

Summary of EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting Paris, France, 19-20 November 2007

Attending

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
Dr Rafael Cantón	RC	Clinical Data Co-ordinator	Spain
Dr Fred Goldstein	FG	SFM	France
Prof Gunnar Kahlmeter	GK	Chairperson	Sweden
Prof Alasdair P. MacGowan	AM	BSAC	United Kingdom
Dr Johan W. Mouton	JM	CRG	The Netherlands
Prof Inga Odenholt	IO	SRGA	Sweden
Prof Arne Rodloff	AR	DIN	Germany
Prof Claude-James Soussy	CS	SFM	France
Dr Martin Steinbakk	MS	NWGA	Norway

Apologies

Prof Waleria Hryniewicz	WH	EUCAST	Poland
Prof Pietro Varaldo	PV	EUCAST	Italy

Representing EMEA

Dr Falk Ehman	FE	EMEA
Dr Eric Pelfrene	EP	EMEA

1	Chairman's welcome FG is retiring from the Steering Committee and his major contribution to the work of the committee was acknowledged.
2	Minutes of meeting of 6-7 September 2007 The minutes were accepted as a correct record.
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 6-7 September 2007 Minocycline MIC data for <i>H. influenzae</i> are being sought.</p> <p>National Committee representatives for 2008-11 on the Steering Committee have been confirmed.</p> <p>The role of EUCAST "post harmonization" is being defined.</p> <p>Clinical data on fosfomicin are being sought.</p> <p>Tetracycline breakpoints have been put in a separate table.</p>
4	New drugs Agents which may be presented to EUCAST in the near future were reviewed.
5	New carbapenem Tentative EUCAST breakpoints were discussed.
6	A tetracycline Tentative EUCAST breakpoints for proposed extended indications were discussed.
7	New cephalosporin Tentative EUCAST breakpoints were discussed.
8	Technical notes and rationale documents Rationale documents for quinolones and glycopeptides are on the EUCAST website. The status of others was reviewed.
9	Expert rules subcommittee The comments from the open consultation are being reviewed.
10	Antifungal susceptibility testing subcommittee The fluconazole breakpoints and rationale document are on the EUCAST website and the technical note is in CMI. The yeast MIC method is in CMI. The proposed MIC method for moulds is on the EUCAST website as a discussion document until the end of January 2008.
11	Anaerobe subcommittee Breakpoints have been proposed for all relevant agents.
12	Mycobacterial subcommittee The need for a subcommittee is being discussed.

13	Publications on EUCAST website Agreed that in most cases EUCAST methodological documents would be published on the website only. A format for citation of documents was agreed.
14	ECDC No new information.
15	EMA For information regarding new agents see individual sections.
16	CLSI No new information
17	ECCMID Workshop on expert rules and symposium on EUCAST breakpoints have been organised.
18	Macrolide breakpoints Modifications to proposed breakpoints were agreed and the table finalised.
19	Miscellaneous agents Draft breakpoints were reviewed and the updated table will be distributed for final check before release.
20	Breakpoints for penicillins Draft breakpoints were discussed in the light of comments from national committees. A revised breakpoint table will be distributed.
21	New glycopeptide The agent was presented to the Steering Committee by the company, followed by comments, questions and responses from the Steering Committee.
22	New glycopeptide There was further discussion within the Steering Committee (with EMA).
23	Oral cephalosporins Data on current breakpoints and dosages are being collected.
24	Breakpoints for ESBL screening It was suggested that epidemiological cut-offs might be used with MIC methods as a more sensitive screen for ESBLs than clinical breakpoints.
25	EUCAST disc diffusion method A EUCAST method based on Kirby-Bauer methodology would be easier to adopt in many countries. Agreed to distribute a questionnaire asking what would convince users of disc methods that they should switch to EUCAST breakpoints.
26	Any other business None.
27	Next meetings 28-29 January 2008. Brussels. 22-23 April 2008. After ECCMID 2008, Barcelona 12-13 June 2008. Birmingham. 8-9 September 2008. Sweden. 24-25 November 2008. To be decided.

Ratified summary of minutes of meeting 19-20 November 2007. Prepared by DB, GK and RC