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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Ninth International Congress on Spondyloarthropathies. The rapid advances in SpA research since the last Congress two years ago have been remarkable indeed, and the field is nearly unrecognizable from the first SpA Congress in 1998, when little was known in SpA predisposition other than HLA-B27 and some infectious triggers, and there was little effective in SpA treatment than NSAIDs. This Congress will see the various themes that have dominated this research come together in a complementary and interactive manner showing a convergence of immunology, genetics, imaging, outcome studies and novel approaches to treatment.

The International Congress on Spondyloarthropathies has become the premier international research meeting focusing on SpA, and has provided a unique social and scientific forum for investigators worldwide to interact and collaborate. In the Ninth International Congress on Spondyloarthropathies we will see presentations from a broad range of researchers from the disciplines of molecular biology and cellular immunology, genetics, imaging, outcome studies and clinical research including imaging and clinical outcomes. The success of the meeting has been attributed to the high caliber of the research, a format which involves multidisciplinary expertise, and a venue which encourages both social and scientific interactions.

The program for the meeting will particularly focus on advances in genetics, including the complex networks of gene within and outside the MHC, in immunology, where in particular the critical importance of the IL17/IL23 axis and of antigen presentation will be explored, and the growing awareness of the role of the skin and intestinal mucosa in SpA pathogenesis will be highlighted, with focus in particular on skin and gut immunology and the microbiome, and on comorbidities complicating the course and prognosis of SpA. This underscores the importance of classification of early disease that will allow earlier diagnosis and novel therapeutic and behavioral interventions. The area of imaging has in particular been a challenge, and the growing awareness of the needs and challenges of utilizing this modality in early diagnosis and to identify those at highest risk for rapid progression and a poorer outcome will be explored. These major themes will be presented in a series of state-of-the-art lectures by international experts in the respective fields. The high quality of the abstracts is in particular an exciting aspect of this program, and outstanding work from young investigators worldwide will be presented in both poster and podium sessions. It is the goal of the meeting not only to contribute to disseminating these recent advances, but also to contribute to advancing the field of SpA research through communication and collaboration. This Congress has proved to be an ideal forum to build those synergies.

As Co-Presidents of the 2014 Congress, we extend a warm welcome to this exciting meeting and to the warmth and charm of the host city of Gent.

Martin Rudwaleit and John D. Reveille
Presidents of the 9th International Congress on Spondyloarthropathies
### Thursday, October 23

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**Session VI: ER stress and related responses**
Chairs: Dirk Elewaut & Paul Bowness

14.00 INV15 **ER stress in health and disease**
Bart Lambrecht, Ghent, Belgium

14.25 INV16 **Intestinal gamma delta T cells and stress**
Adrian Hayday, London, UK

14.50 INV17 **ER stress in SpA**
Robert Colbert, Bethesda, USA

15.15 Coffee Break and Poster Session 2

**Selected Short Abstract Summaries**
Chairs: Robert Colbert & Dominique Baeten

16.15 SO1 **A novel monocyte-specific transcript underlies the chromosome 21Q22 intergenic genetic association in ankylosing spondylitis**
K. Haynes, T. Kenna, E. Glazov, M.A. Brown, G.P. Thomas (Australia)

16.22 SO2 **IL-23 expression and activation of autophagy in synovium and PBMCS of HLA-B27 positive patients with ankylosing spondylitis**
B. Neerinckx, S.L. Carter, R.J. Lories (Belgium)

16.29 SO3 **Stromal overexpression of transmembrane TNF induces experimental spondyloarthritis in mice**
L.M. Van Duivenvoorde, M.N. Van Tok, D.L. Baeten (The Netherlands)

16.36 SO4 **Gut derived IL-23R+CD3+/CD4-CD8-CD56+RORc-T-bet+NKp44+ innate lymphoid cells are expanded in the peripheral blood, synovial fluid and bone marrow of ankylosing spondylitis patients**
F. Ciccia, G. Guggino, A. Rizzo, L. Saieva, A.R. Giardina, R.Alessandro, G. Triolo (Italy)

16.43 SO5 **Calgranulin levels are elevated in spondyloarthritis and reflect the presence of acute microscopic gut inflammation**
H. Cypers, G. Varkas, L. Van Praet, J. Roth, T. Vogl, D. Foell, M. Lavric, F. Van den Bosch, D. Elewaut (Belgium & Germany)

17.00 Session VII: Controversies in axSpA (industry-sponsored) - See page 13

19.30 Gala Dinner at the ‘Oude Vismijn’ (Old Fish Market)

Saturday, October 25

**Session VIII: What drives syndesmophyte formation in AS?**
Chairs: Xenofon Baraliakos & Joachim Sieper

08.30 INV20 **Inflammation and other factors relevant for radiographic progression in AS**
Robert Landewé, Heerlen, The Netherlands

08.55 INV21 **The mechanistic point of view of new bone formation in AS**
Rik Lories, Leuven, Belgium

09.20 INV22 **Which molecules might be relevant for blocking new bone formation in SpA?**
Georg Schett, Erlangen, Germany

**Selected Oral Presentations**

09.45 O4 **Autoantibody to 14-3-3ETA is a novel biomarker associated with MRI inflammation and radiographic progression in axial spondyloarthritis**
W.P. Maksymowych, S. Wichuk, M. Murphy, A. Marotta (Canada)

10.05 O6 **Disease activity in male smokers has a >10-fold amplified effect on radiographic damage in comparison with female non-smokers in ankylosing spondylitis**
S. Ramiro, A. van Tubergen, R. Landewé, C. Stolwijk, M. Dougados, F. van den Bosch, D. van der Heijde (The Netherlands, France & Belgium)

