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**“Association does not  
imply causation!”**

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# Interview of the EuCARE partners

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## Q01

**Interviewer:** So, you are the Principal Investigator (PI) of the University College London (UCL). Tell us a little about yourself, why are you involved with the UCL and why is the UCL involved in this project.

**Alessandro Cozzi-Lepri:** I am an **epidemiologist** and **biostatistician** at University College London (UCL) (<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/>). I was asked to **join EuCARE** because of my **expertise in clinical infectious diseases** and **causal inference analysis** and my **history of co-leading on influential, policy-informing research** in **HIV, hepatitis, SARS CoV-2** and **Monkeypox**. I have published **267 peer-reviewed publications** including commentaries in **high impact factor medical journals**, **gained** highly competitive **interdisciplinary research grants** as both **Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)** and **Co-Investigator (Co-I)**. With the involvement in EuCARE, I **aim to consolidate** my **current position** as an **emerging leader** in the **SARS CoV-2 research** area.



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## Q02

**Interviewer:** Besides yourself, who else participates in this project from the University College London?

**Alessandro Cozzi-Lepri:** I am the **only participant** from **UCL** at this stage with the **occasional involvement** of one of my **MSc** or **PhD students**.

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## Q03

**Interviewer:** The final question, the EuCARE project is divided into eight workpackages (WP), right? In which ones is the University College London Cologne involved and what has been done already?

**Alessandro Cozzi-Lepri:** I am **involved** in the **analysis** and **overall supervision** of **analyses conducted** within both **WP3** and **WP5**. **Appropriate analysis** and **interpretation** of **observational clinical data** on **COVID-19** is **critical** to our **understanding of the disease**. It requires both **close collaboration** with **clinical colleagues** to fully appreciate the **clinical issues** combined with an ability to use **modern causal inference methods** which is what I **aimed** and **achieved** over the **past 12 months** within **EuCARE**.

**Interviewer:** Thank you, Alessandro.

**Alessandro Cozzi-Lepri:** Thank you very much!

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EuCARE project or our partners

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