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BeTheCure Newsletter - for collaborators and interested external parties - 3/2012

BTCure bibliometrics acknowledged by the IMI

We are happy to inform that BTCure appeared as one of the well performing projects in IMI's first bibliometric analysis performed by Thomson Reuters to evaluate key performances indicators of IMI projects and of individual project partners. This report was published in October 2012. Thank you all for remembering to acknowledge BTCure in all publications. As a reminder; the acknowledgement should read "This work was supported by the IMI-funded project BeTheCure, 115142-2".

Reports from meetings and workshops

Annual meeting in Prague

A couple of months have passed since the first BTCure annual meeting in Prague, September 9-11, and in the Management group we can clearly see the new initiatives and collaborations that were initiated during the meeting, now coming into place and developing into fruitful work. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants for contributing to all the exiting and interesting discussions during and after the meeting. Thank you all for contributing!

Please click [here](#) for a short report from the meeting.



Annual meeting 2013

The next annual meeting will be in Prague September 15-17. The exact meeting site is not yet determined but information on this will be distributed to you all as soon as it is set.

Transparency workshop, Sep 09 2012

This workshop was focused on Intellectual Property (IP) and BTCure's internal plans and rules for data sharing. The aim of this workshop was to increase the transparency for all IMI stakeholders with regard to the invention and disclosure process of future BTCure results and how access to BTCure internal data is handled internally. External IPR experts were invited, as Patrick Sticher from unitectra presenting examples from a TechTransfer Office – as an interface between public research institutions and the business sector PR. Ivo de Nooijer from the Leiden University outlined the academic perspective of patenting. Moreover in a second part, BTCure's Project Agreement and IPR Plans were again highlighted and the restrictions and possibilities to get access to information and data within BTCure. Access rules and capabilities of planned and established BTCure databases for published as well as unpublished newly generated BTCure data were summarized. Finally, ethical and legal aspects of data and sample sharing across borders from a patient perspective were highlighted and what to consider when designing new informed consent models.

WP1C Novel targets and treatments

miRNA workshop, Montpellier, October 12-13, 2012

October 22-23 2012 an miRNA workshop was held in Montpellier, France, to further elucidate the role of microRNAs in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and other chronic inflammatory disease. BTCure WP1C and Adipoa commonly organized this workshop in order to update each other, align activities in this area and to identify potential collaborations and for comparison and future validation of achieved results.

Please click [here](#) for the full report from the workshop.



Upcoming BTCure events



3rd International Pre-RA/RA-Risk Workshop - Stockholm, January 28-29 2013. For more information, please contact

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WP2 demonstration project workshop, Stockholm January 30. For more information, please contact

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Functional Genomics Workshop at St Thomas' Hospital Campus in London at 6-8th February 2013. For more information, please contact

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EWRR

The European Workshop on Rheumatology Research (EWRR) will be held in Prague, February 28 - March 2 2013. This is not a specific BTCure event, but there will be very many BTCure collaborators attending the workshop, so if you plan to be in Prague for this meeting, please use the opportunity to also meet your BTCure colleagues.

Collaborators in the project

We will try to present all participants in the project during the project duration. This time we meet our colleagues from FHR in Milan.

Stefania Vetrano

Stefania Vetrano PhD, she works in the lab of Gastrointestinal Immunopathology headed by Silvio Danese at the Fondazione Humanitas per la Ricerca (FHR). Her research activities over the past 7 years have focused on exploring the mechanisms involved in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) pathogenesis. She together with Silvio Danese is responsible for the coordination of BTCure's WP8, which aims to study the "Interaction between adaptive and organ resident cells in RA and IBD"



Danilo Petroni

Danilo Petroni, Head of Grants Office, and his staff act as a connection between researchers and funding institutions, either public or private and represent a strategic support able to allocate funding opportunities and to optimize the management of grants already awarded. Specifically for BeTheCure, we support the scientific part helping to streamline and better utilize available resources during the entire life of the project. We also prepare the interim financial report and we relate with the coordinator for all formal activities in support of the project.

EULAR/Pare collaboration and public relations

- Florian Klett (EULAR Project Coordinator) and Marios Kouloumas (President of the Cyprus League Against Rheumatism) have actively participated in BTCure's first Annual Meeting
- A BTCure report for dissemination to patient organizations has been generated together with patient representatives (to be published soon)
- Strategies how to involve patients in our initiative have been outlined
- BTCure information material was forwarded to the 15th EULAR PARE autumn conference in Zurich
- BTCure was represented through Tom Huizinga at a workshop of the European Musculoskeletal Health Alliance on October 16, 2012. The target of this workshop was to improve the planning and coordination of research and innovation in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases

Annual IMI report

The work of preparing the 2nd annual report is currently ongoing. All work package leaders have received information and instructions on the procedure, and it may be that you are asked to contribute with information and updates. We kindly ask you all to response to such queries in due time and that we all collaborate in the nice way that we do with the scientific task of the project, also when it comes to these mandatory administrative tasks. This report will serve as one of the supporting documents for the interim review that will be in May-June 2013.

The BTCure management team wants to thank you all for your work during 2012 and hope for even more great results and collaborations during 2013. We also want to wish you all a

**Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!**



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