Biennial report

Study Groups

Title of the study group: Study Group for Risk Factors for RA

Study Group Leaders' name: Dr Diane van der Woude (Leiden University Medical Centre) & Prof Karim Raza (University of Birmingham)

Prof Raza replaced by Prof Andrew Cope (King's College London) from September 2018

Date of annual report submission: 25th March 2019

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS YEAR’S ACTIVITIES

EULAR 2017 in Madrid
Friday 16 June 2017 from 17:00 to 19:00

This meeting provided a timely update of pre-RA cohorts, with a focus on studies of environmental and genetic risk factors, and symptom complexes.

17:00 – 17:10  Introduction and welcome from the Study Group Chairs
17:10 – 17:40  Raphaele Seror, University of Paris
   The ENVI-RA study to investigate environmental risk factors and gene-environment interaction in the development of RA
17:40 – 18:10  Samantha Hider Keele University
   Symptoms of inflammatory arthritis in the community
18:10 – 18:30  Robin ten Brinck, Leiden University
   The Leiden perspective on early identification of arthritis
18:30 – 18:50  Marian van Beers-Tas, University of Amsterdam
   Symptoms in persons at risk for RA
18:50 – 19:00  Wrap-up and discussion of future possibilities by the chairs

EULAR 2018 in Amsterdam
Thursday 14 June 2018 from 17:00 to 19:00 hours

This meeting focused on presenting new wet lab data highlighting immune and inflammatory pathways linked to disease.

17:00  Introduction and welcome (chairs)
17:10  Wouter Bos (Amsterdam)
   e-Health and research opportunities
17:30  Mike Holers (Denver)
   Omega-3 FA pathway and RA risk
17:50  Dagmar Scheel-Toellner (Birmingham)
   FcRL4+ B cells: a link between mucosal and joint inflammation?
18:10  Uli Scherer (Leiden)
*N-linked glycans in the variable domain of ACPA-IgG mark the development of Rheumatoid Arthritis*

18:30  Marieke ter Wee & Dirkjan van Schaardenburg (Amsterdam)
*pre-RA and work problems & new insights from SPARRA*

**Other activities:**
- Preparation of the EULAR guideline/consensus statement on autoantibody testing (Lead: Pier-Luigi Meroni), including study group participants.
- The submission to EULAR of guidelines for performing trials in pre-RA/arthralgia patients (Lead: Paul Emery)
- Completion of recruitment of study subjects to the APIPPRA RA prevention study (December 2018); multiple study group participants have been involved. Follow up of study participants continues, with data expecting to readout Q2 2021.

**Related publications:**


**Successful grant applications involving members of the study group:**
Members of the study group were successful in securing funding from the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative for the Rheuma Tolerance for Cure (RTCure) project.