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#### Abstract:

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Of all the planned training sessions and clinical workshops for such dates, only few activities have been performed, partly due to the unavailability of the device and partly due to the coronavirus outbreak and the following lockdown. Several partners could not perform these activities in hospitals and could not attend the meetings because of safety measures to protect health.

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## **Executive summary**

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#### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Objective of this document

In order to maximize impact and user acceptation of the PICCOLO system, several training sessions and clinical workshops have been planned and performed. In these events, end users (gastroenterologists, pathologists and other clinicians) have had the opportunity of testing and using the system in a setting as close as possible to the actual clinical practice and provide feedback. But also, these dissemination events could be targeted to a broader audience, such as scientific community, industry, policy-makers or health system, showing them the benefits of the PICCOLO system, if the setback with the device and the coronavirus outbreak had allowed it. This document is responsible for reporting about training sessions and clinical workshops carried out from April 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### 1.2 Structure of this document

This document consists of three sections. The first section is the introduction of the document, describing the objective of the document, its structure and the relationship with other deliverables of the PICCOLO project. The second section includes the summary of the clinical and training sessions planned from April 2019 to June 2020 (although this report continues up to September 2020 because of the extension of the project for three months). The last one includes the description of the performed activities in the PICCOLO project during this period, particularly for the training sessions and clinical workshops.

## 1.3 Acronyms and abbreviations

OCT Optical Coherence Tomography

MPT Multiphoton Tomography

# 1.4 Relationships with other deliverables

The Deliverable D8.18 presented in this document relates to the following deliverables:

- D8.7 Plan on training sessions and clinical workshops v1
- D8.9 Report on training sessions and clinical workshops v1
- D8.15 Plan on training sessions and clinical workshops v2





# 2. Training sessions and clinical workshops planned from April 2019 to June 2020

The objective of this deliverable is to report the training sessions and/or clinical workshops performed from April 2019 until September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, despite the schedule was planned until June 2020. According to the deliverable D8.15 "Plan for the training sessions and clinical workshops v2", the following tables show the activities proposed for this period by some consortium partners.

Table 1. Schedule of training events at CCMIJU from April 2019 to June 2020

Training events	Date	Location	Target participants	
Hands-on Course on Digestive endoscopy	June, 2019	CCMIJU. Experimental Operating rooms	Gastroenterologists	
National and International workshop on	September,	CCMIJU. Experimental	Gastroenterologists	
endoscopy	2019	Operating rooms		
Workshop on endoscopic retrograde	September,	CCMIJU. Experimental	Gastroenterologists	
cholangiopancreatography	2019	Operating rooms	Gastrochterologists	
Hands-on course on digestive	October, 2019	CCMIJU. Experimental	Gastroenterologists	
echography	0000001, 2013	Operating rooms	Gusti Genter Glogists	
Hands-on Course on endoscopic	October, 2019	CCMIJU. Experimental	Gastroenterologists	
submucosal dissection	October, 2013	Operating rooms	dastroenterologists	
Hands-on Course on Digestive	June, 2020	CCMIJU. Experimental	Gastroenterologists	
endoscopy	Julic, 2020	Operating rooms	Gusti ochterologists	

Table 1. Schedule of training events at BIOEF/Osakidetza from April 2019 to June 2020

Training events	Date	Location	Target
			participants
Internal course- PICCOLO device:	September 2019 -	Basurto University Hospital.	Gastroenterologists
operation and use	March 2020	Gastroenterology Service	& Pathologists
		(OSI Bilbao-Basurto)	
Internal course- Images of the	September 2019 -	Basurto University Hospital.	Clinicians &
PICCOLO device. Possible	March 2020	Gastroenterology Service	Pathologists
applications		(OSI Bilbao-Basurto)	

Table 2. Schedule of training events at Imperial College from April 2019 to June 2020

Training events	Date	Location	Target participants
Internal course- Familiarisation with	July 2019	St Mary's Hospital,	Gastroenterologists &
the PICCOLO device		Paddington, London	Endoscopy Nurses
Internal course – Review of the	September	St Mary's Hospital,	Gastroenterologists
clinicians experience with the PICCOLO	2019	Paddington, London	and Pathologists
device			
Regional course – Familiarising	October-	St Mary's Hospital,	Senior and Trainee
clinicians with the PICCOLO device	November 2019	Paddington, London	Gastroenterologists



Moreover, the planning of clinical workshops to be carried out by the PICCOLO partners from April 2019 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is shown in Table 4.

