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Dear Dr. Larenas Linnemann, dear Désirée,

With great pleasure we congratulate you on the successful audit to become a GA<sup>2</sup>LEN Urticaria Center of Reference and Excellence (UCARE). We welcome you to the ever-growing global Network of UCARES and we look forward to collaborating with you on the improvement of Urticaria knowledge and Management.

Your certificate, confirming that you are now a GA<sup>2</sup>LEN UCARE, is on its way, and we ask you to please find a good spot to display this certificate at your center. The certificate is valid for 2 years and will be extended upon successful re-audit in 2 years. The GA<sup>2</sup>LEN UCARE office will be in touch with you in due time to prepare for this re-audit.

Several specific requirements that need further work were discussed during the audit visit:

In the first part "infrastructure/set up" please take care of the following points:

- 1.10 An Incidence report book needs to be implemented,
- 1.11 The patient satisfaction needs to be assessed and
- 1.12 Regular team meetings need to be scheduled and held.

Also in the second part "Management" you have to check the following two points:

- 2.5 patient reported outcome measures need to be applied more systematically (UCT and/or UAS7 in all patients, CU-Q2oL, AE-QoL, AAS as needed) and
- 2.7 Documentation and equipment for CINDU testing needs to be improved.

In the third part "Research" is a need for improvement, too:

- 3.4 The participation in clinical trials or implementation of investigator initiated trials needs to increased.
- 3.5. Please participate in CURE, the global urticaria registry (www.urticaria-registry.com).
- 3.6. Please increase awareness and advocacy activities, e.g. Urticaria Day on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

As a GA<sup>2</sup>LEN UCARE Center, you now contribute to the UCARE projects and we will be in touch with you regarding new projects and new initiatives in the future. We will also call on you to

perform audit visits of applicant centers. Currently, the following centers have applied and need to be audited soon. If you are planning to visit any of these centers any time soon, than please be in touch with the GA<sup>2</sup>LEN UCARE office so that we can use your visit to also schedule an audit. Please also volunteer to audit other applicant centers.

Center	City	Country	Head of Center
Bnai Zion Medical Center	Haifa	Israel	Elias Toubi
Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical college & Hospital	Mumbai	India	Kiran Godse
Okmeydani Training and Research Hospital	Istanbul	Turkiye	Emek Kocatürk Göncü
Smolensk State Medical University	Smolensk	Russia	Raisa Meshkova
Department of Internal Medicine , Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Grenoble Alpes	Grenoble	France	Laurence Bouillet

If you have any questions or need more information, please be in touch with the UCARE office at any time. Please also use the UCARE Network to discuss Urticaria initiatives and involve the other UCAREs in future projects and initiatives.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to the UCARE network.

With our best wishes,

Marcus Maurer and Ana Giménez-Arnau

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