



IMMUNE MEDIATED DISEASES OF THE GI TRACT – TREAT TO TARGET APPROACH

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Symposium 239

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Scientific Organization:

Prof. Jane Andrews, Adelaide
(Australia)

Prof. Dr. Axel Dignass, Frankfurt
(Germany)

Prof. Richard Geary, Christchurch
(New Zealand)

Prof. Rupert Leong, Sydney
(Australia)

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Rogler, Zurich
(Switzerland)

Congress Venue:

Hyatt Regency Hotel Sydney
161 Sussex Street
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your name badge should be clearly
visible.

Accompanying persons are not
permitted during the conference at
any time.

Call for Posters:

An ePoster session will be held.
For details see page 14.

Start of Registration:

Thursday, March 20, 2025
16:00 - 20:00 h
at the congress office

**Publication Date of the Final
Program:**

March 2025

The final program will be
available on the website
www.falkfoundation.org one week
before the start of the symposium.

Friday, March 21, 2025

09:00 Welcome and opening remarks
Rupert Leong, Sydney

SESSION I

Is treat-to-target the ideal strategy in immune-mediated GI diseases (IBD, EoE, microscopic colitis)? Debate

Chairs: *Gerald Holtmann, Brisbane; Michael A. Kamm, Melbourne*

09:10 Pro
Axel Dignass, Frankfurt

09:30 Con
Peter Gibson, Clayton

09:50 **Panel discussion**
Moderation: *Lena Thin, Murdoch*
Discussants: *Axel Dignass, Peter Gibson, Gregory Moore, Dan Turner*

10:10 Adjudication: Audience voting via smartphone

10:15 Summary
Richard Geary, Christchurch

10:30 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION II

IBD strategies & assessments

Chairs: *Richard Geary, Christchurch, N. N.*

11:00 Holistic patient assessment: Depression, fatigue, pain, social integration - how does it impact therapy?
Akilesh Swaminathan, Christchurch

11:15 Trajectory modeling in IBD patients: A help to stratify treatment decisions?
Stefan Schreiber, Kiel

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11:30 IUS and calprotectin: Greater cost effectiveness over MRE and colonoscopy?
N. N.

11:45 Early surgery in Crohn's disease: Underused?
Willem A. Bemelman, Amsterdam

12:00 **Panel discussion**
Discussants: *Willem A. Bemelman, Richard Geary, Ailsa Hart, Stefan Schreiber, N. N.*

12:30 **Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION III

Old and new drugs in IBD

Chairs: *Maria T. Abreu, Miami; Aviv Pudipeddi, Concord; N. N.*

13:30 5-ASA optimisation & combination oral/topical
Britta Siegmund, Berlin

13:50 The case for thiopurines (including thioguanine)
N. N.

14:10 JAKi and S1P: Efficacy and safety
Silvio Danese, Milan

14:30 Anti-IL23 (including reimbursement barriers in Australia)
Taku Kobayashi, Tokyo

14:50 Microbial therapies: Prebiotic, postbiotic and FMT
Damjana Bogatic, Woodville

15:10 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

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SESSION IV

IBD into the future

Chairs: *Jane Andrews, Adelaide; N. N.*

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- 15:40** Epidemiology: Compounding prevalence
N. N.
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- 16:00** How to deal with the tsunami of drug use/resource utilization
N. N.
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- 16:20** Models of care, innovations (remote) in IBD and non-IBD
Sang Hyoung Park, Seoul
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- 16:40** Treatment options, treatment changes: Which, when, why
Remo Panaccione, Calgary
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- 17:00** **Closing remarks**
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SESSION V

Eosinophilic esophagitis

Chairs: *Yoon-Kyo An, Brisbane; Susan Connor, Sydney*

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- 08:30** The role of AI in endoscopy of EoE
Helmut Messmann, Augsburg
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- 08:50** EoE symptoms: Inflammation versus fibrostenosis
Santosh Sanagapalli, Sydney
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- 09:10** EoE therapy: Steroids versus biological agents
Luc Biedermann, Zurich
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- 09:30** EoE diet: Role of diet in EoE therapy?
Emma Halmos, Melbourne
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- 09:50** Maintenance therapy: Treat to target?
Hamish Philpott, Adelaide
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- 10:10** **Case discussion (local faculty)**
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- 10:30** **Coffee break with poster session**
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SESSION VI

Diarrhea & microscopic colitis: Treat-to-target paradigm

Chairs: *Matthieu Allez, Paris; Rupa Banerjee, Hyderabad*

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- 11:00** The diarrheal world: Causes & diagnostic approach
Gillian Watermeyer, Cape Town
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- 11:20** Microscopic colitis: Epidemiology, risk factors, treatment
N. N.
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11:40 Eosinophilic enteritis & colitis
N. N.

