

BSSA research and grants

The BSSA supports research into the causes and/or treatment of Sjögren's Syndrome, we offer an annual research grant where the applicants have to follow clear criteria and then each application is reviewed by a medical panel that have an interest in Sjögren's Syndrome. The procedure has been approved by the AMRC.

Grants awarded by the British Sjögren's Syndrome Association:

2019 £29287 Dr Saba Nayar

Rheumatology Research Group Birmingham

To understand the neuro-immune network in Sjögren's Syndrome.

Committee members: Dr Elizabeth Price, Annabel Dawson, Professor Wan-Fai Ng, Dr Stefano Fedele, Dr Monica Gupta, Dr Coziana Ciurtin.

2018 £27615.08 Dr Thomas Hiemstra

Cambridge, Clinical Trials Unit

Developing cross-platform patient facing Sjögren's Syndrome research database in a secure data hosting environment.

Committee members: Dr Elizabeth Price, Annabel Dawson, Dr Kate Hackett, Dr Stefano Fedele, Dr Monica Gupta.

2017 £29999 Dr Miles Lewis

William Harvey Research Institute

Therapeutic Effect of Dimethyl Fumarate on ectopic germinal centres in a model of sialadenitis.

Committee members: Dr Elizabeth Price, Dr Kate Hackett, Annabel Dawson, Professor Wan-Fai Ng, Dr Stefano Fedele.

2016 £8464 Dr Richeal Ni Riordain

Eastman Dental Institute and Hospital, London

Defining the information needs of the patients with Sjögren's Syndrome and development of a Sjögren's Syndrome-specific Informational Needs Questionnaire (SS-INQ).

Committee members: Dr Elizabeth Price, Dr Kate Hackett, Dr Paul Tomlins, Dr Monica Gupta, Jane Tukmachi.

2016 £29359 Coziana Ciurtin

University College London Hospital

How do B-cell lipid raft abnormalities influence response to B-cell targeted biologic therapies in patient with Sjögren's Syndrome.

2014-2019 £25000 (£5000 per year) Professor Wan-Fai Ng MA PhD FRCP CCT

Newcastle University

United Kingdom primary Sjögren's Syndrome registry extension – understanding the natural history of primary Sjögren's Syndrome and beyond.

2013 £25000 Dr Michele Bombardieri MD PhD

University of London

Role of IL-21 expression by T follicular helper cells in the formation of functional ectopic germinal centers in the salivary glands of Sjögren's Syndrome.

2011 £22700 Dr Francesca Barone MD PhD

University of Birmingham

Metabolics: a novel diagnostic and prognostic tool for Sjögren's Syndrome.

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2008 £10000 Dr Wan-Fai Ng MA PhD FRCP CCT

Newcastle University

Assessing the cardiovascular risk of patients with primary Sjögren's Syndrome.

2006 £8750 Mr Pete Smith BSc PhD

University of Liverpool

Role of NO in lacrimal acinar cell hypofunction in Sjögren's Syndrome.

2005 £10000 Professor David Isenberg MBBS MRCP MD FRCP

University College London

Development of a computerized tool to assess systemic clinical activity in Primary Sjögren's Syndrome.

2004 £10000 Professor Pitzalis MD PhD FRCP

Guys Hospital London

The role of lymphoid chemokines in the organisation of the inflammatory infiltrate in Sjögren's Syndrome.

2001 £10200 Mr Luke Dawson BSc BDS (hons) PdD

University of Liverpool

Antimuscarinic Autoantibodies in Patients with Primary Sjögren's Syndrome.

2000 £5000 Dr Simon Bowman BSc MBBS PhD FRCP, Prof David Booth

Multicentred project of Sjögren's Syndrome and fatigue.

1999 £6000 Dr Vivian Rushton, Dr Keith Horner

Manchester Dental Hospital

MRI Scanning of Salivary Glands.