



**EBF - Focus Workshop – agenda**  
**Current Analysis of Immunogenicity:  
Best Practices and Regulatory Hurdles**

**27-28 September 2016 , Lisbon**  
**The Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal**

**26-Sep-16**

17:00 – 19:00 Registration desk opens

**27-Sep-16**

07:30 Registration desk opens

**08.45 – 09.00 Welcome and aim of the meeting**

**09:00 – 10.10 The current landscape and future challenges on immunogenicity**

09:00 - 09:30 The current regulatory landscape on immunogenicity  
*Michaela Golob, on behalf of the EBF*

09:30 - 09:50 EMA view on immunogenicity regulations  
*Venke Skibeli, Avd. for legemiddelutredning, Norway*

09:50 - 10:10 FDA Regulatory perspectives on therapeutic protein immunogenicity- an update  
*João A. Pedras-Vasconcelos, FDA/CDER/OBP/DRR3, US*

**10:10 – 10:40 Coffee break & networking**

**10:40– 12:30 A rapidly changing regulatory environment**

10:40 - 11:00 EBF's feedback to the EMA and FDA draft guidance  
*Jo Goodman, on behalf of the EBF*

11:00 - 12:30 *Panel discussion*

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 – 15:00 Challenges of drug tolerance and interferences**

13:30 - 13:45 Case study 1 – Strategies for improving ADA assay sensitivity, when high drug or target concentrations cause interference  
*James Munday, Covance*

13:45 - 14:00 Case study 2 – Overcoming drug & target interference in ADA and NAb assays  
*Robert Nelson, Novimmune*

14:00 - 14:15 Case study 3: Reflections on the use of acid treatment for improving drug tolerance in ADA assays  
*Nicoline Videbæk, NovoNordisk*

14:15 - 14:30 Case study 4 – Pitfalls in ADA Analysis - Workarounds for Clinical Meaningful Immunogenicity Assessment  
*Thomas Emrich, F. Hoffmann - La Roche*

14:30 - 15:30 *Panel discussion*



**15:30 – 16:00**      **Tea break**

**16:00 – 18:00**      **Alternatives for NAb assessment**

16:00 - 16:30 Strategies to assess the neutralizing capacity of Biopharmaceuticals  
*Daniel Kramer, Sanofi*

16:30 - 17:00 Strategies to determine assay format for the assessment of neutralizing  
Antibody responses to biotherapeutics  
*Jim McNally, Merck Serono, on behalf of the AAPS Immunogenicity DG*

17:00 - 18:00 *Panel discussion*

**18:00**                      **End of day 1**

## **28-Sep-16**

**09:00 – 13:00**      **Cut-point setting in ADA and NAb assays**

09:00 - 09:30 Setting cut points – a statistician’s perspective  
*Simon Cowen, LGC*

09:30 - 10:30 Simplified strategy for immunogenicity cut point evaluations & some  
practical considerations  
*Viswanath Devanarayan, Abbvie*

**10:30 - 11:00**      **Coffee break & networking**

11:00 - 11:20 Pitfalls in cut-point setting  
*Timo Piironen, Syrinx Bioanalytics*

11:20 - 11:40 Challenges with pre-existing anti-drug antibodies  
*Denise Sickert, Novartis*

11:40 - 13:00 *Panel discussion*

**13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:00**      **Closing Focus Workshop panel discussion**

**15:00 – 15:30**      **Tea break**

**15:30 – 16:00**      **Summary, conclusion and next steps**

**16:00**                      **Adjourn**

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### **MEETING ORGANISATION**

Jo Goodman (MedImmune) – Michaela Golob (Merck) – Marianne Scheel Fjording (NovoNordisk) – Robert Nelson (NovImmune) – David Egging (Synthon) – Timo Piironen (Syrinx Bioanalytics) – James Munday (Covance) - Philip Timmerman (Janssen R&D)

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