10.15 Coffee Break and Poster Session 3
### Saturday, October 25

**Selected Oral Presentations**  
Chairs: Marjatta Leirisalo-Repo & Rik Lories  

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| 11.15 | Factors associated with radiographic sacroiliitis in spondyloarthropathy (SPA): Results from cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses in a cohort of multiplex families  
F. Costantino, N. Zeboulon-Ktorza, R. Said-Nahal, M.A. D’Agostino, M. Breban (France) |
| 11.25 | Mortality and associated conditions in hospitalized ankylosing spondylitis patients  
K.W. Wysham, S.G. Murray, E.H. Yelin, L.S. Gensler (USA) |
| 11.35 | The effect of smoking cessation in ankylosing spondylitis – Results from the Scotland registry for ankylosing spondylitis (SIRAS)  
G.T. Jones, T. Ratz, L.E. Dean, G.J. Macfarlane, F. Atzeni on behalf of SIRAS (UK & Italy) |
| 11.45 | Targeting synovial mast cells in spondyloarthritis: A proof-of-concept study with the tyrosine kinase inhibitor nilotinib  
| 11.55 | Objective evaluation of physical functioning after TNFi therapy in ankylosing spondylitis patients - A selection of three feasible performance-based tests  
S.F.E. van Weely, J. Dekker, M.P.M. Steultjens, J.C. van Denderen, M.T. Numohamed, B.A.C. Dijkmans, I.E. van der Horst-Bruinsma (The Netherlands & UK) |
| 12.05 | Clinical and imaging efficacy of etanercept in early non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis: 48-week treatment data  
| 12.15 | Lunch |

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### Saturday, October 25

**State-of-the-Art Lecture**  
Chairs: Jürgen Braun & Robert Inman  

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| 14.30 | Personalized medicine using biomarkers: Reality or fiction?  
Walter Maksymowych, Edmonton, Canada |
| 15.00 | Closing Address  
John Reveille & Martin Rudwaleit, Presidents |
| 15.15 | Farewell Reception |
Industry-Sponsored Sessions

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Session I: Comorbidities and treatment decision strategies in SpA (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Atul Deodhar & Percival Sampaio-Barros

15.15 INV3 CV risk and other risk factors: A view of axial SpA, RA and SLE
Mike T. Nurmohamed, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

15.45 INV4 Predicting treatment response in axial SpA
Filip Van den Bosch, Ghent, Belgium

16.15 Coffee Break

Session II: Novel pathways and opportunities in psoriatic arthritis and beyond (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Herman Mielants & Désirée van der Heijde

16.45 INV5 Mapping the IL-23/IL-17 axis
Dirk Elewaut, Ghent, Belgium

17.15 INV6 Targets or strategies – The next steps in psoriatic arthritis management
Iain McInnes, Glasgow, UK

Session III: Current management of SpA (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Ruben Burgos-Vargas & Helena Marzo-Ortega

17.45 INV7 Axial SpA - met and unmet needs
Maxime Dougados, Paris, France

18.15 INV8 Interpretation of MR imaging in axial SpA - bridging scientific studies and clinical practice
Robert Lambert, Edmonton, Canada

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Session V: Novel inflammatory pathways and targets (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Hill Gaston & Georg Schett

11.15 INV12 Pathogenetic pathways in psoriasis and their relevance for PsA/SpA
Christopher Ritchlin, Rochester, USA

11.45 INV13 Targeting IL17 in axial SpA: From bench to bedside
Dominique Baeten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Session VII: Controversies in axSpA (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Robert Landewé & Walter Maksymowych

17.00 INV18 Distinguishing nr-axSpA and AS by imaging: Feasible and how relevant?
Désirée van der Heijde, Leiden, The Netherlands

17.30 INV19 Are TNF-blockers true DMARDs in AS - How strong is the evidence?
Lianne Gensler, San Francisco, USA

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Session IX: The future of SpA (industry-sponsored)
Chairs: Jürgen Braun & Robert Inman

13.30 INV23 How to identify new therapeutic targets in SpA?
Joachim Sieper, Berlin, Germany

14.00 INV24 Novel imaging modalities in SpA
Iris Eshed, Tel Hashomer, Israel
Poster Session 1

Poster Session 1 is scheduled during the coffee break of 10.15 – 11.15 hrs on Friday, October 24. The presenters of posters SO1–SO5 and P1 through P57 are requested to be present at their posters.

P1 Incidence and predictors of morphometric vertebral fractures in patients with ankylosing spondylitis
Kang K.Y., Kim I.J. (South Korea)

P2 The predictors of development of new syndesmophytes in female patients with ankylosing spondylitis
Kang K.Y., Lim M.J. (South Korea)

P3 Positive correlation of uric acid and bone mineral density in ankylosing spondylitis
Kang K.Y., Kim H.A., Ju J.H. (South Korea)

P4 Evaluation of extreme enthesitis and/or patient-related outcome score as potential surrogates for fibromyalgia and AS potential confounding factors of anti-TNF response
Dougados M., Jones H., Szumski A., Logeart I., Coindreau J. (France & USA)

P5 Quality of life with etanercept in early non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis
Sieper J., Drescher E., Rosa J., Pedersen R., Bonin R., Vlahos B., Bukowski J.F., Kotak S. (Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic & USA)

P6 Sirt-1 activity in PBMC from patients with spondyloarthritis - Preliminary result
Wendling D., Delattre E., Abbas W., Guillot X., Godfrin-Valnet M., Khan K.A., Toussirot E., Baud L., Prati C., Herbein G. (France)

P7 Comparison of the different pain assessment scales used in adult patients seen at the Philippine general hospital rheumatology out-patient department
Limengco-Hipe J.R., Magbitang A.T., Salido E.O. (Philippines)

P8 Quality of life of patients with psoriatic arthritis mutilans - The Nordic PAM study
Lindqvist U., Gudbjornsson B., Iversen L., Paimela L., Laasonen L., Ejstrup L., Ternowitz T., Ståhle M. (Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, Finland & Norway)

P9 Sleep quality in patients with psoriatic arthritis
Gezer O., Batmaz I., Sariyildiz M.A., Sula B., Ucmak D., Bozkurt M., Nas K. (Turkey)

P10 Survey on recognition and management of inflammatory back pain and spondyloarthritis, and their problems among Thai physicians
Tangrungruangkit M., Chiowchanwisawakit P. (Thailand)

