

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Darius Matusevicius

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012–Present** **Clinical assessor**
Medical Products Agency (Sweden)
COMP delegate
Rapporteur
PRAC Rapporteur
Central scientific advice (different companies and products for MS, AD, PD, ALS, HD, DMD, epilepsy etc.)
Guideline development (comments for MS, AD and ALS guidelines)
- 2001–2013** **Team Leader/Senior Clinical Research Physician**
AstraZeneca (Sweden)
Biochemical biomarker for neurological diseases (MS, AD, PD) team leader
Study physician in phase I and II Clinical studies
Clinical Development program development for Products for PD treatment
- 1992–1998** **Neurologist**
Neurological Clinic, Kaunas Academical Clinic (Lithuania)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1984–1990** **Physician**
Kaunas Medical Academy (Lithuania)
- 1990–1992** **Neurologist**
Kaunas Medical Academy (Lithuania)
- 1995–1997** **PhD in Neurology**
Karolinska Institute (Sweden)
Neuroimmunology
Multiple Sclerosis
Myasthenia Gravis
- 2008–2009** **Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine**
Karolinska Institute (Sweden)
Drugs in Society
Drugs discovery/ and early development
Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics and special populations
Applied Statistics in Drug Development
Planning a Clinical trial
Evaluation of Clinical trials & Risk/Benefit
Pharmacoepidemiology
Quality of Life & Health Economy

Outcome Research
Marketing and Drug information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expertise Neurology, Neuroimmunology, Pharmaceutical Development, Biochemical biomarker development, Early Clinical Development (Phase I and II);
Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson Disease, Alzheimers Disease

- Publications**
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 3. Fillion LG, Graziani-Bowering G, Matusevicius D, Freedman MS. Monocyte-derived cytokines in multiple sclerosis. *Clinical & Experimental Immunology* 2003; 131(2): 324-34.
 4. Matusevicius D and Freedman MS. Immune system, overview. *Encyclopedia of the Neurological Sciences*. 2003:633-639.
 5. Murzenok PP, Matusevicius D, Freedman MS. Gamma/delta T cells in multiple sclerosis: chemokine and chemokine receptor expression. *Clinical Immunology* 2002; 103(3 Pt 1): 309-16.
 6. Teleshova N, Matusevicius D, Kivisakk P, Mustafa M, Pirskanen R, Link H. Altered expression of costimulatory molecules in myasthenia gravis. *Muscle & Nerve* 2002; 23(6): 946-53.
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 10. Pelidou S.H., Kostulas N., Matusevicius D., Kivisakk P., Kostulas V. and Link H. High levels of IL-10 secreting cells are present in blood in cerebrovascular diseases. *Eur J Neurol* 1999; 6:437-442.
 11. Fu-Dong Shi, Li Hu, He Bing, Matusevicius D, Link H. and Ljungren H-G. Differential requirements for CD28 and CD40 ligand in the induction of experimental autoimmune myasthenia gravis. *Eur J Immunol* 1998; 11:3587-3693.
 12. Kivisakk P, Teleshova N, Özenci V, Huang Y, Matusevicius D, Pirskanen R, Söderström M, Fredrikson S and Link H. No evidence for elevated numbers of mononuclear cells expressing MCP-1 and RANTES mRNA in blood and CSF in multiple sclerosis. *J Neuroimmunol* 1998; 91:108-112.
 13. Kostulas N, Kivisakk P, Yumin H, Matusevicius D, Kostulas V and Link H. Ischemic stroke is associated with the systemic increase of blood mononuclear cells expressing IL-8 mRNA. *Stroke* 1998; 29:462-466.
 14. Matusevicius D, Kivisakk P, Navikas V, Tian W-Z, Söderström M, Fredrikson S and Link H. Effects of IFN- β 1b (Betaferon) treatment on cytokine mRNA profiles in blood mononuclear cells and plasma levels of soluble VCAM-1 in multiple sclerosis. *Eur J Neurol* 1998; 5:265-275.
 15. Matusevicius D, Navikas V, Kivisakk P, Söderström M, Höjeberg B, Ljungdahl Å, Fredrikson S and Link H. IL-12 and perforin mRNA expression is augmented in blood mononuclear cells in multiple sclerosis. *Scand J Immunol* 1998; 47:582-590.
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relation to MRI abnormalities and oligoclonal bands. *Neurology* 1998; 50:217-223.

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Projects

Memberships

Other Relevant Information