



SMA TB



Workshop

DEFEATING

TUBERCULOSIS:

challenges, breakthroughs
and lessons learnt from
projects including clinical
research

May 22nd & 23rd, 2024

Barcelona, Spain

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Undertaking projects involving clinical research, especially those spanning multiple countries, presents inherent challenges that are often difficult to anticipate. This workshop aims to address these challenges by drawing on examples from successfully funded projects. It provides insights into the key considerations for planning and executing research endeavors encompassing clinical studies or trials, as well as strategies for overcoming potential obstacles.

Co-organized by two consortia— **ADVANCE-TB** (COST Action CA21164) and **SMA-TB** (GA No 847762)—established through competitive projects funded by the European Commission, this event is led by researchers with expertise in clinical research. Our objective is to assist fellow scientists in enhancing their ability to plan and execute European and international projects incorporating clinical research, thereby facilitating the achievement of their goals.

Specifically, the symposium aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Gain insight into real-world international projects involving clinical research, from the perspectives of various stakeholders.
2. Understand the crucial factors to consider during the planning and execution phases of research projects incorporating studies or clinical trials, and learn effective strategies for navigating potential obstacles.

May 22nd 2024

08.30h

Registration

09.00h

Opening

Cristina Vilaplana (HUGTiP, IGTP, Spain)

Chair: Alicia Lacoma

09.05h

Fundamentals of Clinical Studies

Sebastià Videla (HUGTiP, IGTP, Spain)

10.00h

The challenges of working from data
derived from clinical research

Judith Farrés (Anaxomics)

10.30h

Coffee break

11.00h

Investigator initiated multi-center clinical
trial "SMA-TB", study accomplishments and
lessons learned

Nestani Tukvadze (Clinical Research Unit at the National
Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia)

11.30h

A basic scientist lost in translation

Jérôme Nigou (Institute of Pharmacology and Structural
Biology, France)

12.00h

Lessons learned by dealing with interdisciplinary and international networks collaborations: the magic is in the combination

Cristina Prat (Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care, ECRAID, Netherlands)

12.30h

Performing TB clinical research in high-incidence settings: the example of the endTB trials

Lorenzo Guglielmetti (National Reference Center for Mycobacteria, Médecins Sans Frontières, France)

13.00h

Lunch

14.30h - 16.00h

Panel discussion - Deviations from the original plan: facing reality.

Albert Tuldrà (Fundació Lluita contra les Infeccions, HUGTIP, Spain), Lilibeth Arias (IGTP, Spain), Cristina Prat (Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care, ECRAID, Netherlands), & Jérôme Nigou (Institute of Pharmacology and Structural Biology, France)
Chair: Cristina Vilaplana (HUGTIP, IGTP, Spain)

Social event & dinner

09.00h

Building TB care and TB research in Namibia – a personal account of the last 9 years

Gunar Günter (Inselspital, Switzerland; Katutura State Hospital Windhoek, University of Namibia, Namibia)
Chair: Cristina Vilaplana (HUGTIP, IGTP, Spain)

09.30h

Experience on clinical trials with RUTI

Roser Escrig (Archivel, Spain)

10.00h

WHO operational research on fully oral modified shorter treatment regimens for RR/MDR-TB: from scratch to over 7000 enrolled patients in 13 European countries

Andrii Dudnik (IGTP, Spain; National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Ukraine)

10.30h

Coffee break

11.00h

The impact of COST action CA21164 (ADVANCE-TB) on TB-related research in the Republic of N. Macedonia

Zorica Nanovic (Institute for Lung Diseases and Tuberculosis, North Macedonia)

11.30h

TB diagnostics: clinical trial project at the face of war: challenges and beyond - do we have a chance for success?

Olha Konstantinovka (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine)

12.00h

Oral abstracts

Chairs: Alicia Lacoma (HUGTIP, IGTP, Spain) & Cristina Vilaplana (HUGTIP, IGTP, Spain)

13.30h

Closing remarks

Alicia Lacoma (HUGTIP, IGTP, Spain)



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