P11 A psychometric analysis of outcome measures in trials of peripheral spondyloarthritis
Turina M., Ramiro S., Baeten D., Mease P., Paramarta J., Song I.H., Pangan A., Landewé R. (The Netherlands, USA & Germany)

P12 Chronic Back Pain (CBP) characteristics associated with the presence of sacroiliitis on Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in patients with suspected axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA): Results from the EsPeranza cohort
Navarro-Compán V., Almodóvar R., Hernández A., Beltrán E., de Miguel E., Zarco P., on behalf of EsPeranza Group (Spain)

P13 Dikkopf-1 (DKK-1) serum levels in axial spondyloarthritis (AXSpA) are related to disease duration
Navarro-Compán V., Melguizo-Madrid E., González-Rodríguez C., Navarro-Sarabia F., Ariza-Ariza R. (Spain)

P14 Axial Disease In Psoriatic Arthritis (ADIPSA) study: Prevalence and characteristics of inflammatory axial disease in psoriatic arthritis
Jadon D.R., Sengupta R., Nightingale A., Korendowych E., Lindsay M., McHugh N.J. (UK)

P15 Evaluation of the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug-sparing effect of etanercept in axial spondyloarthritis: Results of the multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled SPARSE trial

P16 Change over time in the profile of ankylosing spondylitis patients treated with infliximab in Canadian routine care
Assessing treatment durability of infliximab in the management of psoriatic arthritis patients in a Canadian setting

How should we calculate the ASDAS if the conventional C-reactive protein is below the limit of detection? An analysis in the DESIR cohort

Do not underestimate problems in work participation in recently diagnosed spondyloarthritis patients
Van der Weijden M.A.C., Boonen A., Van der Horst-Bruinsma I.E. (The Netherlands)

Comparison of the two subtypes of axial spondyloarthritis patients fulfilling the imaging arm based on radiographic and MRI findings
Solmaz D., Cetin P., Sari I., Birlik M., Onen F., Akkoç N. (Turkey)

Which Chronic Back Pain (CBP) characteristics are associated with a positive HLA-B27 in patients with suspected axial spondyloarthritis (AXSPA)? Results from the EsPeranza cohort
Navarro-Compán V., Aznar J.J., Linares L.F., Collantes-Estevez E., Zarco P., on behalf of EsPeranza Group (Spain)

Prevalence of self-reported depression in patients with axial spondyloarthritis
Meirinhos T., Aguiar R., Ambrósio C., Barcelos A. (Portugal)

Utility of enthesitis assessments in peripheral spondyloarthritis – Data from the ABILITY-2 trial
Mease P., Van den Bosch F., Baeten D., Sieper J., Song I.H., Karunaratne P., Pangan A. (USA, Belgium, The Netherlands & Germany)

High disease activity in axial spondyloarthritis patients reduces work productivity
van Hoeven L., Boonen A., Hazes J.M.W., Weel A.E.A.M. (The Netherlands)

What is the optimal strategy to refer possible axial spondyloarthritis patients from primary care to the rheumatologist?
van Hoeven L., Vergouwe Y., Hazes J.M.W., Weel A.E.A.M. (The Netherlands)

Three-year course and prediction of physical functioning and spinal mobility in ankylosing spondylitis patients treated with TNF-inhibitors
van Weely S.F.E., Kneepkens E.L., Nurmohamed M.T., Dekker J., van der Horst-Bruinsma I.E. (The Netherlands)

RAPID3 in 90 Korean patients with ankylosing spondylitis yields similar information to BASDAI and ASDAS, with greater feasibility for busy clinical settings
Choe J.Y., Kim S.K., Lee H. (Korea)

Work productivity in employed patients with ankylosing spondylitis treated with etanercept
Boonen A., Boone C., Boon T., Albert A., Mielants H. (The Netherlands & Belgium)

Long-term safety and efficacy of certolizumab pegol in patients with axial spondyloarthritis: 96-week outcomes of the RAPID-AXSPA trial

Disease activity and clinical response early in the course of treatment predicts long-term outcomes in axial spondyloarthritis and psoriatic arthritis patients treated with certolizumab pegol
van der Heijde D., Deodhar A., Fleischmann R., Rudwaleit M., Davies O., Nurminen T., Mease P.J. (The Netherlands, USA, Germany & UK)

Long-term safety and efficacy of certolizumab pegol in patients with psoriatic arthritis with and without prior anti-tumor necrosis factor exposure: 96-week outcomes of the RAPID-PsA trial
Mease P.J., Fleischmann R., Wollenhaupt J., Deodhar A., Gladman D., Arledge T., Peterson L., van der Heijde D. (USA, Germany, Canada & The Netherlands)

Observed incidence rates of uveitis following certolizumab pegol treatment in patients with axial spondyloarthritis
Rudwaleit M., Landewé R., Marzo-Ortega H., Sieper J., van der Heijde D., Rosenbaum J., Davies O., Stach C., Nurminen T., Deodhar A. (Germany, The Netherlands, UK & USA)

Impact of repeating imaging of the sacro-iliac joints over one year on the classification according the ASAS axial SpA criteria of patients
P34  C-reactive protein as a predictor of treatment response in patients with ankylosing spondylitis  
Baraliakos X., Szumski A., Koenig A., Jones H. (Germany & USA)

P35  Aortic regurgitation is common in ankylosing spondylitis and justifies routine echocardiographic screening  

P36  Comparison of the risk of developing adverse events between PsA and AS: Results from the LORHEN registry  
Atzeni F., Ricci C., Caporali R., Marchesoni A., Bongiovanni S., Favalli E., Gorla R., Pellerito R., Filipini M., Todoerti M., Paolazzi G., Bortoloti R., Fusaro E., Sarzi-Puttini P., on behalf of LORHEN Registry (Italy & Germany)