Table 3. Schedule of clinical workshops until June 2020

PROPOSAL OF CLINICAL WORKSHOPS UNTIL JUNE 2020						
Institution Webinar	Wehinar	Meeting	Trade	Description	Possible	
	iviceting	Fair	Description	date		
Lens/Tyndall	MPT/OCT imaging of colon with PICCOLO device			MPT/OCT imaging of colon tissue using the PICCOLO device will be explained, with particular attention to the features that are relevant from the diagnostic point of view.	Spring 2019	
		European Society of Gastrointestinal		Round table/Discussion presenting images acquired with the PICCOLO device	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (Prague)	
		Endoscopy (ESGE DAYS)		Title- PICCOLO device: Image acquisition and processing	2020	
		Sociedad Española de Patología Digestiva (SEPD)		Round table/Discussion presenting images acquired with the PICCOLO device  Title- PICCOLO device: Image acquisition	13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Santander)	
BIOEF/		(==:=)		and processing	2020	
Osakidetza		41 Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Endoscopia Digestiva		Round table/Discussion presenting images acquired with the PICCOLO device	November 2019	
		(SEED) (http://www.wseed.org)		Title- PICCOLO device: Image acquisition and validation plan		
		United European Gastroenterology meeting (UEG)		Round table/Discussion presenting images acquired with the PICCOLO device	October 2019	
				Title- PICCOLO device: Image acquisition and validation plan	(Barcelona)	
Storz	Live Surgery/Symposium:" Applications of Fluorescence Imaging using Indocyanine Green"	Naples, Italy	Near Infrared Fluorescence imaging training courses on animals or clinical live surgery demonstrations	April 2019		
		Animal Workshop: "Sentinel Lymph Node detection in gynaecological cancers"	Training center IRCAD, Straßbourg, France	surgery demonstrations	July 2019	
Imperial College		London Regional Gastroenterology Meeting		Presentation and discussion of the PICCOLO system, the images obtained and the clinical use of the system. Group discussion regarding the imaging system.	September 2019	
		North-West Thames IBD and Research meeting		Presentation of the capabilities of the PICCOLO system, and the changes that can be made in endoscopic practice.	November 2019	



## 3. Report on the planned training sessions and clinical workshops

Regarding the training sessions, CCMIJU has performed the following:

 In December 2019, an MPT prototype presentation was carried out at CCMIJU's facilities where clinicians from CCMIJU learned how to use the MPT prototype during the training session.







 In December 2019, a Thorlabs OCT demo was carried out at CCMIJU's facilities. TECNALIA staff performed the training session for CCMIJU clinicians to learn how to use the Thorlabs OCT system.



• An MPT/OCT prototype presentation and Thorlabs OCT demo addressed to the PICCOLO consortium members met in Cáceres to hold the 7th face-to-face meeting on January 2020.

Project partners had the chance to visit the operating room and participate in a training session with the prototype demo. A murine specimen was analysed ex-vivo with the probe and the clinicians had the opportunity to evaluate the features present in a neoplastic polyp.







Regarding the clinical workshops, CCMIJU has performed the following:

• Hands-on Course on Digestive Endoscopy.

In a Hands-on Course on Digestive Endoscopy, held on June 27th and 28th 2019, addressed to gastroenterologists, CCMIJU carried out a clinical workshop at its facilities in order to present the PICCOLO prototype via video (it lasts 6 minutes). After watching it, attendants were asked to fill in a survey (see Annex A), prepared to get relevant info from clinicians about functions, usability and other features of the PICCOLO system.

21 gastroenterologists attended this clinical workshop and filled in the survey.









According to gastroenterologists' opinion, PICCOLO system would meet the current medical needs of colorectal cancer diagnosis. Although participants had no previous experience with OCT and MPT technologies, they think that it would improve results obtained with the imaging techniques they currently use (NBI). The new endoscope would contribute with in-situ diagnosis decision based on visual aids and marks, as gastroenterologists prefer. The PICCOLO system would not replace any clinical staff, but would serve as support and assistance for the detection and decision making in the diagnosis of colorectal cancer, avoiding thus the distrust shown by participants to a diagnosis provided by software without the supervision of a human expert. Usual handling and short acquisition time provided by the PICCOLO system would meet preferences of participants to use it in their service.