12:00 **Presentation of poster awards**

12:20 Checkpoint inhibitor colitis
Andrew D. Buckle, Launceston

12:40 **Cases & discussion presented by registrars**

13:00 **Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION VII

Strictures in Crohn's disease

Chairs: *Raja Affendi Raja Ali, Selangor; Gerhard Rogler, Zurich*

14:00 Clinical, imaging and biomarker assessment of Crohn's disease strictures and applying a treat-to-target approach
Florian Rieder, Cleveland

14:20 Drug therapy strictures: Where are we now and in the future?
Iris Dotan, Tel Aviv

14:40 Endoscopic approaches to strictures and combination with advanced therapy
John Chetwood, Melbourne

15:00 Strictureplasty versus resection – which one and how?
N. N.

15:20 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

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SESSION VIII

Other opportunities to optimize; Comorbidities in IBD

Chairs: *Marla C. Dubinsky, New York; Rupert Leong, Sydney*

15:50 Obesity (including management)
Patricia Kaazan, Adelaide

16:10 Cardiovascular comorbidities and how to assess them
Ashwin N. Ananthakrishnan, Boston

16:30 Mortality in IBD: Cancer, clots, infections
Kate Lynch, Adelaide

16:50 Primary sclerosis cholangitis
Vineet Ahuja, New Delhi

17:10 Anemia
Jane Andrews, Adelaide

17:30 Fatigue
N. N.

17:50 **Closing remarks**

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POSTER SESSION

ePosters will be exhibited on our ePoster screens on March 21-22, 2025. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your poster abstract before December 1, 2025.

Abstracts must be submitted via our Internet Abstract Submission System (<https://poster.falkfoundation.com>) where further information regarding the submission format and the submission process is available.

The abstracts will be selected by the scientific organizers, with preference being given to those thematically related to one of the

sessions of the congress. The accepted abstracts will be published in the final program of the meeting

Poster authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in January 2025.

For the first author of an accepted poster, accommodation expenses (March 20-23, 2025) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during Symposium 239. Travel expenses will not be covered.

POSTER AWARDS

Three prizes will be awarded for the best poster presentations. Winners will be asked to give a short presentation (2 - 5 minutes) of their poster during the award ceremony.

Award winners will be presented with a certificate and prize money of EUR 3000, EUR 2000 and EUR 1000.

Travel expenses will also be covered for the first authors of the three winning posters.

REGISTRATION

Please contact your local Dr Falk Pharma representative for more information.

CONGRESS FEES

Scientific Program of Symposium 239	EUR 300
Students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 150

The congress fees include:

- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 19 h
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Friday, March 21 and on Saturday, March 22, 2025
- A copy of the final program

CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

Opening Hours:

Thursday, March 20, 2025	16:00 - 20:00 h
Friday, March 21, 2025	08:00 - 17:30 h
Saturday, March 22, 2025	08:00 - 18:15 h

The Falk Foundation will take pictures during the meeting. Additionally, parts of the meeting might be recorded. By participating all attendees consent and agree with the recording and the photo shoots.

ARRIVAL

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By plane

The Hyatt Regency Sydney is located adjacent to Darling Harbour, about 8 km from Sydney Airport (SYD). You can either take a taxi (20-25 minutes in light traffic (45-55 AUD) or take public transportation (train) to Town Hall Station in 16-25 minutes, with one change at Central Station.

By train

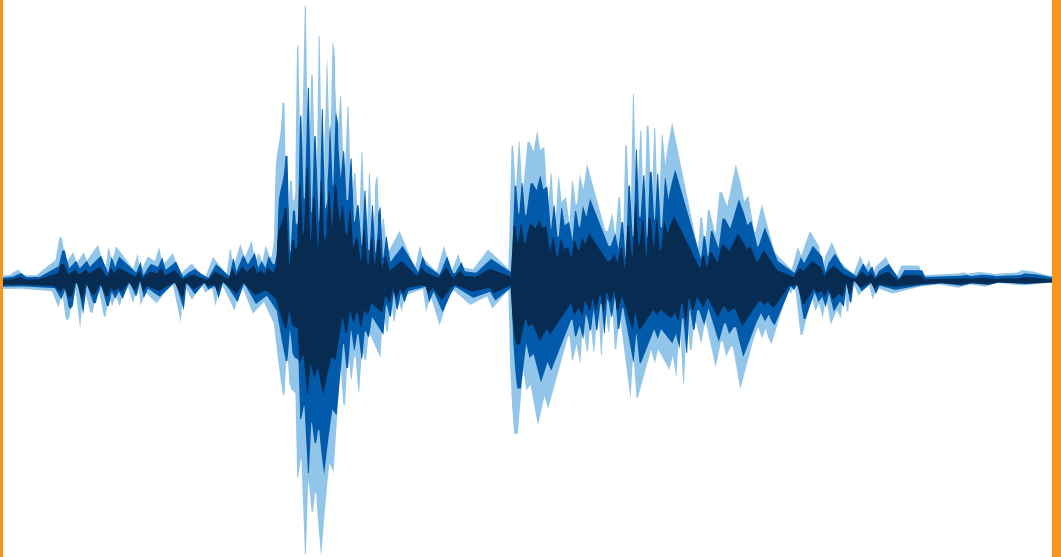
Town Hall Train Station is just 650 m away (10 min walking distance).

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