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HEADACHE SESSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2025

09:00-10:40		Headache	HALL A
Chairs:	Magdalena Wysocka-Bakowska , Poland; Vlasta Vukovic Cvetkovic , Croatia		
09:00-09:50	anti-CGRP therapies should be first line for migraine prevention		
	<i>Capsule: Insurance companies in the US and elsewhere make physicians use older preventive medications, in spite of poor efficacy and significant adverse effects. New guidelines state that the anti- CGRP medications are effective and safer than older medications and should be used first line, even though they are more expensive.</i>		
09:00-09:10	Moderator: Tomas Nežádal , Czech Republic Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting		
09:10-09:25	Yes: Antoinette Maassen van den Brink , The Netherlands		
09:25-09:40	No: Gisela M. Terwindt , The Netherlands		
09:40-09:50	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting		
09:50-10:40	There is a need for a newer botulinum neurotoxins for prevention of chronic migraine		
	<i>Capsule: OnabotulinumtoxinA is well established as a preventive treatment for chronic migraine. Is there a need for other similar biologics to be available for migraine prevention which are more efficacious and act longer?</i>		
09:50-10:00	Moderator: Alan Rapoport , USA Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting		
10:00-10:15	Yes: Peter McAllister , USA		
10:15-10:30	No: Christian Lampl , Austria		
10:30-10:40	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting		



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13:10-14:50	Headache (continued)	HALL A
Chairs	Ivan Milanoy , Bulgaria; Natan Bornstein , Israel	
13:10-14:00	Psychedelics such as psilocybin and ketamine are reasonable treatment choices for both migraine and cluster headache <i>Capsule: Psychedelic drugs such as psilocybin and ketamine are reasonably effective treatments for migraine and cluster headache in spite of strong adverse events. Should they be approved by the FDA and European authorities for these indications?</i>	
13:10-13:20	Moderator: Licia Grazzi , Italy Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
13:20-13:35	Yes: Peter McAllister , USA	
13:35-13:50	No: Christian Lampl , Austria	
13:50-14:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	
14:00-14:50	Neurostimulation/modulation is as effective as pharmacotherapy for acute and preventive migraine treatment <i>Capsule: Several electrical stimulation devices have been cleared by the FDA, as they appear to be effective and safe for migraine therapy. One is cleared for the acute and preventive treatment of cluster headache. Do they work as well as medications, are they safe and should they be used more often?</i>	
14:00-14:10	Moderator: Tomas Nežadal , Czech Republic Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
14:10-14:25	Yes: Miguel Lainez , Spain	
14:25-14:40	No: Licia Grazzi , Italy	
14:40-14:50	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	



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15:20-17:00 Headache (continued)		HALL A
Chairs	Marcin Kopka , Poland; Elsa Parreira , Portugal	
15:20-16:10	Even though migraine pathophysiology begins several days before symptom onset, treating acutely during prodrome/aura can be an effective strategy	
	<i>Capsule: Migraine pathophysiology may begin several hours or days before the pain and disability start. Is it appropriate to treat patients during the prodrome stage to prevent subsequent painful headaches and disability?</i>	
15:20-15:30	Moderator: Messoud Ashina , Denmark Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
15:30-15:45	Yes: Gisela M. Terwindt , The Netherlands	
15:45-16:00	No: Dimos D. Mitsikostas , Greece	
16:00-16:10	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	
16:10-17:00	Medication underuse headache is a helpful concept which can prevent chronification and MOH	
	<i>Capsule: Medication underuse headache is defined as a headache which begins when patients with severe and frequent attacks of migraine do not get started on effective migraine preventives when they are eligible to do so and also do not take a rapid acting and effective medications as soon as the headache begins to stop a migraine attack quickly. This results in medication underuse headache and causes both chronification and medication overuse headache (MOH), with significant consequences.</i>	
16:10-16:20	Moderator: Alan Rapoport , USA Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
16:20-16:35	Yes: Wanakorn Rattanawong , Thailand	
16:35-16:50	No: Dimos D. Mitsikostas , Greece	
16:50-17:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	