P37  Validity of ASDAS and BASDAI as a measure of disease activity in axial psoriatic arthritis  
Kilic G., Kilic E., Nas K., Karkucak M., Capkin E., Dagli A.Z., Cevik R., Ozgocmen S. (Turkey)

P38  Validity of the ankylosing spondylitis disease activity score (ASDAS) in patients with axial spondyloarthritis  
Kilic G., Kilic E., Akgul O., Ozgocmen S. (Turkey)

P39  Attitude of doctor and patient to ankylosing spondylitis: Questions of understanding  
Myasoutova L., Lapshina S. (Russia)

P40  Axial ankylosing spondylitis and radiological not: The same syndrome or different diseases? Analysis of ‘EsPeranza’ cohort  
Hernández-Sanz A., Navarro-Compán V., Fernández-Carballido C., Montilla-Morales C., Muler-Mendoza J., de Miguel E., on behalf of EsPeranza Group (Spain)

P41  Is 25mg etanercept effective in maintaining a clinical response in patients with ankylosing spondylitis who have responded to 50mg once weekly: A multicentre randomised controlled trial  
Elender F., Hamilton L., Yates M., Dean L., Doll H., Thomas H., Gaffney K. (UK)

P42  Efficacy and safety of Kunxian capsule for treatment of spondyloarthritis (SpA) and ankylosing spondylitis (AS): Results of a multi-center randomized placebo-controlled trial  

P43  A retrospective study on clinical features of IgA nephropathy in ankylosing spondylitis  
Qi J., Lv Q., Gu J. (China)

P44  TGP may intervene as immune function, maintaining clinical remission on ankylosing spondylitis patients  
Li Q., Li W., Cao S., Gu J. (China)

P45  Measurement of lateral spinal flexion and Schober is sufficient to be informed about spinal mobility in patients with ankylosing spondylitis: 12-year OASIS results  
Ramiro S., Landewé R., van der Heijde D., Stolwijk C., Dougdados M., van den Bosch F., van Tubergen A. (The Netherlands, France & Belgium)

P46  Spinal mobility gets impaired in a fixed order in patients with ankylosing spondylitis: 12-year OASIS results  
Ramiro S., Landewé R., van der Heijde D., Stolwijk C., Dougdados M., van den Bosch F., van Tubergen A. (The Netherlands, France & Belgium)

P47  A physically demanding job may amplify the effect of disease activity on radiographic progression in patients with AS  
Ramiro S., van Tubergen A., Landewé R., Boonen A., Stolwijk C., Dougdados M., van den Bosch F., van der Heijde D. (The Netherlands, France & Belgium)

P48  Initial presentation and clinical course between late-onset ankylosing spondylitis and adult-onset AS  
Lee S.H., Song R., Lee Y.A., Choi J.Y., Yang H.I., Hong S.J. (South Korea)

P49  Preliminary study of peripheral blood disorders of active ankylosing spondylitis - A retrospective study  
Lv Q., Gu J. (China)

P50  How to improve early diagnosis of axial spondyloarthritis (according to rheumatologic city center, Kazan, Russia)  
Myasoutova L., Lapshina S. (Russia)

P51  Evaluation of the two-step referral strategy for axial spondyloarthritis in the spondyloarthritides caught early cohort  
Abawi O., van den Berg R., van der Heijde D., de Hooge M., Bakker P., Huizinga T. van Gaalen F. (The Netherlands)
**Poster Session 2**

Poster Session 2 is scheduled during the coffee break of 15:15 – 16:15 hrs on Friday, October 24. The presenters of posters P58 through P120 are requested to be present at their posters.

**P58** High prevalence of undiagnosed axial SpA in patients below 45 years of age with chronic back pain visiting physiotherapists, orthopedics and ophthalmologists
Gangji V., Tant L., Delmotte N., Van den Enden M., Mielants H. (Belgium)

**P59** Defining flare in spondyloarthritis: Thresholds of disease activity variations
Godfrin-Valnet M., Puyraveau M., Wendling D. (France)

**P60** Juvenile spondyloarthritis (JSpA) in a cohort of Brazilian patients
Perez M.O., Aikawa N.E., Carrasco S., Sampaio-Barros P.D., Gonçalves C.R., Saad C.G.S., Moraes J.C.B., Goldenstein-Schainberg C. (Brazil)

**P61** Mortality and cardiovascular comorbidity in psoriatic arthritis
Juneblad K., Alenius G.M. (Sweden)

**P62** Patients with nr-axSpA show a statistically higher disease burden in clinical practice compared with patients with radiographic axial SpA
Jacobsson L.T., Husmark T., Theander E., Henriksson K., Büsch K., Johansson M. (Sweden)

**P63** Work participation in patients with axial spondyloarthritis and chronic low back pain - CaFaSpA 2 study
van Hoeven L., Boonen A., Hazes J.M.W., Weel A.E.A.M. (The Netherlands)

**P64** Do extra-articular manifestations influence outcome in ankylosing spondylitis? 12 year results from OASIS

**P65** Ankylosing spondylitis and risk of ischemic heart disease: A population-based cohort study
Essers I., Stolwijk C., Boonen A., De Bruin M.L., Bazelier M.T., de Vries F., van Tubergen A. (The Netherlands & UK)
P66 Patients with AS do not adapt to their disease: Evidence from the ‘then-test’ in patients treated with TNF-inhibitors
Essers I., van Tubergen A., Heldmann F., Baraliakos X., Braun J., Boonen A. (The Netherlands & Germany)

P67 Disease activity strongly influences work productivity and physical health related quality of life in early axial spondyloarthritis: Data from the SPACE-cohort

P68 Substantial decrease in work productivity and physical health-related quality of life in chronic back pain of recent onset: Data from the SPACE-cohort

P69 Renal disease in a cohort of axial spondyloarthritis
Meirinhos T., Aguiar R., Ambrósio C., Barcelos A. (Portugal)

P70 Clinical performance of spondyloarthritis criteria in patients aged over 45 years: Which of them should be applied for diagnosis in late-onset ankylosing spondylitis?
Bendahan L.T., Mendes J.G., Klemz B.N.C., Gomes C.M.F., Oliveira T.L., Pinheiro M.M. (Brazil)

