



Worldwide FINGERS Network Teleconference Summary

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I. Welcome

Miia Kivipelto, MD, PhD &
Maria Carrillo, PhD

- Professor Miia Kivipelto and Dr. Maria Carrillo welcomed the WW FINGERS network.
- Dr. Carrillo shared updates for the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) that will include both virtual and in-person sessions in Amsterdam, Netherlands from July 26-30, 2021. With the future of the global pandemic still unknown, a final decision will be made by May 1 on whether the in-person sessions will go on as planned. There will be a meeting of the WW FINGERS Network scheduled at the time of AAIC and more information will be provided in the spring.
- Professor Kivipelto Welcomed new members to the WW FINGERS Network: Turkey and Luxemburg. Professor Kivipelto also provided updates on the WW FINGERS-SARS-CoV2 Survey. Thirty countries have adapted and used this survey for their respective study participants and the data is beginning to be analyzed.

II. Updates: Surveying Participants of WW FINGERS Network Studies During the Global Pandemic

Six countries presented experiences, lesson learned and preliminary results from the SARS-CoV-2-WW-FINGERS initiative:

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| a. South- Korea | Hyun Woong Roh, MD, PhD |
| b. Singapore | Wong Zi Xuen, BPsych |
| c. Japan | Takashi Sakurai, MD, PhD |
| d. Netherlands | Marissa Zwan, PhD |
| e. Argentina | Ismael Calandri, MD |
| f. Cuba | Juan Libre, MD, PhD |

The presentations provided examples of the survey distribution in different geographical and population settings, as well as information on the use of different tools for the survey distribution (online, pen-and-paper postal, pen-and-paper face-to-face with research staff, phone). These experiences serve as basis for countries in the process of launching the survey. The presentations were followed by moderated discussion.

Moderator: Francesca Mangialasche, MD, PhD

- Length of the survey seems to be an issue. The Netherlands shared that they attempt to address incomplete surveys with email reminders, and the need of an online helpdesk to provide technical support. The Argentina team shared that they used a shorter version of the survey with a progress bar at the bottom of the screen to improve survey completion. Use of an incentive would be helpful in promoting survey completion, like the South Korean team.
- Data analysis plans allow for individual countries to publish their data first, if desired. There are also plans to do a joint analysis of survey data for the entire global cohort.

III. Work Group Updates

Mark Espeland, PhD

a. Method Manuscript Update

- This forum focuses on the statistical issues related to design, conduct and analysis of WW FINGERS Studies. The first joint manuscript that came out of this forum was published on March 11, 2021 [and can be accessed here](#).
- A symposium to the Gerontology Society of America conference was submitted with information based on this forum.

b. Data Collection and Management

- A group has been organized to discuss the use of REDCap. Topics include use of data dictionaries and other tools as well as demonstrations of how REDCap can be used.
- The group plans to develop a REDCap users group to assist in implementation and troubleshooting.

IV. Dissemination Activities

Rema Raman, PhD

a. Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC)

- i. Clinical Trials Advancement and Methods Professional Interest Group
- ii. Featured Research Session

b. Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease (CTAD)

c. Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

- The WW FINGERS network has been expanding efforts for dissemination including at AAIC 2021 with presentations for the Clinical Trials Advancement and Methods PIA and a possible FRS. In addition, submissions for late-breaking abstracts would be an opportunity for WW FINGERS Network countries to present COVID-19 survey data.
- The network has an invited session accepted at the Society for Clinical Trials conference in May 2021 and a symposium proposal has been submitted for the Gerontological Society of America conference in October 2021.
- Abstract submission recently opened for the Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease conference and may be a nice opportunity for WW FINGERS Network studies.
- WW FINGER Network studies are encouraged to leverage local conferences where we can promote the WW FINGERS initiatives.