Course of Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography. September 19-20th, 2019

CCMIJU carried out a clinical workshop at its facilities in order to present the PICCOLO prototype via video, afterwards attendants (10) were asked to fill in the same survey as before.

• Course on Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection in Animal Model. October 4-5th, 2019

This activity was performed with 15 attendants, and in the same way as before, with the same results.

• The National and International workshop on endoscopy was addressed to vets and the PICCOLO project was not presented. The Hands-on Course on Digestive endoscopy, planned for June 2020, could not be performed because of the lockdown established by the Spanish Government due to coronavirus.

Regarding the training sessions at BIOEF/Osakidetza, none of the planned activities related to internal courses were carried out due to the unavailability of the device.

Imperial College planned two internal courses and a regional course as training sessions for familiarisation with the PICCOLO device that have not been performed, partly as it has not been ready and partly due to the Covid-19 crisis stopping routine work.







Finally, according to the clinical workshops planned in Table 4:

- LENS proposed to organise a webinar on MPT/OCT imaging of colon with the PICCOLO device, but the MPT/OCT probe was not able to acquire colon images with sufficient signalto-noise ratio.
- BIOEF proposed to carry out clinical workshops in several congresses (by the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE DAYS), by Sociedad Española de Patología Digestiva (SEPD), by Sociedad Española de Endoscopia Digestiva (SEED) and the United European Gastroenterology Meeting (UEG)), but finally they were not performed.
- STORZ planned two clinical fluorescence imaging workshops: Live Surgery/Symposium: "Applications of Fluorescence Imaging using Indocyanine Green", and the Animal Workshop: "Sentinel Lymph Node detection in gynaecological cancers". The activity focused on the CEcertified fluorescence imaging product which has been used in the Piccolo project.
- Imperial College planned to present the PICCOLO system at the London Regional Gastroenterology Meeting and the North-West Thames IBD and Research meeting, but finally they were not performed.



# 4. Conclusion/Further work

This document, produced in September 2020, includes the report of training sessions and clinical workshops performed from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Unfortunately, the completion of the planned clinical workshops and training session for 2020 has been interrupted by the coronavirus breakdown and the following lockdown established by the Government of the countries involved in this project.





#### Annex A

The survey consisted on the following questions (8):

1. Please, indicate your job status

Resident
Gastroenterologist/endoscopist

- 2. Please, indicate the number of colonoscopies your perform per year: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Do you think the PICCOLO device would meet the current medical needs related to colonoscopy procedure and colorectal cancer diagnosis? If yes, order by importance the medical needs to be met (1 most important, 4 least important)

No

Yes

Reduce time and costs of diagnosis
Ensure safe resection margins
Determine the depth of invasion of the polyp
Reduce missing polyps rate

4. Do you have previous knowledge or experience with photonic technologies?

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Multiphoton Tomography (MPT)

Fluorescence spectroscopy

Narrow Band Imaging (NBI)

Other (Indicate, please):

None

5. Do you think PICCOLO (OCT, MPT and fluorescence) would improve results obtained with advanced imaging techniques currently used (NBI, chromoendoscopy, etc.) for colorectal cancer diagnosis?

Yes

No

6. Do you think it is important that a system such as PICCOLO could provide additional information (for example, polyp warning!) for supporting the decision-making in the assessment of polyps or colorectal cancer? If yes, how would you like the associated software to provide you with such additional information?

No

Yes







Highlight it over the endoscopic image Show it outside the endoscopic image Inform by acoustic warning

7. Current diagnostic patterns (Paris, Kudo, etc.) have a high intra- and inter-observer variability. Would you trust the diagnosis obtained by a software automatically?

Yes, absolutely Yes, under the supervision of a human expert No, but it would be good support for my decision Not at all

8. Would you use this system in your service? If yes, what characteristics would you give more importance to? Multiple choice (max. 3)

No Yes

The endoscope to have good <u>handling</u> characteristics that do not necessitate deviation from normal endoscopic technique

The acquisition and processing <u>time</u> from the optical biopsy system (OCT/MPT) to be short

The <u>price</u> of the system to be reasonable when compared to competing technologies

The overall <u>size</u> of the system to be comparable to standard, currently used endoscope stacks

The output of the system is <u>compatible</u> with existing image and datahandling processes



