



PROgression chart of SPAsitic ataXias: Tracking the natural progression of spastic ataxias to prepare treatment trials

The PROSPAX project, which launched in September 2020, is a novel collaborative effort between neurologists across Europe, including the UK, and Canada.

PROSPAX stands for **PRO**gression chart of **SP**Asitic **ataX**ias. In order to prepare for treatment trials, it is vital to understand more about spastic ataxias. This ambitious project aims to study the progression of spastic ataxias over time, in a rigorous and harmonised way. As the numbers of people with these specific ataxias are quite low, this harmonisation across countries is necessary to gather enough information about the conditions, helping to prepare for clinical treatment trials. This is called 'trial-readiness' and is extremely important for rare conditions.

The neurologists involved will gather clinical data, study markers of disease progression, and aim to understand more about these ataxias at the molecular level.

The PROSPAX project will initially focus on **ARSACS** and **SPG7**, but will establish a more general research framework that will be applicable to other spastic ataxias over time.

Taking part

If you have ARSACS or SPG7 and are interested in taking part in the study, please contact:

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Occasionally we need patient input on this project. If you would be interested in providing this, please email research@ataxia.org.uk for more information.

Euro-ataxia is involved in the PROSPAX project as an active partner representing European ataxia patients, with support from Ataxia UK and the German ataxia group DHAG.

