## The Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) Roadmap

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## The problem



Atopic eczema/eczema/atopic dermatitis (Neurodermitis)



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What's all the FSSS about?

Take it EASI

TIS a right mess

Me too!

**Meet my SIS** 

My name is ADAM

ress.y for "Patriarchs and Prophets."

THE TOWER OF BABEL.

SCORAD scores again

SASSAD rules OK

Give me a POEM

**ADASI tonight?** 

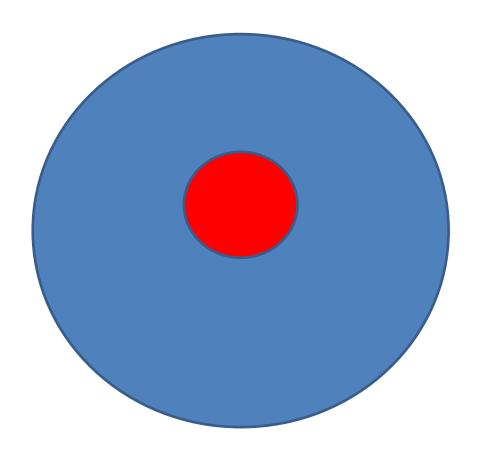
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IGADA bad headache



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## What we need: *core* outcomes set (COS)





#### The HOME initiative

HOME = Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema

Founded in 2010 (Schmitt and Williams 2010)

Aim: to develop and implement a COS for (atopic) eczema

Global & multiprofessional

Evidence-driven and evidence-generating



## The HOME roadmap

Methods to develop and implement COS not standardized (Williamson 2012)

→ Need for a methodological framework

The Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) Roadmap: A Methodological Framework to Develop Core Sets of Outcome Measurements in Dermatology

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## **Step 1: Define scope**

- Condition: (atopic) eczema
- Setting: clinical trials & recordkeeping
- Geographical scope: global
- Stakeholders: patients, healthcare professionals, researchers, regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical companies

Involving stakeholders globally needs proactive approach!



## **Step 2: Define core set of outcome domains**

Use of consensus methodology, e.g. Delphi

Consensus process should be based on a priori protocol

Protocol should include consensus rules

HOME agreed that consensus is reached when less than 30% of voters disagree



## **HOME Delphi questionnaire**

## Indication of the importance of outcome domains for eczema on a 9-point Likert scale (rounds 1 and 2)

Scores 1-3: domain is not important

Scores 4-6: equivocal

Scores 7-9: domain is important

Final round: Explicit question on whether or not to include outcome domain into the core set

#### 2 different contexts / settings

Clinical trials
Record keeping in daily practice

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Outcome domain Universität Regensburg	Proportion recommending including outcome domain into the CORE SET of outcomes for eczema that should be routinely assessed in every CLINICAL TRIAL on eczema?				Consensus to include domain into core set		
	Consumer s (n=6)	Experts (n=29)	Agency (n=1)	Editors (n=7)	YES	Un- clear	NO
Clinical signs (physician)	100%	100%	100%	100%	•		
Clinical signs (patient)	17%	21%	0%	0%			•
Investigator global assessment	33%	59%	0%	57%			•
Patient global assessment of	17%	34%	0%	29%			•
Symptoms	83%	76%	0%	57%	•		
Quality of life (specific)	33%	72%	100%	86%		•	
Quality of life (general)	17%	3%	0%	0%			•
Short term control of flares	33%	7%	0%	0%			•
Long term control of flares	67%	62%	100%	43%	•		
Cost	17%	3%	0%	0%			•
Overall extent of disease	17%	21%	0%	14%			•
Involvement of high expr. areas	17%	7%	0%	14%			•
Treatment utilization	17%	31%	0%	14%			•



### **Preliminary core set of outcome domains**

#### **Clinical trials**

- Measurement of eczema symptoms
- Physician-assessed clinical signs using a score
- Measurement for long term control of flares

### Recordkeeping in daily practice

- Measurement of eczema symptoms



## **HOME II meeting (Amsterdam 2011)**

- 43 people came from around the world (included 4 consumers)
- Presentations, discussions and key pad voting
- Consensus rules if less than 30% disagree



## Results from HOME II Refined core set of domains to include:

- ✓ Symptoms
- ✓ Clinical signs using a score
- ✓ Long term control of flares
- ✓ Quality of life

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## **HOME** working groups

#### Signs Group

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#### Long term control

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#### Structure of the HOME initiative

**Executive Committee** 

Scientific Advisory Board

Project Coordinator (based at the Centre of Evidence Based Medicine in Nottingham, UK)

Research working groups



## **Step 3: Define core set of outcome measurement instruments**

- Aim: identify, validate, or develop an appropriate measurement instrument for each core outcome domain
- Ideally, one best instrument should be identified for each core outcome domain
- Five stages



## **Stages 1 & 2**

Aim	Identify all measurement instruments previously used to assess the domain of interest
Method	Systematic review
Output	Long list of outcome measurement instruments

Aim	To investigate the extent and quality of testing and the measurement properties of existing measurement instruments
Method	Systematic review
Output	Summary of extent, quality and results of any testing of the existing measurement instruments



## **Stage 3**

Aim	Determine which instruments are of good enough quality to be shortlisted for further consideration
Method	Consensus discussion and voting in relation to truth, discrimination and feasibility (OMERACT filter, Boers 1998)
Output	Short list of potential instruments that meet the requirements of the OMERACT filter



## **Stage 4**

Aim	To fully validate shortlisted measurement instruments (to fill the gaps in validation)
Method	Consensus discussion and voting to determine what validation studies need to be conducted Appropriate methods for validation studies
Output	Short list of fully tested instruments



## **Stage 5**

Aim	To determine the core outcome instrument for the domain of interest
Method	Re-application of the OMERACT filter with the results of the completed validation studies  Consensus discussion and voting to determine on core outcome instrument to be recommended
Output	Recommended core outcome measurement instrument



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## **HOME III meeting, San Diego 2013**





## **HOME III** meeting

Roadmap completed for the domain "clinical signs"

Systematic review indicated that only the Eczema Area Severity Index (EASI) and the objective Scoring Atopic Dermatitis Index (SCORAD) could be shortlisted (Schmitt 2013 JACI)

International consensus process during the HOME III meeting: consensus that the EASI is the preferred instrument (Chalmers 2014 BJD)



## **HOME III meeting 2013**





### **Consensus statement**

## The Harmonising Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) statement to assess clinical signs of atopic eczema in trials

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### **Step 4: Dissemination & Implementation**

- Publication in leading journals
- Dissemination to journal editors
- Presentations at relevant meetings
- Dissemination to industry and regulatory authorities
- Development of guidance material is recommended

Important: implementation strategy!



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### **Summary**

The HOME roadmap provides a methodological framework & guidance for COS development

Roadmap completed for the domain "clinical signs"

Working groups have started to work on the core domains "symptoms", "quality of life" and "long term control of flares"

Useful for other COS initiatives in dermatology (COS developments for vitiligo and melanoma are underway) and beyond



### further information:

www.homeforeczema.org

# Thank you very much for your attention!