

Initial status report Biogen Big MS Data Network (BMSD)

Karolinska Institutet will perform the coordination of the Big MS Data Network. This effort is supported by several pharmaceutical companies and the tasks are described in the BMSD coordination synopsis.

The Big MS Data Network has reached out to pharmaceutical companies asking for financial support for the coordination effort. So far we have reached agreements for 1-5 years with Biogen, Merck, Novartis, Roche and Sanofi.

The tasks include the preparation and submission of an EMA qualification application focussed on PASS within the Big MS Data Group and the included MS registries. This procedure has been initiated with contacts with EMA and submissions of fee waiver and letter of intent. The main step now is the drawing of a compilation of a main briefing document which is ongoing.

Big MS Data Group had a F2F meeting in Lyon, France 13-14 February 2020. The first day was an internal meeting for the BMSD group and the second day also included pharma representatives. The meeting was generally productive and the main action points will be sent out as minutes to all participants.

The BMSD Group will submit an application to the European Commission for Horizon 2020 – Work Program 2018-2020 - Health, demographic change and wellbeing. The application will mainly be focussed on MS and comorbidities.

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