The Keys to IBD 2010: Treatment, Diagnosis and Pathophysiology

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Dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Falk Symposium 172 “The Keys to IBD 2010: treatment, diagnostics and pathophysiology” to be held in Miami close to the Florida keys. We learned about the most important mediators of inflammation in the mucosa twenty years ago and effector-molecules that cause influx of inflammatory cells into the mucosa ten years ago. On the basis of these insights, the understanding of the pathophysiology of inflammatory bowel disease has made tremendous progress during the last decade. Indeed we have gained “new keys” to pathophysiology, which in turn have led to the development of innovative therapies that we now apply in our clinical practice. Recent findings on innate immune functions and barrier disturbances in the mucosa of IBD patients certainly will find their way into clinical practice in the near future.

Working in a medical field with such a rapid development is rewarding but also challenging: We have to keep up-to-date with respect to new diagnostic procedures and questions on treatment modalities.

We have tried to put together a program that reflects that need. A number of renowned specialists that has accepted our invitation will explain the new keys to pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, diagnostic procedures and therapeutic approaches in order to help obtain the greatest benefits, the lowest rate of unwanted effects and the best quality of life for our IBD patients. We have also invited a number of non-gastroenterologists to cover important aspects relevant for IBD patients such as vaccination strategies or surveillance programs for patients under immunosuppression. Additionally we want to clarify terms that are frequently discussed but still are not well defined such as “early IBD”, “accelerated step up treatment”, “supportive therapy” and “quality of life”. The FALK Foundation meetings have a longstanding tradition and are famous for their excellent presentations of state-of-the-art knowledge on gastrointestinal diseases.

We look forward to meet you in Miami

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The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.com one week before.
Friday, March 26, 2010

8.00 Opening remarks

Session I
Impact of new keys in pathophysiology on IBD treatment

Chairmen: J. Cho, Chicago; B. Sartor, Chapel Hill

8.15 New insights into IBD genetics – What have we learned and where do we go from here? S. Schreiber, Kiel

8.40 T-cell subpopulations in IBD: What do they tell us? W. Strober, Bethesda

9.05 Cytokines and chemokines in IBD: What are the most interesting targets and why? M. Neurath, Erlangen

9.30 State-of-the-art lecture I
Genes and environment: How will our concepts on the pathophysiology of IBD develop in the future? R. Blumberg, Boston

10.00 Coffee break with poster session

Session II
New keys to diagnostic procedures: Laboratory markers

Chairmen: D. McGovern, Los Angeles; M. Vatn, Oslo

10.25 New insights into IBD epidemiology – Are there any lessons for treatment? C. Bernstein, Toronto

10.50 Smoking, physical activity, nutrition and lifestyle: Environmental factors and their impact on IBD J. Cosnes, Paris

11.15 New serologic markers for diagnosis I. Dotan, Tel Aviv

11.40 Can serologic markers help determine prognosis and guide therapy? M. Dubinsky, Los Angeles

12.05 What about molecular predictors of prognosis and therapy: Are they the future? M. Silverberg, Toronto

12.30 Lunch break with poster session
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Session III
New keys to diagnostic procedures: MRI, CT and endoscopy

Chairmen: E. Loftus, Rochester; J. Panés, Barcelona

13.30 CT enterography: Is it the current state-of-the-art for small bowel diagnostics?  D. A. Bruining, Rochester

13.55 MRI enterography: Is it the future of small bowel diagnostics?  S. Feuerbach, Regensburg

14.20 Capsule endoscopy and double balloon: When do we really need it?  H. Herfarth, Chapel Hill

14.45 Chromoendoscopy: What is its true value for UC surveillance?  R. Kiesslich, Mainz

15.10 Coffee break with poster session

Session IV
General treatment considerations

Chairmen: D. Sachar, New York; W. Sandborn, Rochester

15.40 What is “early IBD” – How does the time from diagnosis and the presence or absence of complications and previous surgery influence the response to therapy?  G. D’Haens, Bonheiden

16.05 What is “accelerated step up” treatment – What are the time parameters for advancing conventional therapy?  R. Panaccione, Calgary

