



Slim Chance of Success? Drug Discovery for Metabolic Disorders

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programme

- 09.30** Registration and Refreshments
- 10.00** **Obesity - Current Status, Pharmaceutical Failure and Some Promising Avenues**
Stephen Bloom, Imperial College London, UK
- 11.00** **DGAT-1 Inhibitors as Potential Treatments for Elements of Metabolic Syndrome**
Alan M Birch, Astra-Zeneca, UK
- 11.45** **Discovery of Novel Glucokinase Activators Eliciting Potent Antihyperglycaemic Effects In Vivo**
Matthew Fyfe, (OSI) Prosidion, UK
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.45** **Melanin Concentrating Hormone Receptor-1: Antagonists for the Treatment of Obesity**
Pete Guzzo, AMRI, USA
- 14.30** **Tesofensine: A Novel Potent Anti-Obesity Drug Acting Through Multiple Central Mechanisms**
Jens Mikkelsen, NeuroSearch, Denmark
- 15.15** Refreshments
- 15.45** **Drugs for the Treatment of Obesity via Modulation of 7TM Receptors**
Thomas Högberg, 7TM Pharma, Denmark
- 16.30** **11 β -HSD1 Inhibitors for Type II Diabetes and Beyond - The Metabolic Syndrome**
Werner Neidhart, Roche, Switzerland
- 17.15** Close followed by Wine Mixer

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synopsis

In 2005 the WHO reported that globally approximately 1.6 billion adults were overweight and that at least 400 million adults were obese.

well as suffering from these disorders patients are at an increased risk of developing coronary heart disease, neuropathies, arthritis and some forms of cancer.

This symposium is an opportunity for scientists in the field of metabolic disorders research to present and discuss the progress towards the discovery of new medicines and therapies for the treatment of these growing problems.

What the meeting will cover

Obesity, Diabetes and Dyslipidemia are growing health concerns in the developed world. However, the WHO recently reported that overweight and obesity are on the rise in all countries. If current trends continue, in the USA the cost of care for these diseases is expected to rise to more than 15% of the total health care budget by 2030. In the UK, two thirds of men and half of women are overweight. As

organising committee

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