

EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting

Summary of minutes of meeting in Oslo, Norway, 12 – 13 September 2005

Attending

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
Dr Fred Goldstein	FG	SFM	France
Dr Gunnar Kahlmeter	GK	Chairperson	Sweden
Prof Alasdair P. MacGowan	AM	BSAC	United Kingdom
Dr Johan W. Mouton	JM	CRG	The Netherlands
Dr Ingrid Nilsson-Ehle	IN-E	SRGA	Sweden
Prof Arne Rodloff	AR	DIN	Germany
Dr Martin Steinbakk	MS	NWGA	Norway
Dr Olga Stetsiouk	OS	EUCAST	Russia

Apologies

Dr Anders Österlund	AO	SRGA	Sweden
Dr Francisco Soriano	FS	EUCAST	Spain

Observer

Dr Yngvar Tveten	YT	NWGA	Norway
Professor Arnfinn Sundsfjord	AS	NWGA	Norway

1	Chairman's welcome IN-E represented SRGA in place of AÖ. YT and AS attended as observers from the NWGA.
2	Minutes of meeting of 31 March 2005 The minutes were accepted as a correct record.
3	Matters arising from minutes of 31 March 2005 The Swedish reference laboratory will provide MIC data for cefepime and <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> An EMEA procedure for revising breakpoints will be discussed with EMEA when current work on new agents is completed. Errors in the moxifloxacin rationale document have been corrected. Truncated data have been removed from ceftazidime MIC distributions. Cefepime MIC distributions for <i>P. aeruginosa</i> have been sent to Ron Jones.
4	EUCAST finance The required year 1 scientific report to the EU is completed. Possible arrangements for funding of EUCAST after the current grant finishes were discussed.
5	Role of National Committees in EUCAST The role of National Committees as EUCAST has become more active in setting breakpoints was discussed.
6	CLSI There was an informal meeting between some members of the Steering Committee and the CLSI Enterobacteriaceae Sub-Committee before the CLSI meeting in June 2005. Reductions in CLSI breakpoints for cephalosporins with Enterobacteriaceae were noted but the differences to FDA breakpoints are yet to be resolved. One suggestion is to include both CLSI and FDA breakpoints in the CLSI tables.

7	Carbapenem breakpoints Comments from National Breakpoint Committees were discussed. No changes were agreed to tables to be released for consultation.
8	Cephalosporin breakpoints Comments from National Breakpoint Committees were discussed and changes incorporated into tables to be released for consultation.
9	Aztreonam breakpoints Comments from National Breakpoint Committees were discussed. No changes were agreed to tables to be released for consultation.
10	Consultation on breakpoints Agreed to make amendments and send breakpoints for consultation with questions highlighting contentious issues.
11	Rationale documents Agreed that the rationale documents for aminoglycosides, linezolid and flouroquinolones should be completed urgently and that these should be released after the Rome meeting.
12	Daptomycin breakpoints Use of IE notation for the non-species-related breakpoint was agreed. The outcome from CHMP regarding enterococci is awaited.
13	Tigecycline Changes agreed in the tigecycline session (minuted separately) will be incorporated in the rationale document.
14	Intravenous penicillins Agreed to start collecting data on IV penicillins.
15	Definition of the intermediate category Agreed to change to the ISO definition in EUCAST documents.
16	Collaboration Nothing new.
17	CEN/ISO The document on the reference broth microdilution method was close to completion. It should be agreed at the ISO meeting in December and then released for final voting.
18	EUCAST documents Agreed that the mycobacteria and intracellular pathogens documents should be completed as definitive documents.
19	Joint meeting with EARSS, Rome, November 2005 The Steering Committee meeting on 21-22 November would be followed by the EUCAST/EARSS meeting on 23-25 November.
20	EUCAST at ECCMID, Nice Outlines of two possible two-hour symposia and a workshop were discussed.
21	Any other business Agreed that additional members of National Breakpoint Committees may attend meetings as observers. Noted that the CLSI had agreed to reduce vancomycin breakpoints for <i>S. aureus</i>

22	Next meetings
22.1	21-22 November 2005, Rome. Preceding joint meeting with EARSS.
22.2	30-31 January 2006, Munich. Cancelled unless needed.
22.3	30-31 March 2006, Nice. Preceding ECCMID meeting
22.4	12-13 June 2006.
22.5	11-12 September 2006. Possibly combined with ICACC
22.6	20-21 November 2006.

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