P71 Male and female patients with axial spondyloarthritis experience disease activity differently: Results from the GLAS cohort

P72 Disease activity is the major determinant of quality of life and physical function in patients with early axial spondylarthritis: Results from the ESPERANZA cohort
Fernández-Carballido C., Navarro-Compañ V., Moreno M., Juanola X., Mulero J., de Miguel E., on behalf of the ESPERANZA Study Group (Spain)

P73 The impact of ankylosing spondylitis on work impairment – Results from the Scotland Registry for Ankylosing Spondylitis (SIRAS)
Jones G.T., Dean L.E., Macfarlane G.J., on behalf of SIRAS (UK)

P74 Enthesitis - Prevalence and association with clinical variable in axial spondyloarthritis

P75 Delay to diagnosis in axial SpA: No improvement in the UK
Sykes, M.P., Doll H., Sengupta R., Gaffney K. (UK)

P76 Unraveling the familial tendency for ankylosing spondylitis in Korea

P77 Evaluation of a triage system for patients with low back pain

P78 Remission in SpA: Only ASDAS or also a BASDAI scoring?
Nowik M., Simone D., Ferraccioli G.F., Gremese E. (Italy)

P79 Genetic and clinical predictors of response to TNF-blocker in an Italian axial-SpA cohort
Simone D., Canestri S., Nowik M., Messuti L., Miceli MC., Gremese E., Di Mario C., Tolusso B., Ferraccioli G. (Italy)

P80 Validity of ankylosing spondylitis and spondyloarthritis diagnoses in the Swedish national patient register

P81 Comparison of HLA B27 typing by flow cytometry and polymerase chain reaction assay in patients with ankylosing spondylitis

P82 The ratio of patients who were diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis by sacroiliac joint MRI
Seo Y.H., Choi S.J. (Korea)
P83 Disease severity as measured by PROMs or need for second line treatment in inflammatory bowel disease associated arthropathy: Comparison to other spondyloarthropathy subgroups
Drivelegka P., Papachrysos N., Petersson I.F., Bremaander A., Jacobsson L.T.H. (Sweden)

P84 The importance of targeting education strategies for complementary therapists dealing with potential axial spondyloarthritis patients
Sengupta R., Cook D., Gaffney K. (UK)

P85 Patients with spondyloarthritis have high cardiovascular and cerebrovascular mortality: Ontario spondyloarthritis (OnSpA) study
Haroon N., Haroon N.N., Li P., Paterson M., Inman R.D. (Canada)

P86 Baseline characteristics in early spondyloarthropathy: The BeGIANT cohort

P87 Persistently high disease activity according to the ASDAS is associated with accelerated radiographic spinal progression in patients with early axial spondyloarthritis
Poddubnyy D., Haibl M., Braun J., Rudwaleit M., Sieper J. (Germany)

P88 Reaching a status of low disease activity spontaneously over two years follow-up in active patients with non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis in comparison to ankylosing spondylitis not treated with TNF blockers
Poddubnyy D., Haibl M., Braun J., Rudwaleit M., Sieper J. (Germany)

P89 Functional relevance of the IL-23 receptor gene polymorphism rs10889677 in ankylosing spondylitis
Herrmann J., Fessler J., Stradner M., Angerer H., I. Holzer, Graninger W. (Austria)

P90 ERAP deficiency leads to reduced B27/NP383-391 immunodominant flu epitope response in influenza infected triple HLA transgenic mice
Akram A., Inman R.D. (Canada)

P91 The association of PPM1A with inflammasome activation in ankylosing spondylitis
Kim Y.G., Hong S., Chang E.J., Lee C.K, Yoo B. (South Korea)

P92 Decreased TH9 and imbalance of TH9 and TH17 in spondyloarthropathy
Ryu H.J., Lee M.K., Seo M.R., Choi H.J., Baek H.J. (South Korea)

P93 Psoriatic arthritis: Clinical and serological comparison between early and late onset
delle Sedie A., Lodato C., Cioffi E., Sardano E., Bombardieri S., Riente L. (Italy)

P94 Prevalence of peri-articular manifestations (enthesis and dactylitis) and disease activity in psoriatic arthritis patients: Impact of treatment with TNF inhibitors in a real-world Canadian population

P95 Is skin disease more important to patients or physicians in the assessment of disease activity in psoriatic arthritis?

P96 Absence of ERAP partially rescues the flu-specific Vß8.1+ CTL which are normally deleted in B7/B27 coexpressing HLA transgenic mice
Akram A., Inman R.D. (Canada)

P97 Translation and cross-cultural adaptation of the ASAS health index and the environmental item set into 15 languages

P98 Short term efficacy of tumor necrosis factor inhibitors in patients with non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritids and ankylosing spondylitis
Cetin P., Kalyoncu U., Sari I., Karadağ O., Kılıç L., Kiraz S., Onen F., Ertenli I., Akkoç N. (Turkey)
P99 Ankylosing spondylitis patients have an increased proportion of CD16+ mononuclear cells able to induce CCR6 on CD4+ T cells
Wright P.B., Utriainen L., McEntegart A., McCarey D., McInnes I.B., Siebert S., Milling S.W.F. (UK)

P100 The immunological basis of the sex-bias in ankylosing spondylitis: TH17 expansion is restricted to male patients and correlates with sex-related alteration in vitamin D metabolism

P101 Elevated serum level of CD14 in ankylosing spondylitis patients
Li Q., Lv Q., Chen X., Gu J. (China)

P102 Influence of HLA-B27 and spondyloarthritis (SpA) on the distribution of circulating TH1, TH-17 and Treg cells
Bouiller I., Leboime A., Said-Nahal R., Chiocchia G., Araujo L.M., Breban M. (France)

P103 Bromodomain inhibitors reduce TH17-type responses in spondyloarthritis in vitro
Hammitzsch A., de Wit J., Ridley A., Al-Mossawi M.H., Knapp S., Bowness P. (UK)

