

Summary of minutes of EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting Stockholm, Sweden, 11-12 July 2011

Attending

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
Dr Rafael Cantón	RC	Clinical Data Co-ordinator	Spain
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Dr Marina Ivanova	MI	EUCAST	Estonia
Prof Gunnar Kahlmeter	GK	Chairperson	Sweden
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Apologies

Dr Petra Apfalter	PA	EUCAST	Austria
Prof Claude-James Soussy	CS	CA-SFM	France

Present on 11 July 2011

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1	<p>Chairman's welcome Prof Arne Rodloff has resigned from the Steering Committee. A National Antimicrobial Susceptibility Committee has been formed in Australia and their formal application to join the EUCAST General Committee has been approved by ESCMID.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting of 10-11 May 2011 The minutes were accepted as a correct record.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 10-11 May 2011 (items not covered by agenda) A paper for CMI explaining ECOFFs is being prepared.</p> <p>Policy on breakpoints for agent-organisms for which there is no license is being discussed.</p> <p>There are current discussions on definition of susceptibility testing methods for gonococci.</p> <p>Screening methods for detection of β-lactam resistance in <i>H. influenzae</i> are being investigated.</p> <p>A questionnaire to send to General Committee representatives asking for common dose, maximum dose and available formulations used in their country is to be produced.</p> <p>Breakpoint changes for <i>M. catarrhalis</i> have been published on the website and will be incorporated into the next version of the breakpoint tables.</p> <p>Revised statutes have been published on the EUCAST website.</p> <p>A guidance document on direct antimicrobial susceptibility testing is being drafted.</p> <p>The reliability of ciprofloxacin disk diffusion testing of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. is to be reviewed.</p> <p>Significant breakpoints splitting the wild type will be dealt with as soon as possible.</p>
4	<p>New agents EMA has recommended marketing authorisation for telavancin with limited application. Two new agents for TB are likely to be submitted within the next year. There have been preliminary discussions on a new ketolide agent.</p>
5	<p>Status of EUCAST rationale documents To be discussed at the next meeting. Each year when breakpoint tables are updated the rationale documents will be checked and updated if required.</p>
6	<p>Breakpoint issues Proposed breakpoints for levofloxacin and moxifloxacin with viridans group streptococci and for cefixime with <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> will be released on general consultation. Pk/Pd breakpoints for colistin are unclear and further discussion will take place. If there is evidence relating MIC to outcome for Enterobacteriaceae and oral cephalosporins EUCAST would be happy to review breakpoints. ECOFF-based breakpoints for topical agents are being discussed. The</p>

susceptible linezolid breakpoint for *S. pneumoniae* in the current EUCAST tables is incorrectly listed as $S \leq 4$ mg/L rather than ≤ 2 mg/L: it will be corrected in the next version of the tables. Problems with the nitrofurantoin breakpoint splitting the *E. faecium* wild type and vancomycin breakpoints for coagulase-negative staphylococci were discussed.

- 7 **Expert rules subcommittee** Version 2 should be published by CMI within a few weeks. The subcommittee has now been disbanded.
- 8 **Antifungal susceptibility testing subcommittee** No new information.
- 9 **Anaerobe subcommittee** The subcommittee will be disbanded and work continued in collaboration with the ESCMID study group.
- 10 **Organisms without EUCAST breakpoints** *N. meningitidis* discussions with IBD-Labnet continue. *H. pylori* breakpoints and *C. difficile* ECOFFs have been released. For *Campylobacter* spp a multi-centre project is in progress. For *Legionella* spp work with the European study group is proposed. Results from the multi-centre *Listeria* spp project were discussed. Proposals for ECOFFs for *P. multocida* were reviewed. A multi-centre project on *Corynebacterium* spp is underway. Work is underway or planned for *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Actinomycetes* spp., *Nocardia* spp., *Streptomyces* spp., *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Aerococcus* spp., and *Actinobaculum* spp.
- 11 **ESCMID** EUCAST sessions have been proposed for ECCMID 2012. There will be a combined EUCAST/ESGARS/EPASG Postgraduate Educational Course in Madrid in September 2012.
- 12 **EMA** A consultation document on development of paediatric drugs has been released.
- 13 **CLSI** A report was given on the meeting in Boston, June 2011.
- 14 **ECDC** A document on case definitions for antimicrobial resistance has been released.
- 15 **Implementation of EUCAST breakpoints** There have been no very recent changes in national status. Manufacturers' readiness for EUCAST breakpoints and methods was reviewed and slow progress with some automated systems noted.
- 16 **Viridans group streptococci** Agreed to standardise terminology to "viridians group streptococci".
- 17 **Website** Updates have been introduced to presentation of MIC and zone diameter distributions.
- 18 **Co-amoxiclav breakpoints and susceptibility testing** Deferred to next meeting.
- 19 **Screening for β -lactam resistance in viridans group streptococci** A study is in progress to assess use of the 1 unit (0.6 μ g) penicillin disk to screen for β -lactam resistance.
- 20 **Web-based information project** Collaboration on a proposed project was discussed.
- 21 **Paper on Pk/Pd in breakpoint setting** The paper is close to a final draft.
- 22 **New cephalosporin** Proposed breakpoints were discussed.
- 23 **Any other business** None.
- 24 **Next meetings**
26-27 September 2011, Zurich, Switzerland.
21-22 November 2011, Brussels, Belgium
30-31 January 2012, Lille, France
3-4 April 2012, London, UK
9-10 July 2012, Stockholm, Sweden
24-25 September 2012, Madrid, Spain

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