

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:

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Which ones? _____

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

If no, please give a reason: _____

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?

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: _____