P104 Pattern recognition receptor induced cytokine production in macrophages from patients with spondyloarthritis

P105 Suppression of in-vitro TYPE-17 responses in SpA patients using small molecule ROR-γT inhibitors
De Wit J., Al-Mossawi M.H., Huhn M., Arancibia C.V., Powrie, F., Bowness P. (UK)

P106 Identification and phenotyping of innate lymphoid cells present in the diseased joints of patients with spondyloarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis
Al-Mossawi M.H., Manou-Stathopoulou S., De Wit J., Kendrick B., Gundler R., Bowness P. (UK)

P107 After surgery with prosthesis the infection rates in patients with ankylosing spondylitis treated by TNF alpha blockade compared to conventional NSAIDs
Lee S.H., Hong S.J., Chung S.W. (Korea)

P108 Fat metaplasia is a key intermediary in the development of sacroiliac joint ankylosis following repair of erosions in patients with spondyloarthritis

P109 Comorbidities in psoriatic arthritis: Comparison with rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis

P110 IL-6 maybe a crucial role in peripheral arthritis of ankylosing spondylitis by toll-like receptor 2 and 4
Lee S.Y. (South Korea)

P111 Ankylosing spondylitis associated ERAP1 variants trigger the unfolded protein response
Zhang Z., Haroon N. (Canada)

P112 CD74 as an autoantigen in spondyloarthritis
Witte T., Wintering O., Knesich K., Klose K., Baerlecken N. (Germany)

P113 The killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor KIR3DL2 binding to HLA-B27 licences pathogenic T cell differentiation in ankylosing spondylitis

P114 Clinical management in ankylosing spondylitis remission
Myasoutova L., Lapshina S. (Russia)

P115 A molecular basis for the killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor KIR3DL2 binding to HLA-B27 free heavy chain dimers
Hatano H., Shaw J., Marquardt K., Zhang Z., Gauthier L., Chanteux S., Rossi B., Li D., Mitchell J., Kollnberger S. (UK)

P116 Functional implications of the endoplasmic reticulum aminopeptidase 2 (ERAP2) association with ankylosing spondylitis and Crohn’s disease: Impact on the unfolded protein response
P117  Histologic and immunologic characterization of inflamed gut and sacro-iliac joints of patients with non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis
Ciccia F., Rizzo A., Guggino G., Alessandro R., Triolo G. (Italy)

P118  What have we learned about non-classical forms of HLA-B27 and its role in the pathogenesis of spondyloarthropathies?
Rysnik O.J., McHugh K., Bowness P., van Tok M., van Duivenvoorde L.M., Baeten D. (UK & The Netherlands)

P119  Human mast cells engulf and store exogenous IL-17A

P120  Calprotectin (S100A8/9) as serum biomarker for clinical response in proof-of-concept trials in axial and peripheral spondyloarthritis
Turina M.C., Yeremenko N., Paramarta J.E., De Rycke L., Baeten D.B. (The Netherlands)

Poster Session 3
Poster Session 3 is scheduled during the coffee break of 10.15 – 11.15 hrs on Saturday, October 25. The presenters of posters P121 through P182 are requested to be present at their posters.

P121  Increased production of interleukin-17 over interleukin-10 by regulatory T cells implicates ICOS molecule in experimental spondyloarthritis
Araujo L.M., Fert I., Jouhault Q., Labroquère K., Andrieu M., Chiocchia G., Breban M. (France)

P122  Low-dose of IL-2 fails to prevent spondyloarthritis development in experimental model
Araujo L.M., Jouhault Q., Fert I., Bouiller I., Chiocchia G., Lebouteiller C., Breban M. (France)

P123  Innate immune stimulation triggers altered IL-1A/B gene expression and experimental spondyloarthritis in HLA-B27/huß2m transgenic rats
Van Tok M.N., van Duivenvoorde L.M., Satumtira N., Dorris M., Taurog J.D., Baeten D.L. (The Netherlands & USA)

P124  Inflammatory bowel disease associated arthropathy: Characteristics of the disease and validity of diagnoses based on ICD-coding in Sweden
Drivelegka P., Papachrysos N., Petersson I.F., Bremaender A., Jacobsson L.T.H. (Sweden)

P125  Etanercept increases bone mineral density in ankylosing spondylitis, but does not prevent vertebral fractures
Van der Weijden M.A.C, Van Denderen J.C., Lems W.F., Nurmohamed M.T., Dijkmans B.A.C, Van der Horst-Bruinsma I.E. (The Netherlands)

P126  Induced pluripotent stem cells as a tool for evaluating disease-mediating cell types in spondyloarthritis
Layh-Schmitt G., Lu S., Navid F., Gadina M., Colbert R. (USA)

P127  HLA-B27 prevalence in a cohort of Brazilian patients with psoriatic arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis
Goldenstein-Schainberg C., Carrasco S., Saad C.G., Moraes J.C.B, Gonçalves C.R., Sampaio-BarrosP., Parra E.R. (Brazil)
P128 The amount of free heavy chain and β2m in the cytoplasm of B*2705 ankylosing spondylitis patients (AS) compared to B*2705 and B*2709 healthy subjects does not support the UPR theory - Influence of ERAP1 polymorphisms

P129 ANTXR2 might be a susceptibility gene of ankylosing spondylitis in Chinese Han

P130 SpA-associated polymorphisms of ERAP1 are correlated with gene expression and enzymatic activity of the amino-peptidase

P131 Ankylosing spondylitis-associated SNPS at the IL23R-IL12RB2 intergenic region are functionally important

P132 From SNPs to function: Transcriptional regulation of RUNX3 in ankylosing spondylitis

P133 Multiway transcriptomic analysis of monocyte-derived dendritic cells (MD-DCs) discriminates effects of disease and of HLA-B27 in spondyloarthritis (SpA)

P134 ANTXR2 is associated with ankylosing spondylitis
Karaderi T., Keidel S., Appleton L.H., Evans D.M., Wordsworth B.P. (UK & Australia)

