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#### **Abstracts**

As new targeted asthma therapies emerge, is time running out for Xolair?

Xolair's unique position in the targeted asthma treatment market is under threat. Teva's Cinqair and GSK's Nucala have emerged as significant threats to Xolair's dominance. What can Roche and Novartis do to stop the rot? Will clinical data save the day, or will commercial tactics be the critical difference in a rapidly evolving market? Learn how key opinion leaders (KOLs) see the market evolving, and how they expect developers to differentiate their pipeline asthma antibodies in KOL Insight: Targeted Therapies in Asthma. Twelve US and European KOLs give their insight on three marketed products and 8 pipeline programmes. KOLs also provide their candid views on the potential for Xolair biosimilars, and what it would take for these products to gain traction in the targeted asthma treatment market.

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#### Top takeaways

Will Xolair (omalizumab) remain the treatment of choice for allergic asthma patients?Xolair may remain first-line-therapy for allergic asthma patients with elevated serum IgE levels, but for some patients other treatment options might be a better strategy. Find out what they are.

How important is Xolair's paediatric label extension, and will it support future clinical differentiation? KOLs provide their insights on Xolair's expanded labelling to include paediatric patients, but will it mean anything clinically? And do KOLs expect long-term Xolair therapy to have any disease-modifying activity in this patient cohort?

Do current and emerging anti-IL5 mAbs represent a clinically significant advancement in the treatment of severe asthma? Nucala (mepolizumab) represents the first mAb to receive approval for severe asthma in over a decade. Other anti-IL5 mAbs are in development (e.g. AstraZeneca's benralizumab). But will targeting this pathway improve clinical outcomes in severe asthma? Find out what KOLs think.

What pipeline programmes are KOLs becoming particularly excited about? Are next-generation anti-IL5 mAbs set to change the course of the severe asthma treatment market, or will it be Regeneron/Sanofi's anti-IL-4/IL-13 mAb, dupilumab? Find out what KOLs are monitoring, and what they hope late-stage clinical studies will tell them.

Biosimilar versions of omalizumab are coming, but what impact will they have on the market? Xolair biosimilars are in development and could come to certain markets by 2018. What do KOLs think about these products, and how important will clinical studies proving equivalent safety and efficacy be in driving uptake? Moreover, how can Xolair biosimilars help cut the cost of treating severe asthma, an issue which many KOLs believe is limiting patient access and negatively impacting patient care.

What's the future of biomarkers in identifying responsive patients? With precision medicine becoming a critical enabler of product use in a number of disease areas, find out what KOLs think about the use of biomarkers in defining eligible patient populations in the severe asthma market and how this could help eliminate "trial and error" approaches to treatment decisions.



#### Quotes

"The concept of biosimilars is going to be a big challenge. They don't have a lot in the peer review literature to really give us a sense of the efficacy that they're going to provide. I think it's hard to make a definitive statement around those." US Key Opinion Leader

"There will be patients that are treated better with Xolair, we will have patients that are treated only with Nucala, but we will have patients that are eligible for both. We switch uncontrolled Xolair patients to Nucala, and some patients have to switch back to Xolair because Nucala, despite their eosinophilia of 300 or 400, is not as effective as Xolair, and vice versa." European Key Opinion Leader

**KOLs Interviewed** 

#### **KOLs from North America**

Dr Leonard B. Bacharier MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Clinical Director, Division of Allergy, Immunology and Pulmonary Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, USA

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Anonymous US KOL, internal medicine expert specialising in asthma



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