

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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Large trials in uncommon diseases

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Abstract: Kidney cancer is not as rare a tumour as people think. About 8,000 people get it every year in the UK and just under half of those people will eventually die from it. We have made significant advances in surgical and medical treatments for kidney cancer but one area which remains completely lacking is adjuvant treatment, that is medical treatment to reduce the risk of disease returning after a high risk tumour has been removed. In this talk I will describe the clinical issues and the studies which are currently running to identify successful adjuvant treatments for kidney cancer. I will then go on to discuss the need for and design of the next adjuvant study, in particular how this will need to be an adaptive design which can take into account possible results from the existing adjuvant studies and remain sufficiently flexible to incorporate new questions in the future.

Speaker: Since 2006 Tim Eisen has been Professor of Medical Oncology at the University of Cambridge and an Honorary Consultant in Medical Oncology at Cambridge University Hospitals and Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts. He is also Director of the Cambridge Cancer Trials Centre. He studied medicine at the University of Cambridge and gained his PhD at the Marie Curie Research Institute, where he worked on the regulation of gene expression in melanocytes and melanoma. He trained and, subsequently, lectured at the Royal Marsden Hospital, University College London, and the Institute of Cancer Research.

Professor Eisen's research interests focus on developing new treatments for advanced disease, and identifying and managing those at risk of disease, in kidney cancer, lung cancer and melanoma. In kidney cancer and melanoma he has been particularly involved in the development of tyrosine kinase inhibitors as therapeutic agents. His group developed new therapies which block angiogenic signalling and prevent growth of disease in over 75% of patients.

Tim is a trustee and founding member of Kidney Cancer UK, the UK's first charity for kidney cancer support.

Directions: The main entrance is reached from Clarkson Road by going along the footpath to the right of the Newton Institute, and turning left through the gatehouse towards the main building (Pavilion A), which has a glass front and a curved grassed roof. The main entrance is in the middle of the glass front. Free Parking is available after 5pm on Clarkson and Wilberforce Roads and by entering the site off Wilberforce Road. Admittance may be difficult after 7:45.

Provisional Next Meetings (2012):

2nd February 2012 – Nelson Kinnersley (Roche UK).

15th March – David Daniels (Perse School) on 'Mathematics at the Perse school'.

3rd April – Lawrence Sherman (Institute of Criminology).

May – Darrel Ince (Open University).

Supper: Some members eat regularly in the University Centre before each meeting at 5-45pm. Feel free to join them.

Subscriptions: of 1 pound are now due for attending the 2011-2012 session.

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Approved Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2009-2010

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2009-2010 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 19th October 2010. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Suzanne Bradnum, Blaise Egan, Martin Gibson, Jurek Gurycz, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Helen Tate, Adam Wagner, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Yih Chau, Margaret Corbett, Margaret Ely, Mary Garratt, Peter Treasure, Jamie Tunks. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved. The secretary reported a very good total attendance of 81 for the 2009-2010 session. He also invited anyone with suggestions for speakers or venues or anyone interested in joining the committee to please contact a committee member.

Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2009-2010: The CSDG started the year in October 2009 with £23.89 cash in addition to £200 in the Cambridge building Society (plus ~£6.00 interest). The table below shows the financial activity during the current year (Oct 09 to Sept10).

Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£27.68	Balance at Oct 2009	£23.89
		Subscriptions	£36.00

Cash balance at October 2009 £23.89, cash remaining 1st October 2010 £32.21. There remains £200.00 (plus interest) in a Community account at the Cambridge Building Society (see 2010-11 minutes below for further details).

Election of officers and committee: Committee (unchanged) for 2010-2011: *chair* Ted Harding; *secretary* Peter Watson; *treasurer* Helen Tate; *officio* Dave Andrews; *ordinary* Margaret Corbett, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott.

Any Other Business: The group hopes to put sound files for future talks on its web pages following a generous gift of a recording device from a member.

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2010-2011

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2010-2011 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 11th October 2011. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Suzanne Bradnum, Andrew Conlan, Margaret Corbett, Mary Garratt, Mark Hill, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Peter Rothery, Helen Tate, Jamie Tunks, Adam Wagner, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Martin Gibson, Clive Moncrieff, Pamela Morris, Ian Nimmo-Smith, Huawen Zhu. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved. The secretary reported another good total attendance of 88 for the 2010-2011 session. He also invited anyone with suggestions for speakers or venues or anyone interested in joining the committee to please contact a committee member.

Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2010-2011:

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Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£26.00	Balance at Oct 2010	£32.21
		Subscriptions	£30.00

Cash balance at October 2010 £32.21, cash remaining 1st October 2011 £36.21.

There remains £200.00 (plus interest) in a Community account at the Cambridge Building Society.

The account holders are Ted Harding (current chairman), Peter Watson (current secretary) and Helen Tate (current treasurer). These names can be changed on application. The principle holder is the treasurer. Any of the three account holders can deposit and withdraw money. It is suggested subscriptions stay at £1 for the 2011-2012 session.

Election of officers and committee: Helen Tate retired as treasurer and was thanked for her efforts in returning the group's finances to good health and setting up the bank account. She is succeeded by Adam Wagner. Committee for 2011-2012: *chair* Ted Harding; *secretary* Peter Watson; *treasurer* Adam Wagner; *officio* Dave Andrews; *ordinary* Margaret Corbett, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott.

Any Other Business: None.