P135 Investigation of mode of inheritance in the Chinese Han families with ankylosing spondylitis

P136 Association of EDIL3 gene polymorphisms with ankylosing spondylitis in Chinese Han

P137 BACH2 might be a susceptibility gene of ankylosing spondylitis in Chinese Han

P138 SNPS analysis of the HAPLN1 genes on ankylosing spondylitis patients and healthy subjects

P139 SNPs of FCGR2A genes in ankylosing spondylitis patients and healthy subjects
Zhang P., Li Q., Lv Q., Wu X., Gu J. (China)

P140 RNA sequencing in ankylosing spondylitis identifies a novel disease-specific transcriptome and splice variants

P141 Epigenetic study of advanced ankylosis in patients with ankylosing spondylitis

P142 Ultra sonographic evaluation of the anterior chest wall in spondyloarthritis: A prospective study
Verhoeven F., Guilhot X., Godfrin-Valnet M., Prati C., Wendling D. (France)

P143 Ultrasonographic evaluation of femoral cartilage thickness in patients with psoriatic arthritis
Batmaz I., Sarıyıldız M.A., Can I., Karkucak M., Serdar Ö.F., Yazmalar L., Çapkin E., Nas K. (Turkey)

P144 Association between spondyloarthritis features and MRI findings in patients with persistent low back pain

P145 Evaluating hip joints and entheses with power Doppler ultrasound in patients with ankylosing spondylitis before and after 6 months of TNF-α blocking therapy in daily clinical practice
P146 Clinical and imaging differences between familial and sporadic early axial spondyloarthritis: ESPERANZA cohort
Almodóvar R., Zarcó P., Brito E., Rosas J., Muñoz-Fernández S., Navarro-Compán V. and ESPERANZA GROUP (Spain)

P147 The Swedish early psoriatic arthritis (SWePsA) registry 5-year follow-up: Slow radiographic progression with highest scores in male feet and patients with baseline X-ray abnormalities
Theander E., Husmark T., Lindqvist U., Larsson P.T., Teleman A., Alenius G.M., Geijer M. (Sweden)

P148 The distribution of inflammation in the anterior and posterior spinal structures in active AS and the effect of TNFα-blockade
Baraliakos X., Hermann K.G., Xu S., Hsu B., Braun J. (Germany & USA)

P149 Spinal mobility in the cervical and the lumbar spine correlates with MRI findings in AS – Results from GO-RAISE
Baraliakos X., Hermann K.G., Xu S., Hsu B., Braun J. (Germany & USA)

P150 Treatment effect of ustekinumab on fatigue in patients with psoriatic arthritis: Results from PSUMMIT 2
Ritchlin C., Rahman P., Puig L., Gottlieb A.B., Kavanaugh A., McInnes I.B., Li S., Wang Y., Ganguly R., Mendelsohn A.M., Han C., on behalf of the PSUMMIT 2 Study Group (USA, Canada, Spain & Scotland)

P151 VEGF and CRP serum levels lack predictive value for radiographic and MRI outcomes in patients with active AS treated with the TNF-inhibitor golimumab
Baraliakos X., Hermann K.G., Xu S., Hsu B., Braun J. (Germany & USA)

P152 Serum biomarkers associated with changes in ASDAS and MRI following treatment of AS with golimumab
Inman R.D., Baraliakos X., Hermann K.G., Braun J., Deodhar A., van der Heijde D.F.M., Xu S., Hsu B. (Canada, Germany, USA & The Netherlands)

P153 Efficacy and safety of ustekinumab in PsA patients with spondylitis and peripheral joint involvement: Results from a phase 3, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study
Kavanaugh A., Puig L., Gottlieb A.B., Ritchlin C., You Y., Wang Y., Mendelsohn A.M., Song M., Rahman P., McInnes I.B., on behalf of the PSUMMIT I Study Group (USA, Spain, Canada & Scotland)

P154 Do bone marrow edema lesions in the sacroiliac joint change into fatty lesions over a 1-year period in patients with axial spondyloarthritis or possible spondyloarthritis

P155 Clinical significance for inflammatory lesions on facet joints of the spine using novel ankylosing spondylitis activity of facet joint (ASAFacet) scoring system
Lee S., Lee J.Y., Kim S.K., Kim T.H. (Korea)

P156 Validation of the new concept of backfill on MRI: A distinct reparative tissue that follows resolution of inflammation at sites of spondylarthritis joint erosion

P157 The spondyloarthritis research consortium of Canada MRI sacroiliac joint structural score: Reliable detection of structural progression even over one year

P158 Diffusing weight magnetic resonance imaging may suggest the treatment strategy in ankylosing spondylitis
Sang Yeob L., Jae Ho B., Sung Won L., Won Tae C. (South Korea)

P159 Correlation between clinical and MRI disease activity in axial spondyloarthritis
MacKay J.W., Aboelmagd S., Gaffney J.K. (UK)

P160 Performance of hybrid 18F-fluoride PET/MRI of the sacroiliac joints and the spine in patients with ankylosing spondylitis
Baraliakos X., Buchbender C., Ostendorf B., Ruhlmann V., Heusch P., Miese F., Beiderwellen K., Schneider M., Antoch G., Braun J. (Germany)

P161 Lymphatic endothelial progenitor cells and vascular endothelial growth factor-C in spondyloarthritis and Crohn’s disease: Two overlapping diseases?
Bandinelli F., Milia A.F., Lastraodi E., Manetti M., Fazi M., Arcangeli A., Matucci-Cerinic M., Ibba-Manneschi L. (Italy)
Autophagy and unfolded protein response: A fine balance that can influence the pathogenesis of ankylosing spondylitis and inflammatory bowel disease

Microscopic gut inflammation in SpA is a prognostic factor for initiation of anti-TNF therapy in daily practice
Cypers H., Varkas G., Van Praet L., Van den Bosch F., Elewaut D. (Belgium)

Validation of the ankylosing spondylitis disease activity score (ASDAS) and effectiveness of infliximab in the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis over 4 years

