



March 2022 WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES: Biomarkers and Severe Asthma

Meeting details	
Meeting location	TRYP Barcelona Apolo Hotel (segre Room) + MS Teams online
Meeting date	17 th March 2022
Meeting time	16:30-17:30 CET
Chair(s)	
Attendees	Dermot Ryan Nicolas Roche Clare Myrray Thomas Shuessler Therese Lapperre Niko Papadopoulos Andrei Malinovski Janwillem Kocks Todor Popov Walter Canonica Valeria Perugini
Objectives	
1	New project ideas

Items	
New project ideas	<p>Nikos Papadopoulos has proposed a study into patients' journey to biologics. The focus is to map the patient journey from referral to biologics and what impact it might have on their either functionality and/or activities of daily lives. (Looking for someone to lead the project).</p> <p>WG members have discussed on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lack of specific biomarkers for asthma.- Use of biomarkers for predicting asthma outcomes and therapeutic response to targeted therapies.- Emerging biomarkers with clinical higher applicability in the management of asthma.- Challenge in biomarker development. <p>Yet, discussed on the current knowledge with regards to biomarkers in difficult-to-treat asthma and their capabilities to guide the use of conventional asthma vs novel therapies.</p> <p>It has been proposed a research study or campaign on steroids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Why would a patient be given steroids?-How long can a patient stay on steroids?-Why steroids should not be used?-Side effects of steroids?



	Discussed also: Why don't patients see specialists? Why do GP and asthma nurses prescribe steroids? When? Cost involved Treatments Side Effects