



**Global NASH/MASH Council (GNC) and Global Liver Council (GLC)
Outcomes Committee Meeting
January 12, 2026**

Quick recap

The Global MASH Council and Global Liver Council outcomes committee meeting covered updates on various ongoing projects and initiatives. Committee members discussed nutrition-related research, progress on the global MASH guidelines update, economic analysis, and a mega-analysis project involving liver biopsies. The ALD survey was discussed, with a call for more European participation. Tatyana Kushner reported on a hepatitis C provider survey manuscript. Giacomo Germani and Patricia Burra highlighted a collaborative project analyzing liver disease trends in the U.S. and Europe. Adrian Gadano presented a proposal for a retrospective and prospective study on MASH post-transplant outcomes. The conversation ended with discussions on potential new projects, including a focus on hepatitis delta, and an update on the Africa Task Force. Michael Betel mentioned plans for the patient advocacy group to provide input on ongoing projects.

Summary

The meeting began with Zobair Younossi and Saleh AlQahtani co-chairing the Outcomes Committee's presentations, highlighting ongoing projects related to outcomes and research. The committee aimed to cover various topics efficiently, allowing time for discussions and idea exchanges at the end of the meeting.

Shira Zelber-Sagi updated on the task force focused on nutrition, with discussion on the global nutrition survey projects. The team discussed several ongoing research projects, including a pilot validation paper that was not accepted for publication but will be resubmitted to a different journal, and a protocol for a validation study of a short ultra-processed food questionnaire. Shira reported progress on a manuscript examining the association between the new Lancet Commission definition of obesity and steatotic liver disease. Zobair Younossi mentioned a grant proposal on ultra-processed food and mustard that is under review, with potential for global collaboration.



The team also reviewed updates on the global NASH guidelines, economic analysis of NASH/MASH, and various mega-analysis projects involving liver biopsies, SNPs, and other data collections. New projects on HIV in NASH and HCC in NASH are awaiting IRB approval and will involve additional data collection from participating sites.

Patricia Carrieri presented findings on gender differences in stigma experiences among patients with liver disease, noting that women reported more self-stigma but men were more likely to avoid care due to stigma. Maria Buti suggested expanding future analyses to include viral hepatitis, particularly hepatitis B, given upcoming new treatments.

Zobair Younossi discussed the ALD survey's progress, highlighting successful participation in some regions but underrepresentation in Europe and Latin America. He encouraged colleagues to contribute to the survey for better global representation. Participants requested the survey link to share with Indian groups.

The meeting continued on updates and discussions regarding ongoing and upcoming projects related to hepatitis C and liver diseases. Tatyana Kushner reported that a survey on HCV treatment in women of childbearing age and pregnancy was rejected by JHEP but will be resubmitted to Hepatology Communication.

Zobair Younossi highlighted several completed and ongoing projects, including a Global Survey of Practice Patterns and a paper by Shira Zelber-Sagi on the lifespan approach to preventing and managing SLD, which has been accepted.

The group discussed a study on the impact of binge drinking on MASLD-related outcomes, which was accepted by Lancet Gastro-hepatology.

Giacomo Germani and Patricia Burra shared progress on a collaborative project analyzing liver transplant data in Europe and the U.S., with potential for further studies on alcohol-related liver disease. Adrian Gadano also presented a proposal for a retrospective and prospective study on MASH post-transplant, seeking participation from transplant centers worldwide.

The conversation ended with discussions on expanding collaborations, particularly in hepatitis delta research, and the formation of an Africa Task Force led by Wendy Spearman and others to address data gaps in MASLD in Africa.

Michael Betel, co-chair of the patient advocacy group, mentioned plans to engage with other working groups to incorporate patient perspectives.



Next steps

- Shira Zilber-Sagi: Share the protocol and Excel file for the short ultra-processed food questionnaire validation study with interested centers soon.
- Shira: Share the manuscript on gender differences in stigma and care avoidance among MAFLD patients with all authors for final review.
- Zobair Younossi /Project Leads: Share the HCC in G-MASLD project spreadsheet with interested sites after IRB approval is received.
- Helena Pinto: Complete patient recruitment for the ALD survey in Portugal once Ethics Committee approval is received.
- Tatyana Kushner: Revise and resubmit the Hep C treatment in women of childbearing age and pregnancy manuscript to Liver International.
- Adrian Gadano: Send the MAFLD post-transplant retrospective/prospective study proposal to all investigators with transplant patients and collect expressions of interest.
- Batmunkh Munkhbat: Ask the Mongolian transplantation team to join the liver transplantation studies.
- Batmunkh Munkhbat: Collaborate on HCC data collection as part of the HCC project, especially regarding MAFLD superimposed with viral hepatitis or alcohol.
- Fatema: Coordinate with global registry sites to contribute data for a potential global HDV (hepatitis delta) project.
- Michael Betel: Hold a meeting with the patient advocacy group in the next couple of weeks to determine where the patient voice can be incorporated into ongoing projects.
- Zobair Younossi/Committee: Notify all participants of the date and location of the next official Global Council meeting in Barcelona during EASL.
- Laura: Send meeting minutes to all participants and schedule next meeting.