

EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting Copenhagen, Denmark, 14-15 June 2007

Attending

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
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
Dr Fred Goldstein	FG	SFM	France
Dr Martin Steinbakk	MS	NWGA	Norway
Prof Pietro Varaldo	PV	EUCAST	Italy

Apologies

Dr Rafael Canton	RC	Clinical Data Co-ordinator	Spain
Prof Waleria Hryniewicz	WH	EUCAST	Poland
Prof Inga Odenholt	IO	SRGA	Sweden

1	Chairman's welcome Additional documents were tabled by the Chairman.
2	Minutes of meeting of 3-4 April 2007 The minutes were accepted as a correct record.
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 3-4 April 2007 Declarations of interests have been returned.</p> <p>Aminoglycoside and glycopeptide technical notes and rationale documents to be completed.</p> <p>Additional MIC distribution data for macrolides has been collected.</p> <p>An SRGA review of trimethoprim for enterococci has been distributed to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>National committee views on higher breakpoints for penicillins with pneumococci have been invited.</p> <p>Expert groups have been consulted on proposed penicillin and macrolide breakpoints.</p> <p>Rationale document templates for new agents have been prepared.</p> <p>A table of draft breakpoints for miscellaneous agents has been distributed for discussion.</p> <p>Links to the ISO/CEN broth microdilution document will be put on the EUCAST website.</p> <p>Noted that EUCAST breakpoints are to be included in NEQAS results.</p>
4	New agents For garenoxacin a response from EMEA is awaited. Activity on several new agents is expected soon.
5	Ciprofloxacin rationale document has been updated and all rationale documents are to be formatted as for the ciprofloxacin document.
6	Subcommittees Expert rules: The next draft will soon be completed and distributed for wide consultation. AFST: A new version of the yeast microdilution susceptibility test method is awaited. Anaerobes: A new subcommittee will be set up, chaired by AR.
7	Macrolide breakpoints Draft tables were reviewed and comments from the general consultation were discussed. Modifications were agreed and the tables will be sent to National committees for final comment.
8	Miscellaneous agents Following discussions on draft breakpoints the table was modified and will

be sent to National committees for comment.

- 9** **ECDC** The possible position of EUCAST in ECDC has yet to be decided. The Steering Committee felt that the involvement of ESCMID as a professional society was essential.
- 10** **EMA** The updated EMA-EUCAST SOP has been approved by CHMP. An SOP for antifungal breakpoint setting is being written. EMA has asked if a subcommittee for mycobacteria could be established and it was agreed to pursue this.
- 11** **CLSI** There is no change in the relationship between CLSI and FDA. A working party on penicillin breakpoints for pneumococci has recommended breakpoints of 2/4 mg/L. Cefoxitin breakpoints for *S. aureus* have been set at 4/4 mg/L. Also noted that automated systems may miss carbapenem resistance mediated by KPC in *K. pneumoniae*, a broth microdilution method has been recommended for inducible clindamycin resistance and the revised M23 document is expected in November 2007.
- 12** **ECCMID April 2008** A response is awaited to EUCAST proposals for a symposium on EUCAST breakpoints and a workshop on expert rules.
- 13** **Steering Committee membership** Nominations are invited for two General Committee representatives for 2008-2010. National Committee representatives for 2008-2011 should be confirmed. It will be proposed to ESCMID that the Chairman, Scientific Secretary and Clinical Data Coordinator terms of office be extended until the situation with ECDC is clarified. The future role of EUCAST will be discussed by national committees.
- 14** **EUCAST disc diffusion method** The desirability of a EUCAST disc diffusion method was agreed to be important in ensuring uptake of EUCAST breakpoints. The opinions of national committees will be sought.
- 15** **Any other business**
Modification of the definition of non-species related breakpoints was agreed.
- 16** **Next meetings**
6-7 September 2007 Berlin
19-20 November 2007 Paris
28-29 January 2008 Brussels
22-23 April 2008 Barcelona (ECCMID)
12-13 June 2008
8-9 September 2008
24-25 November 2008

Ratified summary of minutes of meeting 14-15 June 2007. Prepared by DB, GK and RC