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GOVT SUSPENDS AIDS VACCINE TRIAL

Trials on prime–boost AIDS vaccine being tested in Pune and Chennai have been suspended after Phase I trial. The results showed that the vaccine candidate is too unstable to be scaled up. "The vaccine is safe and elicits a modest immune response against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but simulated large–scale manufacturing studies of the gene insert (TBC–M4) made the vaccine unstable, which means it cannot be mass produced," Rajat Goyal, Country Director, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), told Hindustan Times. IAVI is the research partner for the vaccine trials that took place at the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune, and National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai. Phase I trials are conducted on healthy people between the ages of 18 and 50 years to establish safety for human use. The findings were presented on September 14 at the AIDS Vaccine 2011 conference in Bangkok.

NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN

Nutrition is an integral part of the management of children with IBD, and nutritional status should be assessed at presentation and at follow–up. Exclusive enteral nutritional therapy modifies disease in children with Crohn's disease (CD). There are 2 types of enteral feeding: elemental (amino acids + short–chain fatty acids + short–chain carbohydrates + vitamins) and polymeric (whole protein). Elemental diets are very useful but are unpalatable, so polymeric diets are preferred in children. Therapy lasts for 6 weeks followed by gradual re–introduction of normal diet. Nutritional support should be considered as an adjunctive therapy for any patient with CD or ulcerative colitis (UC) with malnutrition. Nasogastric/gastrostomy tube feeding can be considered.

Achievements by GISI Members

1. Prof. (Mrs.) S.V. Rana, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

- Was admitted as Fellow of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India. During the Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India held at Gwalior in December 2011.
- Received poster award in INASL during ISGCON held at Coimbatore in November 2011.
- Presented a paper entitled "Association between functional polymorphism In Serotonin Re uptake transporter-P Gene And microscopic Colitis In North Indians" at International conference, BIOMED 2011, held at California, USA in September 2011.
- Presented following two papers at Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2011 held at Chicago , USA in May 2011.
 - Orocecal transit time and small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in chronic pancreatitis.
 - High fasting value of hydrogen concentration after 24 hours low fiber diet cannot be suggestive of small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in North Indian patients with irritable bowel syndrome.



2. Prof. Chetana Vasihnavi, Dept of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

- Oral presentation given on paper titled "*Campylobacter jejuni* infection and autoimmunity" at Autoimmunity Congress Asia, held at Singapore in November, 2011.
- Chaired a scientific session in XXXV National Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists held at Varanasi in November 2011.
- Delivered a guest lecture on "Clinical awareness of *Clostridium difficile* infections" at SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital, Dharwad in May 2011.
- Gave Presidential talk during the 3rd Biennial conference of Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India held at Manipal in May 2011.

3. Prof. (Mrs). Praveen Rishi, FAMI, Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh

- Has been invited to join editorial board of International Scholarly Research Network (ISRN) Infectious Diseases, which publishes a series of open access journals that employ a fast track peer review process.

Announcement

GISI members are encouraged to send in their feedback, queries and news of their achievements to be included in the GISI newsletter.

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