16.30 What is “supportive therapy” – What concomitant diagnoses must be considered and treated?  D. Binion, Pittsburgh

16.55 What is the patient’s perspective – How important are patient reported outcomes, quality of life and disability?  L. Peyrin-Biroulet, Nancy

17.20 State-of-the-art lecture II
Evolving concepts in IBD therapy: What should be studied in the future  J. Schölmerich, Regensburg

17.50 End of afternoon session
Session V
New keys to the treatment of ulcerative colitis

Chairmen: W. Kruis, Cologne; B. Lashner, Cleveland

8.00 Does treatment schedule matter?  
Once daily versus three times daily 5-ASA  
S. Kane, Rochester

8.25 New keys to maintenance treatment  
P. D. Higgins, Ann Arbor

8.50 Lecithin and the mucus layer:  
Evidence for therapeutic efficacy?  
W. Stremmel, Heidelberg

9.15 Role of biologics in UC: What is the time point in disease  
development to use them?  
S. Hanauer, Chicago

9.40 When is the best time for colectomy?  
R. Cima, Rochester

10.00 Coffee break with poster session

Session VI
New keys to immunosuppression

Chairmen: J. Markowitz, New York; G. Rogler, Zurich

10.30 Surveillance strategies in IBD patients –  
A dermatologist’s sight  
C. Ulrich, Berlin

10.55 Hepatoxicity of IBD therapy – A hepatologist’s sight  
J. H. Lewis, Washington

11.20 Epstein Barr virus and lymphoma in HIV  
immunocompromised patients  
D. Weinstock, Boston

11.45 Vaccines and IBD: A vaccinologists’ perspective  
C. N. Kotton, Boston

12.10 State-of-the-art Lecture III  
Immunosuppression and biologic therapy  
W. S. Sandborn, Rochester

12.40 Lunch break with poster session
Session VII
New keys to CD therapy I

Chairmen: B. Feagan, London (ONT); V. Gross, Amberg

14.00  What options do we have for induction therapy?  C. A. Siegel, Lebanon
14.25  What options do we have for maintenance therapy?  E. F. Stange, Stuttgart
14.50  How rapid should a remission be achieved?  K. Isaacs, Chapel Hill
15.15  Are there options for patients that failed to respond to biologics?  S. Ghosh, Calgary
15.40  Does it make sense to avoid surgery in CD patients?  F. Remzi, Cleveland

16.05  Coffee break with poster session
16.30  Presentation of Poster Prizes  G. Rogler, Zurich
       W. S. Sandborn, Rochester

Session VIII
New keys to CD therapy II

Chairmen: G. Lichtenstein, Philadelphia; L. Mayer, New York

16.40  Fistula treatment: The unresolved challenge  S. Vavricka, Zurich
17.05  Drug monitoring of azathioprine and infliximab: Is it useful and when?  M. Abreu, Miami
17.30  Pouchitis and pouch dysfunction  B. Shen, Cleveland
17.55  Prebiotics and helminths: The “natural” solution?  J. Weinstock, Boston

18.20  End of meeting
Poster Session
Posters will be exhibited on March 26–27, 2010, at the InterContinental Miami. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters
Please submit your poster abstract before November 30, 2009. Only one-page abstracts not exceeding 250 words, written in English and saved in Microsoft Word format will be accepted. Abstracts must be submitted via our Internet Abstract Submission System (http://www.falkfoundation.com/poster) where further information regarding the submission format and the submission process is available. The abstracts will be selected by the scientific organizers, preference being given to those thematically related to one of the sessions of the program. The accepted abstracts will be printed and distributed to the participants of the congress together with the documents of the meeting. The authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in December 2009.

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For the first author of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (March 25–28, 2010) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during the Falk Symposium 172. Travel expenses are not covered.

Poster prizes
Three prizes will be awarded for the best presentations. Prize winners will be presented with a prize certificate and cheques for € 1.500,-, € 1.000,- and € 500,- respectively. Travel expenses will be covered additionally for the first author of prize winning posters.
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- Refreshments during coffee breaks  
- Lunch on March 26 and 27, 2010  
- A copy of the abstract volume
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