Study Groups

Title of the study group: EULAR Lupus Nephritis Trials Network Study Group

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Summary of last year’s activities (2013)

The EULAR Lupus Nephritis Trials Network Study work corresponds to the European Branch of the Lupus Nephritis Trials Network (LNTN). Within this frame, the Study Group has achieved the following:

- Review of research projects;
- Meeting of the EULAR Study Group on June 14, 2013 (Madrid - EULAR Scientific Meeting);
- Meeting of the European Executive and Review Committee members on October 28, 2013 (San Diego – ACR Annual meeting);
- Combined meeting with the North American Branch of the LNTN on October 28, 2013 (San Diego - ACR Annual Meeting);
- Launch of the RING trial (RItuximab in lupus Nephritis with remission as a Goal);
- Submission of an abstract to the EULAR 2014 Scientific Meeting entitled “Inclusion of urine sediment in the response criteria of a lupus nephritis trial undermines the prognostic value of proteinuria improvement as best predictor of longterm preservation of renal function: data from the Euro-Lupus Nephritis Trial”. Frédéric A. Houssiau, Megan Mackay, Maria Dell’Era, David Wofsy on behalf of the Euro-Lupus Nephritis Trial Group and the Lupus Nephritis Trials Network;
- Monthly teleconferences between the European and the North-American coordinating members of the LNTN.