

### Working Group Interim Report

1	Title of Working Group	Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis in asthmatics
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3	Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the awareness of ABPA among physicians treating asthma patients</li> <li>2. Describe the global burden of the disease</li> <li>3. Collaborate on issues related to epidemiology and pathophysiology</li> <li>4. Collaborate on issues related to genetic susceptibility</li> <li>5. Frame objective evidence-based consensus diagnostic criteria</li> <li>6. Formulate a consensus management protocol</li> <li>7. Issues related to heterogeneous presentation of disease with special reference to developed and developing countries</li> </ol>
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>A website of the ABPA working group has been designed (<a href="http://www.abpaworkinggroup.org">www.abpaworkinggroup.org</a>) and is fully functional.</p> <p>A workshop on allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis was held on 9th February 2012 at Siliguri, India. The proceedings of the workshop has now been collated as consensus based guidelines for the management of ABPA complicating asthmatics, and is accepted for publication in the Clinical and Experimental Allergy Journal.</p>
5	Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?	Yes