Intraarticular injections of SI joint are effective in AS patients’ objective
Lee S.W., Lee S., Kim T.H. (South Korea)

Comparisons of radiographic progression of ankylosing spondylitis between treatment with TNF antagonist, continuous treatment with NSAID, and on demand treatment of NSAID

Clinical response and remission in patients with non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis after three years of adalimumab therapy
van der Heijde D., Sieper J., Baeten D., Maksymowych W., Xia Y., Anderson J., Pangan A. (The Netherlands, Germany, Canada & USA)

NSAID use in patients with ankylosing spondylitis treated with and without TNF-α blocking therapy during 2-year follow-up

Spinal radiographic progression during long-term TNF-α blocking therapy in patients with ankylosing spondylitis: Results from the GLAS cohort

Development of new radiographic vertebral fractures in patients with ankylosing spondylitis during 4 years of TNF-α blocking therapy

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in axial spondyloarthritis: A Cochrane review
Kroon F., van der Burg L., Ramiro S., Landewé R., Buchbinder R., van der Heijde D. (The Netherlands & Australia)

Low dosage and short term programmed released prednisone treatment of spondyloarthritis patients is more effective in established and very active disease and in association with DMARDs

Long-term evaluation of NT-proBNP levels in ankylosing spondylitis patients under TNF blockers

Are patients with as willing to pay for treatment with infliximab?
Webers C., Essers I., Van Tubergen A., Braun J., Heldmann F., Baraliakos X., Boonen A. (The Netherlands & Germany)

Allogeneic mesenchymal stem cell transplantation in refractory ankylosing spondylitis: 24 weeks experience
Yang M., Lv Q., Li Q., Wu X., Xiang P., Chen X., Gu J. (China)

Do patients with non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis and ankylosing spondylitis respond similarly well to NSAIDs?
Baraliakos X., Kiltz U., Heldmann F., Braun J. (Germany)

Different performance of the ASDAS and BASDAI in patients with axSPA treated with NSAIDs – Results from a prospective study
Baraliakos X., Kiltz U., Heldmann F., Braun J. (Germany)

Predictors of remission in axial spondyloarthritis patients treated with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
P179  Observational study of switching anti-TNF agents in ankylosing spondylitis: Effectiveness and predictors
Saad C.G.S., Shimabuco A.Y., Ribeiro A.C.M., Moraes J.C.B., Sampaio-Barros P.D., Goldenstein-Schainberg C., Gonçalves C., Bonfa, E. (Brazil)

P180  Ustekinumab effectively reduces active inflammation as detected by magnetic resonance imaging in patients with active ankylosing spondylitis: Results of a 28-week, prospective, open-label, proof-of-concept study (TOPAS)
Poddubnyy D., Hermann K.G., Callhoff J., Listing J., Sieper J. (Germany)

P181  Infliximab induced subacute cutaneus lupus-like syndrome in patient with ankylosing spondylitis
Dai K., Holc I. (Slovenia)

P182  Influence of TNF blocker on radiographic damage in ankylosing spondylitis: OSKAR data
Kim T.J., Joo K.B., Lee S., Shin J.H., Kim T.H. (South Korea)

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Gala Dinner on Friday, October 24
The Gala Dinner will take place at the ‘Oude Vismijn’ (Old Fish Market). Separate registration and payment is required to participate in the Gala Dinner.

Here centuries-old history and high-tech facilities go hand in hand. Opposite the Castle of the Counts lies the monumental gateway (1689) to the Old Fish Market. Neptune keeps watch over the Scheldt (male) and the Lys (female).

Farewell Reception on Saturday, October 25
The Farewell Reception will take place at Flanders Opera House and is included in the registration fee. Pre-registration however is required.
PDE4 promotes the dysregulation of pro- and anti-inflammatory mediators thought to occur in inflammatory disease\(^1,2\) and is present in key inflammatory cells implicated in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.\(^2,4\)

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Exploring novel pathways and opportunities in psoriatic arthritis and beyond

Thursday 23rd October 2014 | 16.45–17.45

Welcome and introduction
Professor Désirée van der Heijde, Leiden University, the Netherlands
Professor Herman Mielants, Ghent University, Belgium

Mapping the IL-23/IL-17 axis
Professor Dirk Elewaut, Ghent University, Belgium

Targets or strategies – the next steps in psoriatic arthritis management
Professor Iain McInnes, University of Glasgow, UK

Questions and closing remarks
All
Before prescribing Enbrel please refer to full Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC).

**Contra-indications**
- Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients, sepsis or risk of sepsis,
- Re-treatment: 0.8 mg/kg (maximum per dose 50 mg) once weekly for up to 24 weeks. Discontinue if no response after 12 weeks.
- For 6-17 years: Plaque psoriasis in children aged 6-17 years – 0.8 mg/kg (maximum per dose 50 mg) once weekly. Discontinuation of treatment after 24 weeks. Inactive psoriatic arthritis in children aged 6-17 years.
- For adults: RA – 25 mg twice weekly or 50 mg once weekly. PP - 25 mg twice weekly or 50 mg once weekly.
- Chronic severe psoriasis when inadequately controlled by, or intolerant to other systemic therapy including ciclosporin, methotrexate or PUVA.
- Active and progressive psoriatic arthritis (PsA) when response to DMARDs has been inadequate. Enbrel has been shown to improve physical function in PsA and each pre-filled syringe contains 1 ml water for injections.

**Effects**
- Enbrel should be initiated and supervised by specialist physicians experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of RA, JIA, PsA, AS, PP or associated conditions.
- Discontinue if no response after 12 weeks.
- Moderate to severe psoriasis in 60% of patients treated with Enbrel for up to 24 weeks. Risks of serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma). Serious infections and other adverse events such as cancers of the breast, lung, skin and lymphatic system (lymphoma).
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**Further information**
- www.spa-congress.org
- Enbrel (etanercept) SmPC. http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/European_Medication_Information-000066912706...

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