



NEUROCOUGH Newsletter

23rd May 2025

Protocol Manuscript Success



Dr Peter Cho from our King's College Hospital site has confirmed that the protocol manuscript for the cough registry has been accepted by the European Respiratory Journal Open Research.

Dr Cho and NEuroCOUGH Chief Investigator Prof McGarvey said "We are delighted that the study protocol for the ERS NEuroCOUGH CRC registry has now been accepted for publication by the European Respiratory Society Open Research journal. This really highlights the collaborative effort by all our colleagues across Europe and promises to be the first of many to come. We would like to thank the European Lung Foundation in particular the help from Clare Williams, the ELF cough Patient Advisory Group, Northern Ireland Clinical Research Network (NICRN), Health Informatics Centre at the University of Dundee,

Elise Heuvelin (ERS Scientific Activities Dpt) and industry partners (Chiesi, GSK-Bellus, Merck, Bayer, Shionogi). Sam McIlwaine and Neil Meharg are thanked for their support as NEuroCOUGH Study Coordinators.”

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this fantastic piece of work.

Trevi Therapeutics Announces Positive Topline Results from the Phase 2a RIVER Trial



Positive news from Phase 2a River Trial that involved some of our very own NEuroCOUGH sites. To quote Jennifer Good, President and CEO of Trevi Therapeutics "I am happy to share these robust positive results from our Phase 2a RIVER trial in refractory chronic cough which has been a difficult-to-treat indication with no approved therapies in the U.S.," Ms Good also claimed that Haduvio was “highly effective”. NEuroCOUGH Co-Chair Prof. Alyn Maurice added his thoughts on this trial “Several NEuroCOUGH sites took part in this groundbreaking study. Patient experience was extremely positive and whilst further studies need to be done, the demonstration of the proof of concept for this new pathway to treat chronic cough is an inspiring development.”

Another step forward in the treatment of Chronic Cough.

[Click here for full report](#)

Meet the Team



Professor Woo-Jung Song

Please introduce yourself to the NEuroCOUGH team.

Hello, I am Woo-Jung Song, an allergist physician at Asan Medical Center, affiliated with the University of Ulsan College of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea. Asan Medical Center is one of the largest tertiary referral hospitals in Korea, with a strong emphasis on both cutting-edge clinical care and academic research. My main clinical and research interests are in chronic cough and severe asthma, areas in which I have led both national and international collaborative studies.

What brought you to the field of cough?

My interest in chronic cough began in 2012, when I first came across a paper on cough hypersensitivity syndrome, a concept that was both novel and compelling at the time. I was intrigued and reached out via email to the lead author, Professor Alyn Morice, with several questions. To my surprise, he kindly and generously shared everything he knew, opening the door for me to explore this under-recognized area of medicine. That exchange sparked my journey into the field of cough, which has since become a central focus of both my clinical and research career.

Where do you see the NEuroCOUGH study going?

I see NEuroCOUGH as playing a central role in how we define and conceptualize chronic cough as a disease. It offers not just a research platform, but a shared framework to guide scientific discovery, clinical decision-making, and education. By bringing together researchers from multiple countries, NEuroCOUGH fosters international collaboration and helps unify fragmented approaches to this complex condition. I also see it as a valuable resource for educating both fellow clinicians and patients, who have long lacked clear explanations or treatment pathways. In that sense, NEuroCOUGH has the potential to reshape not only research, but also everyday clinical practice.

If you were not a doctor/clinician/researcher, what would you have been?

If I were not a doctor or researcher, I might have become a photographer, dog trainer, travel planner, or even a pasta chef. I enjoy crafting meaningful experiences, whether it is capturing moments through a lens, understanding animal behavior, designing a nice trip, or cooking a simple but satisfying meal. Each of these paths reflects a part of who I am: curious, detail-oriented, and drawn to human (and canine) connections. In another life, I would probably try to combine them all.

One interesting fact about yourself, obscure, funny, or academic etc.

I have a Bedlington Terrier at home who thinks he is the real principal investigator in the house.

Recruitment Update

We now have 1,065 patients recruited to the registry and a further 580 returning for the follow-up appointments.

Site	Baseline Patients Recruited	Follow-up Patients
Belfast	151	149
Hull	128	77
KCL	180	74
Brompton	67	36
Manchester	31	20
Northumbria	83	47
Toulouse	212	60
Frankfurt	31	13
Vienna	11	0
Warsaw	136	70
Zwolle	22	2
Barcelona	32	31

Industry partners:



Welcome to NEuroCOUGH



A very warm welcome from the NEuroCOUGH Study to the following folks:

Paula Wasiolek and Shannon Galgani – Manchester

Fatima Seidu – Royal Brompton

Ivan Fedak – Vienna

Opportunity



Long-Term Research Fellowships:

European Respiratory Society (ERS) Long-Term Research Fellowships support researchers and clinicians in the early stages of their careers to carry out basic, translational or clinical research projects lasting between 6–24 months. Fellowship recipients conduct projects at research institutions outside of their home country, enabling fellows to access and learn research techniques that are not available at their home institute. Long-term fellowships are awarded annually based on scientific merit as well

as the skills and experience that fellows can bring to the host centre.

Highlights: -

Call opens 30th May 2025

Call closes 30th July 2025

Decision Mid-December 2025

Click here for the [Link to Call](#)

Reposting this from last issue for reference:



Dear CRC Chairs,

This is a kind reminder to, **when submitting an abstract** for the ERS Congress 2025 that is **linked to a CRC**, please highlight this link.

We advise you to indicate in the **Title** or the **core text of the abstract**, the relation to the CRC by using either the **CRC acronym** or the mention “**an ERS Clinical Research Collaboration**”.

This will allow the ERS Office to sort your abstract from the thousands of submissions and to give it more visibility through dedicated communications.

As a reminder, the deadline to [submit abstracts](#) for the ERS Congress 2025 is **20 February 2025** .

We remain at your disposal for any questions.

Kind Regards,

Prof. Lorcan McGarvey (NEuroCOUGH Chief Investigator)

Prof. Alyn Morice (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

Dr Marta Dabrowska (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

Dr Sean Parker (Co-Chair NEuroCOUGH Study)

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Elise Heuvelin (On behalf of the ERS Scientific Team)