An insight into the participation of patients affected by a rare eye disease in research

30 million people are living with a rare disease in Europe and 300 million worldwide

No cure for the vast majority of diseases and few treatments available

57 patients and their families affected by a rare eye disease responded to the survey, conducted in 23 languages across 42 countries worldwide

Key findings of a Rare Barometer Voices survey on the participation of patients affected by a rare eye disease in research:

What type of research do patients participate in?

- 37% to develop treatments & therapies
- 32% in research on quality of life
- 16% to develop genetic therapies

1/3 of patients affected by a rare eye disease have participated in medical research, among them:

Top 3 obstacles to rare disease research:

1. Lack of public funding
2. Lack of private funding
3. Small patient population

Thank you to all Rare Barometer Voices participants and partners! To read the full report, register to participate in future surveys or for more information, visit: eurordis.org/voices

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