Questionnaire on the current use of itch measurement tools

Name: ______________________________  Country: ______________________________

If you should design a randomized controlled trial (RCT) for the evaluation of the antipruritic potency of a new drug, how many tools would you suggest to be included into this study:

□ 1  □ 2  □ 3  □ > 3

Which ones?

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Do you suggest including the visual analog scale (VAS)?  □ yes  □ no

If no, please give a reason:

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How should VAS be used in the RCT?  (please consider every line separately; more than one answer possible)

□ at each study visit only  □ on a daily basis (“patient diary”)  □ study visit and diary

□ once daily  □ twice daily (each 12 hours)  □ thrice daily (morning, afternoon, night)

□ scoring the mean itch  □ scoring the worst itch  □ scoring the lowest itch  □ all

How would you grade VAS in different itch severity grades (e.g. 0-3.3 points as weak pruritus)?

Weak pruritus: ____________  Moderate pruritus: ____________  Severe pruritus: ____________

Which VAS point reduction is at least necessary for measurement of an antipruritic effect?______

Do you suggest a tool for the quality of life measurement?  □ yes  □ no

Which one?: ______________________________________________________________________

Do you suggest a tool for the night sleep measurement?  □ yes  □ no

Which one?: ______________________________________________________________________

Do you suggest a tool for the anxiety and depression measurement?  □ yes  □ no

Which one?: ______________________________________________________________________

Do you suggest a tool for the scratching activity measurement?  □ yes  □ no

Which one?: ______________________________________________________________________

Which not-yet developed other tool could you imagine to be beneficial for your RTC?

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Concerning to your opinion, which is the most important issue to discuss?

□ Development of tools for measurement of itch course in children

□ General use of itch measurement tools in clinical trials

□ Development of night sleep measurement tool

□ Statement on use of VAS in clinical trials

□ Development of new tools to score itch

□ Development of patient reported outcome questionnaires

□ Other: ____________________________________________________________