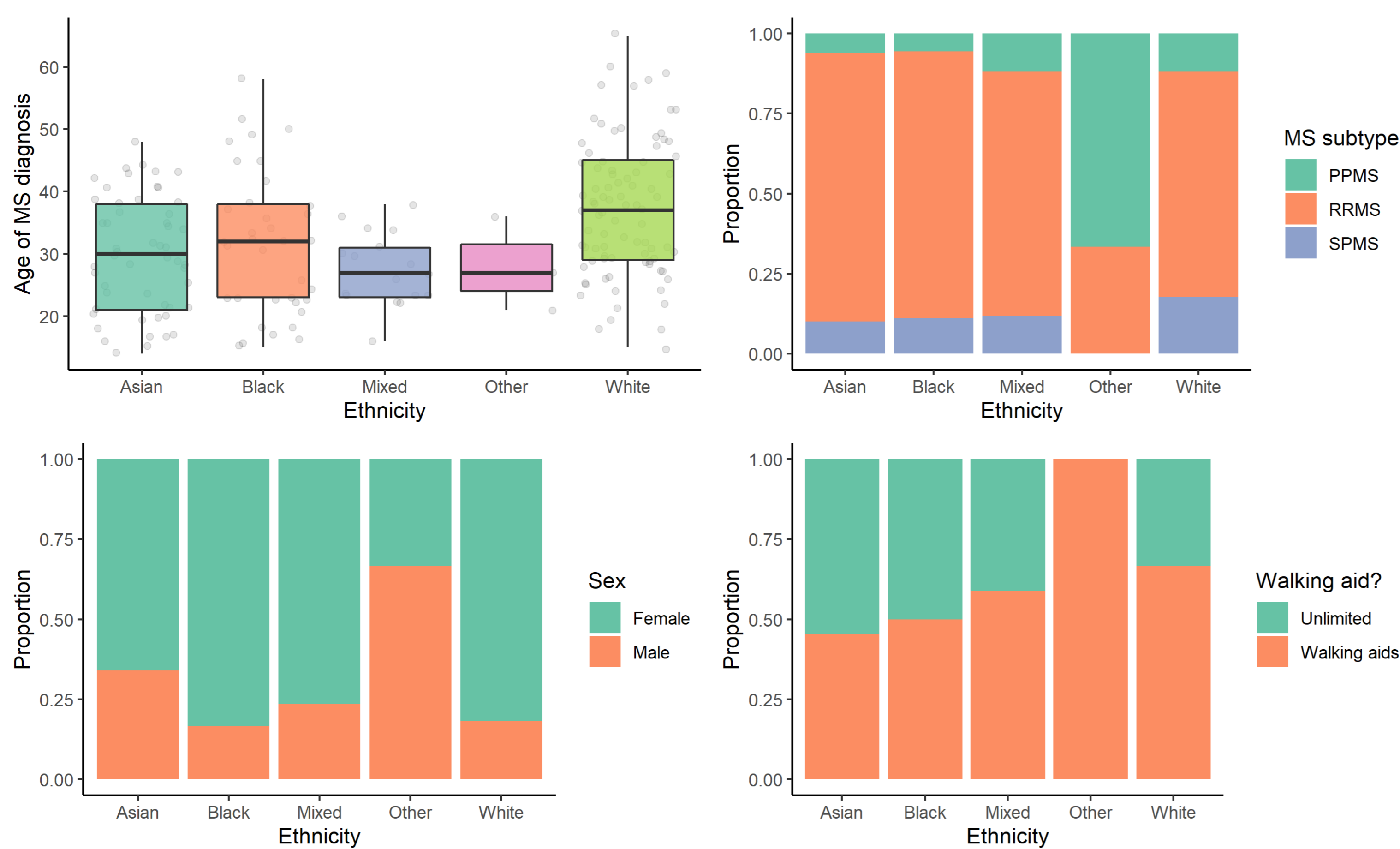


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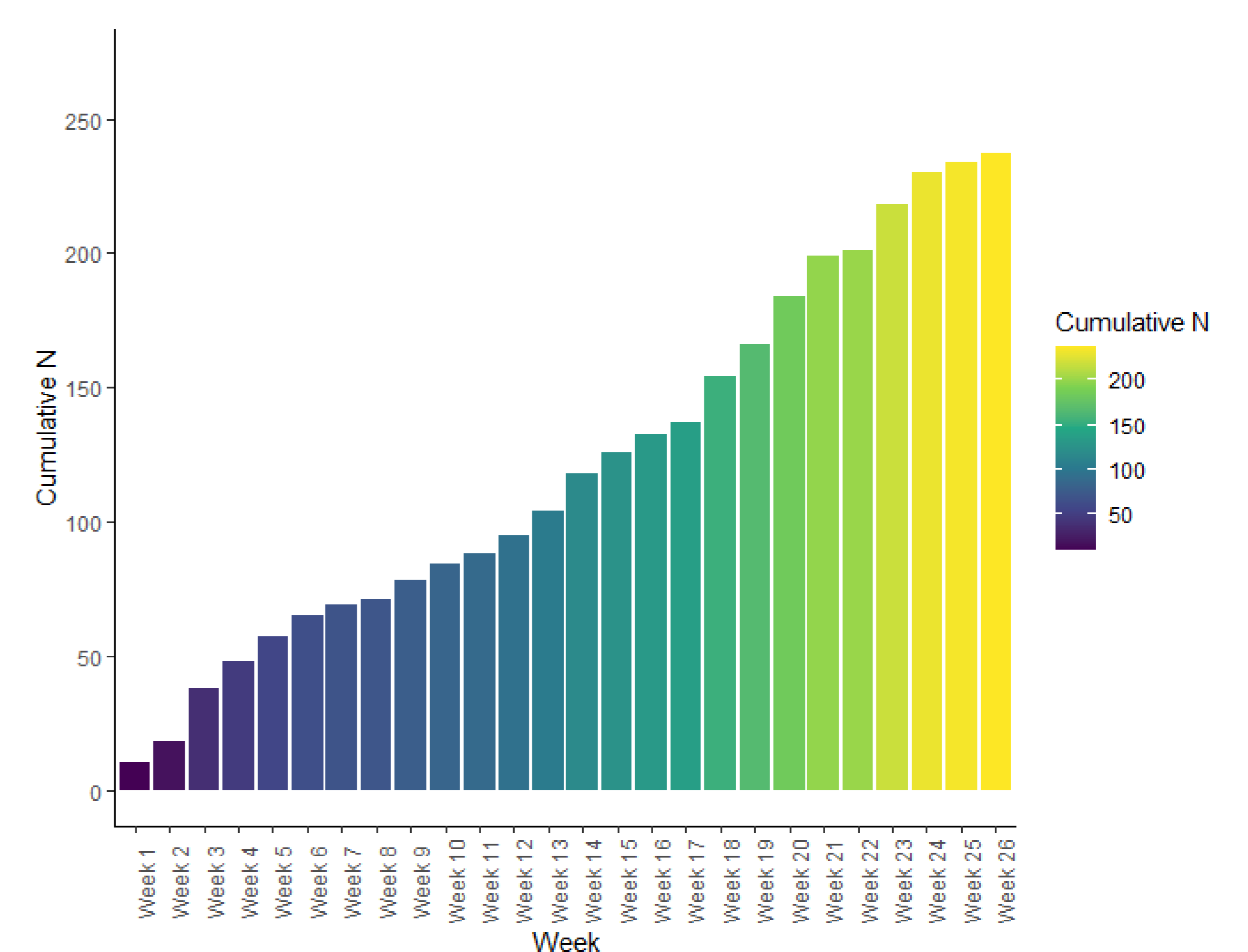
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## Demographics



## Recruitment timeline



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