



Diagnostic Imaging Strategies for Patients with Stable Chest Pain and Intermediate Risk of Coronary Artery Disease: Comparative Effectiveness Research of Existing Technologies

**Annual Meeting 2017**

**Meeting Minutes of Steering Committee (SC) Meeting**

**Thursday, 16 February 2017, 3:00-4:30pm (CET, Copenhagen Time)**

**DISCHARGE Coordinator and Project Management:** Marc Dewey (MD), Adriane Napp (AN)

**Meeting Minutes:** Maria Bosserd and Melanie Estrella

**DISCHARGE Steering Committee:**

Dr. Jacob Geleijns (JG), Dr. Christine Kubiak (CK), Dr. Iñaki Gutiérrez-Ibarluzea (GI), Prof. Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn (JMN), Prof. Peter Schlattmann (PS), Prof. Klaus Kofoed (KK), Prof. Christian Delles (CD), Prof. Teodora Benedek (TB), Prof. Marco Francone (MF), Dr. Ligita Zvaigzne (LZ), Prof. Matthias Gutberlet (MG), Prof. Marc Dewey (MD)

**Absent:** Adriane Napp, Dr. Jacob Geleijns (JG), Prof. Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn (JMN), Prof. Teodora Benedek (TB)

**Additionally present:** William Hollingworth, EAB member

Nr.	Issues	Outcomes	ID
1	<b>Welcome</b>		
	Dr. Rita Faria is novel member of Dissemination Committee. She replaces Prof. Dr. Nuno Bettencourt who is now member of the External Advisory Board.	Dr. Rita Faria and Prof. Dr. Nuno Bettencourt new memberships were announced.	
2	<b>Publication in European Radiology</b>		
	First successful publication of DISCHARGE trial by DISCHARGE trial group in November 2016	The publication was announced.	
3	<b>Publication policies and proposals</b>		
	MD gives a short resume of issues discussed with the Dissemination Committee (DC) previously. He points out variations of rules for authorship can be possible: Depending on the publishing journal, only 1 author per site can be named.	The new suggestions by Dissemination Committee were agreed on.	

	Furthermore, for new proposals for publications a template will be generated and distributed to all sites after review by the DC.		
<b>4</b>	<b>Recruitment</b>		
	Patient shifts will be required for some sites.	The shifts of patients were agreed on. GI pointed out that shifts might lead to a bias. MD replied that this has to be taken into account as consequence of the organic set up of the recruitments scheme. MD explained further that reassignments of patients will also depend on quality of site performance, like e.g. eCRF completeness.	
	a) Current overview of recruitment: Currently 1273 patients were recruited by 24 clinical sites, 1203 of these were randomised (status 08.02.2017).	The announcement of the shift will be pursued in a timely manner, as KF pointed out would be important. The sites will be informed about the deadline when at least 35% of the aimed total patients have to be recruited at the meeting. Each site potentially concerned of a shift will furthermore receive an email with the number of patients required until the deadline.	
	b) Deadline for when patient shift should begin: 30.04.2017.	The deadline 30.04.2017 was confirmed.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Offer by major journal</b>		
	Major journal signalled interest in DISCHARGE primary analysis to MD a) How to proceed?	<p>MF suggested to define criteria for impact/visibility of the journals for publishing DISCHARGE results.</p> <p>CD pointed out there is no warranty for a publication of the results by the editors in question.</p> <p>MF raised concern the quality of the work might suffer if deals were made with journal editors.</p> <p>CD suggested to write to other journals to offer the trial.</p> <p>MF proposed the idea to offer Lancet to publish secondary outcome results before primary results; alternatively pilot study data and only certain secondary analyses might be published first, then primary analysis.</p> <p>KK asked what would happen if the first publication claimed CT is safe and second did not?</p>	

		<p>IG replied it would be not ethical to withhold significant safety issues as soon as they are known.</p> <p>MD asked which journals would be preferred by the SC members. Dissemination committee members would prefer publication in one of the big five journals which all have high impact and readership.</p> <p>KK and MF pointed out European journals would be better than American journal since DISCHARGE is a European trial.</p> <p>MD suggested a decision about a strategy on the proceeding should be made: All Steering Committee members should send their suggestion to him by email until March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Then the Steering Committee should decide within 2 -3 weeks about this like the Dissemination Committee will, too.</p>	
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