Summary of minutes of EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting  
Madrid, Spain, 16-17 February 2009

Attending
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Dr Christian Giske CG SRGA Sweden  
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Prof Arne Rodloff AR DIN Germany  
Prof Claude-James Soussy CS CA-SFM France  
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1 Chairman’s welcome
2 Minutes of meeting of 24-25 November 2008 With minor typographical corrections the minutes were accepted as a correct record.
3 Matters arising from minutes of 24-25 November 2008  
Colistin MIC distributions for Pseudomonas spp. are being collected.  
Telithromycin data relating to breakpoints may be provided by Aventis.  
EUCAST MIC breakpoint tables are to be provided in pdf format.  
The detection of carbapenemase-producing organisms with carbapenem breakpoints and epidemiological cut-offs was discussed.  
MIC distributions for “other streptococci” will be examined in order to assist in selecting breakpoints.
4 New drugs The current status of a new quinolone, a new glycopeptides and a new diaminopyrimidine were discussed.
5 Status of EUCAST documents Current status of rationale documents and EUCAST Technical Notes for CMI was reviewed.
6 Expert rules subcommittee The rules tables and the collated comments on version 1 were reviewed. It was suggested that H. Influenzae should be intermediate to macrolides; the reporting of ESBL-producers when they appear susceptible to β-lactams is contentious; and some aminoglycoside rules may need amendment.
7 Antifungal susceptibility testing subcommittee Will collaborate informally with workers in USA.
8 Anaerobe subcommittee A review of susceptibility testing of anaerobes is being produced.
9 Mycobacteria subcommittee Options for developments in relation to mycobacteria are being assessed by ECDC.
10 EUCAST publications A document on the value of ECOFFs is being prepared. A paper on screening for carbapenemases is being written. The supplement on expert rules will be delayed until version 2 of the rules is prepared.
11 Organisms/agents requiring breakpoints The list was reviewed and amended.
| 12 | **Implementation of EUCAST breakpoints**  
Breakpoints will be promoted at the ECCMID workshop, symposium and general meeting.  
There are difficulties in countries where there is no antibiotic committee and no microbiologists prominent in the area. Promoting national antibiotic committees was an ECDC objective.  
The website will be an important resource for information on EUCAST breakpoints.  
The NEQAS EQA programme is no longer publishing individual country breakpoints and expected results will be based on EUCAST breakpoints. |
| 13 | **ECCMID**  
The 4 h educational workshop on susceptibility testing problems will be on the Saturday morning, 16 May; the 2 h symposium on implementation of EUCAST breakpoints and EUCAST methodologies will be on the Tuesday morning, 19 May. |
| 14 | **EUCAST disk diffusion method**  
Approaches to development of the method were discussed. |
| 15 | **ECDC**  
A call for tenders for a disk diffusion method is expected soon. GK attended an ad-hoc ECDC meeting on antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections. |
| 16 | **EMEA**  
No new information. |
| 17 | **Oral cephalosporins**  
The draft breakpoint table was reviewed and updated and will be sent for consultation with national breakpoint committees. |
| 18 | **M. catarrhalis and iv cephalosporins**  
Agreed to modify breakpoints, and to include a separate column for *M. catarrhalis* breakpoints. |
| 19 | **Review of glycopeptide breakpoints**  
Following further discussion it was agreed that revised breakpoints will be sent for final email consultation with national breakpoint committees. |
| 20 | **Any other business**  
None. |
| 21 | **Next meetings**  
19-20 May 2009, Helsinki, Finland (following ECCMID).  
27-29 September 2009, Leipzig, Germany.  
23-24 November 2009, Nice, France.  
February 2010, Brussels, Belgium.  
13-14 April 2010, Vienna, Austria (following ECCMID). |

Ratified summary of minutes of meeting 16-17 February 2008. Prepared by DB, GK and RC