Project title: EULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF CHURG-STRAUSS SYNDROME

Project ID (will be filled in by Secretariat)

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Objectives: Development of multidisciplinary recommendations for the diagnosis and management of Churg-Strauss syndrome (CSS)

Envisioned benefit/impact (short description, max. 30 words, incl. who will mostly benefit)?
Definition of Churg-Strauss syndrome (CSS), especially of the limited forms of the disease and related diseases (eosinophiles-related diseases) remains unclear leading to suboptimal treatment in many cases. The establishment a multidisciplinary consensus would improve both, patients’ management and interdisciplinary research in this disorder.
An international Taskforce will include the experts in the field. Given that CSS is a complex disorder, it is necessary that the Taskforce coordinates the expertise in Internal medicine, Rheumatology, Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, Nephrology, Neurology, Allergology, Immunology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Gastroenterology, Pediatrics, Pathology, Imaging, Pharmacology, Epidemiology, Biopathology, to cover all the aspects and provide a comprehensive view of CSS. Disorders related to CSS will also be analyzed to provide clear information on differential diagnosis.

Final outcome of the project by when (e.g. publication in ARD in 2009)
The duration of the Taskforce will be 2 years. First presentation of EULAR abstract in 2011 and submission to ARD in Q4 2011.

**Milestones of the project**

The methodology for the elaboration of the Guidelines is detailed in Appendix 1.

- DELPHI Q 3,4, 2009
- Meeting 1, Zürich Q 4, 2009
- Meeting 2, Zürich Q 2 or 3, 2010
- Abstract EULAR 2011
- MS ARD Q 4 2011

**Relevance for the field**

Rheumatologists are the specialists who are involved in diagnosis and care of vasculitides, especially those associated with ANCA. The present classifications systems have been published in rheumatologic journals (Arthritis and Rheumatism) which reflect their interest for the disease. CSS is an ANCA-related vasculitis which is also studied and treated by other specialists: pulmonologists, cardiologists, clinical immunologists etc... Moreover, all physicians interested in eosinophilic-associated diseases have an interest in CSS. Rheumatology is the first specialty in charge of CSS.

**Project mainly supports which of the 8 EULAR 2012 objectives** (please select ONLY one)? Objective 4. this task force would include 3 specialties: pulmonologists (ERS), internists (EFIM) and rheumatologists (EULAR).

- **Project supports Strategic Area goal(s):** (strategic area = CLI, SCI, EPI, etc.) 4

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1. By 2012, EULAR will have strengthened activities in areas that are currently less prioritized, such as non-inflammatory and orphan diseases.
2. By 2012, musculoskeletal diseases will be recognized as a priority and "major disease" area (reflected for example by research policy, disability legislation, access to care).
3. By 2012, all EULAR stakeholders (people with arthritis, health professionals, practising clinicians, basic and clinical scientists, industry, etc) will have further strengthened their partnership.
4. By 2012, EULAR will have increased its international partnerships (such as with ACR, AFLAG, EMEA, WHO, BJ, EU granting, etc).
5. By 2012, EULAR will be the leading source for evidence-based expertise and opinion, and will have further fostered global thought leadership, throughout the spectrum of musculoskeletal conditions.
6. By 2012, rheumatology will be among the most attractive specialties in medicine for young physicians and health professionals.
7. By 2012, EULAR will have brought on board high quality, young generation contributors in all EULAR activities.
8. By 2012, EULAR will have provided standards of care and foster access to optimal care of people with musculoskeletal conditions in Europe.
Project budget (€) and payment schedule

The following three international scientific Societies are solicited for support:

- European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR)
- European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)
- European Respiratory Society (ERS)

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Milestones for release of payments: (e.g. initial payment of €10,000 after approval, €10,000 for literature search, €20,000 after first report, etc.)