ALK spotlights the impact of respiratory allergies on children at EAACI Congress

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- **Four leading experts in respiratory allergy spotlight the impact of respiratory allergy in children, in an ALK-sponsored symposium at the EAACI Congress**
- **The growing availability of evidence-based allergy immunotherapy treatments for paediatric patients offers increased treatment options for prescribers**
- **ALK has enrolled more than 3,000 paediatric patients in eight Phase III clinical trials of its SLIT-tablets, as it pursues indications for children and adolescents around the world**

ALK has thrown a spotlight onto paediatric respiratory allergy and the major treatment advances seen in recent years at a company-sponsored symposium at the Annual Congress of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), in Prague, Czechia this week.

In a session presented by four of the world's leading experts in respiratory allergy, EAACI delegates were reminded about the often progressive, chronic nature of respiratory allergy. The experts highlighted that the disease often starts in childhood, and that children with early onset eczema are five times more likely to develop allergic rhinitis[1][2], while allergic rhinitis in children increases the risk of developing asthma up to seven-fold [3].

The session also looked at the multiple impacts on quality of life that result from paediatric respiratory allergies. These range from impaired sleep and cognitive function to reduced academic performance and restricted ability to participate in sport and other activities.

Graham Roberts, Professor of Paediatric Allergy and Respiratory Medicine at University of Southampton Faculty of Medicine & University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The global impact of respiratory allergy on children and adolescents, reveals a burden of disease on the most vulnerable in our society that should urge us into action. The growing availability of disease-modifying allergy immunotherapy treatments that are documented and approved for paediatric use gives us the perfect opportunity to begin a revolution in the treatment of childhood respiratory allergy, potentially improving quality of life for millions of young people around the world."

Since 2006, ALK has been conducting dedicated clinical trials of its range of sublingual allergy immunotherapy (SLIT) tablets, in support of regulatory approvals for paediatric and adolescent use. To date, more than 3,000 paediatric patients have participated in eight Phase III trials and three Phase III paediatric trials are currently ongoing.

ALK is committed to securing paediatric and adolescent indications for its SLIT-tablets portfolio, and to ensuring the availability of evidence-based SLIT-tablets for children aged five and above, covering the most common respiratory allergies.

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ALK is a global specialty pharmaceutical company focused on allergy and allergic asthma. It markets allergy immunotherapy treatments and other products and services for people with allergy and allergy doctors. Headquartered in Hørsholm, Denmark, ALK employs around 2,600 people worldwide and is listed on Nasdaq Copenhagen. Find more information at www.alk.net.

About the EAACI Congress
The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) is an association of clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals, dedicated to improving the health of people affected by allergic diseases. With more than 12,000 members from 124 countries and over 50 National Allergy Societies, EAACI is the primary source of expertise in Europe for all aspects of allergy. The EAACI Congress is the flagship meeting of the academy and the world's largest congress specialising in the field of allergy and clinical immunology. A wide range of sessions, including interactive formats, provide optimal learning for all tastes. Attracting in the region of 7,000-8,000 participants and experts from across the globe, the congress is a key annual event to interact with peers, leading scientists and practitioners over five days.

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