



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)



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**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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