

EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting Summary of minutes of meeting in Rome, Italy, 24-25 November 2008

Attending

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
Dr Rafael Cantón	RC	Clinical Data Co-ordinator	Spain
Prof Gunnar Kahlmeter	GK	Chairperson	Sweden
Dr Christian Giske	CG	SRGA	Sweden
Dr Antti Hakanen	AH	EUCAST	Finland
Dr Johan W. Mouton	JM	CRG	The Netherlands
Prof Arne Rodloff	AR	DIN	Germany
Prof Claude-James Soussy	CS	CA-SFM	France
Dr Arnfinn Sundsfjord	AS	NWGA	Norway
Prof Paul Tulkens	PT	EUCAST	ISC

Apologies

Prof Alasdair P. MacGowan	AM	BSAC	United Kingdom
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EMA representatives

Dr Mair Powell (25.11.08)	MP	MHRA representative
Dr Simon Simonian (25.11.08)	SS	Clinical assessor
Dr Michael Berntgen (24-25.11.08)	MB	EMA
Dr Marco Cavaleri (24-25.11.08)	MC	EMA

1	<p>Chairman's welcome Dr Arnfinn Sundsfjord has taken over from Dr Martin Steinbakk as the representative of Norway for the immediate future.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting of 8-9 September 2008 Accepted as a correct record.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 8-9 September 2008 Minocycline MIC distributions for <i>H. influenzae</i> and quinupristin-dalfopristin MIC distributions have not been obtained.</p> <p>A table is to be produced with different doses and Pk/Pd breakpoints covering the dosage range for CAP caused by <i>S. pneumoniae</i>.</p> <p>Revision of amoxicillin breakpoints for meningococci to avoid reporting amoxicillin resistant, ampicillin susceptible will be considered if data are provided.</p> <p>Data will be requested from USA sources on colistin breakpoints for <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp. CG agreed to pursue this topic and AR will send MIC data to GK.</p> <p>In response to a query it was noted that telithromycin breakpoints will be reconsidered if data supporting a change in the breakpoint are provided.</p> <p>Additional organisms/agents that may require breakpoints were discussed, including <i>C. difficile</i>, <i>H. pylori</i> and <i>Legionella</i> spp. Some guidance is given in EUCAST Discussion Document 6.1. The European <i>Legionella</i> working group have been consulted.</p> <p>EUCAST MIC breakpoint tables are to be available in pdf format that can be printed individually.</p> <p>Revision of carbapenem breakpoints: Website notes on the general value of ECOFFs and the specific value of using a meropenem ECOFF for the detection of carbapenemases, including KPC-enzymes, are being prepared. The meropenem, imipenem and ertapenem rationale documents have been updated. The doripenem rationale document is to be completed.</p> <p>Revised glycopeptide breakpoints were sent for general consultation. The rationale document and technical note will be updated.</p>
4	<p>New drugs The current status of several agents was reviewed. Noted that extended applications for licensed drugs are dealt with by the EMA Post Authorisation and Efficacy of Medicines group.</p>

5	Status of EUCAST documents Not reviewed at this meeting.
6	Expert rules subcommittee The proposed supplement is being prepared. Update of the rules to version 2 will be completed for the supplement. Comments on the first version will be reviewed by the Steering Committee before asking the subcommittee to deal with them for version 2.
7	Antifungal susceptibility testing subcommittee Plan to meet in Madrid in January and to have a joint meeting with EUCAST Steering Committee following ECCMID.
8-9	Anaerobe and Mycobacterium subcommittees No new information.
10-12	New glycopeptide There was preliminary background discussion followed by a meeting with the company and subsequent discussion. Draft breakpoints were proposed for consultation.
13	CLSI GK reported that some form of revision of cephalosporin breakpoints for Enterobacteriaceae had been revived. GK will attend the January meeting.
14	ESCMID The EUCAST workshop has been agreed and a symposium has been proposed.
15	EUCAST disc diffusion method Initial work in GK's laboratory is continuing.
16	ECDC No new information.
17	EMA MB and MC presented the EMA regulatory process and the interaction with EUCAST. The EMA-EUCAST SOP relates to new breakpoints only. Harmonised breakpoints might be presented through EMA but the power to implement them is with national agencies. An EMA document on breakpoints for mycobacteria was being drafted. An appropriate route for wide consultation on EMA documents was the ESCMID central office as ESCMID is the European professional body for clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.
18	Oral cephalosporin draft breakpoints were reviewed again. Changes were made to proposals for cefuroxime with <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>S. pneumoniae</i> and staphylococci, and for cefaclor with staphylococci. Breakpoints for cefpodoxime were added. Several footnotes were modified. The table will be sent for final general consultation, including national committees.
19-21	New diaminopyrimidine agent Prior to meeting with the company there was preliminary background discussion. Following a presentation by the company and subsequent discussion draft breakpoints were proposed for consultation.
22	Revision of glycopeptide breakpoints There have been no comments on the proposed revised breakpoints. There will be further discussion on streptococcal breakpoints.
23	Any other business Recommendations for detection of carbapenemases, including KPC enzyme producers Recommendations to EARSS were discussed. EUCAST could make recommendations on methods for detection of β -lactamases, including supporting references and limitations. Breakpoints for other streptococci To be completed at the next meeting. EUCAST Pk/Pd data There is no single source of data as information is in individual documents. "Odd" drugs Agreed to prepare a list of less frequently used agents.
24	Next meetings 16-17 February 2009. Madrid, Spain; 19-20 May 2009. Helsinki, Finland (following ECCMID); September 2009. Germany; 23-24 November 2009. Nice, France; February 2010, Brussels, Belgium; 13-14 April 2010, Vienna, Austria (following ECCMID).

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