

Committee Report 2024
ESO Trials Network Committee

Report of the ESO Trials Network Committee

Trials Network Committee – 10 members

- **Jean-Marc Olivot, France (Chair)**
- Christine Roffe, United Kingdom
- Maria Alonso De Leciñana Cases, Spain
- Michael Knoflach, Austria
- Milani Deb-Chatterji, Germany
- Robin Lemmens, Belgium
- Silke Walter, Germany
- Smriti Agarwal, UK
- Thomas Meinel, Switzerland
- Annette Fromm, Norway

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Operational meetings:

Quarterly steering group meetings:

- 4th March 2024
 - 25th March 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 22nd April 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 2nd May 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 3rd June 2024
 - 9th September 2024
 - 14th October 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 28th October 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 26th November 2024 (Project Update Meeting)
 - 2nd December 2024
 - 17th December 2024 (Meeting with GAINS)
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- **Discussion of data on trial regulations, different collaborations, pre-ESOC ESOTA Symposium 2025 and educational activities such as webinars, the Survey on RCTs.**

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Pre-ESOC Symposium 16th May 2024

Setting up a Platform trial

Mira Katan (Switzerland)

(Multi)-Omics to inform acute stroke care and prognoses: what, when, why, and how?

Naomi Vlegels (Germany)

Platform trial design

Philip Bath (UK)

From Mendelian Randomisation to clinical practice

Martin Dichgans (Munich, Germany)

Do's and don'ts in non-inferiority trials

Craig Anderson (Australia)

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Educational activities

- Last Webinar:

29th November 2024, 16-17.00h

Topic: ESO Trials Alliance – Building and Expanding National Research Networks

- **Development and management of a successful national research network**

Thomas Meinel (Switzerland)

- **Trials and tribulations of establishing a national research network in a small country**

Daniel Strbian (Finland)

- **Update on the ESOTA Research funding Survey**

Smirti Agarwal (UK)

- **DO IT - A new international multicentre study open within the network**

Thomas Meinel (Switzerland)

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ESOTA Research funding Survey

Through this survey, ESOTA aims to gain a better understanding of the level of national and EU funding allocated to stroke research. Data will be collected from stroke research networks as well as national and EU funding bodies. The survey was distributed to 16 members of the trial networks.

https://survey.lamapoll.de/ESO_ESOTA_Survey-project_2024/en

The survey focused on RCTs with the following characteristics:

- Date of funding 1.1.2022 - 31.12.2023.
- RCT can be part of a funded project (e.g. work package of large-scale EU funding) or can be co-funded by public money and industry (applied research).
- All trials that randomize patients to defined intervention or control group (not only pharmacological trials, also disease management, rehabilitation, ...). Platform trials or similar study designs do qualify for this evaluation.
- RCTs must be prospective in design and should **not** compare an intervention to a historical control.

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New idea for future Webinars:

We would like to set up a new webinar where RCTs coordinators could pitch their projects to colleagues in order to get their opinion and eventually expand the number of recruiting centers of other national networks.

Next Conference Session

ESOTA Interactive Networking Session - Connecting Minds, Advancing Trials – 20th May, Helsinki

Interactive Input Presentations	
Welcome	
How to become a (female) stroke trialist – success factors and lessons learned	Joanna Wardlaw
Hurdles in clinical trials	Bart van der Worp
Software for managing and aiding large-scale image analysis and cohort-based studies	Helge Kniep
Funding for Stroke Trials – Results and implications of the ESOTA Survey	Smriti Agarwal & Michael Knoflach
ESOTA Networks & Trials Updates	
Brief updates from present networks	Various
Brief updates on going trials (TIMELESS TNT, Survey on Lacunar Stroke, TRUTH II)	Pierre Seners , Joachim Fladt, Nyika Kruyt

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The trial regulations

- The trial regulations from 15 countries are available on the website: <https://eso-trialsalliance.org/resources/trial-regulations/>
- These regulations are verified and updated when needed.

Ongoing trials in Europe

- 17 trials are available on the website: <https://eso-trialsalliance.org/resources/ongoing-trials-in-europe/>
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