

International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Results
Harmonization Oversight Group / Council Conference Call Meeting

DATE: 12 October 2017

TIME: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. EDT

HOG Member	Present this call	Council Member	Present this call
Greg Miller (chair)	x	Gary Myers (chair, AACC)	
Eunice Lee (Vice-Chair)		Junghan Song (KSLM)	
Joseph Passarelli	x	Hideo Kato (JCCLS)	
Steve Master	x	Katsuyuki Nakajima (JCCLS)	
Amy Saenger		Akira Seki (JCCLS)	
Tony Killeen			
Ian Young	x		
Masato Maekawa			

AACC Staff:

Ms. Stefanie Kleinman (Scientific and Practice Affairs Specialist)

Minutes:

1. The boards of AACC and IFCC, and the Council of ICHCLR have agreed to transfer the secretariat to IFCC. The Task Force appointed by IFCC has prepared a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) to transfer the secretariat effective 1 January 2018. IFCC is expected to send the MOU to AACC for signature.
2. Gary will initiate communication in November with current Council, Organizational and SPG members inviting them to continue participation for 2018 at the new annual contribution rates.
3. The web site will be revised to reflect new member categories and operating procedures toward the end of the year to coincide with recruitment of new members after the secretariat process is finalized with IFCC.
4. Each HOG member agreed to contact colleagues in their countries to identify organizations with active harmonization activities that we can add to the web site.

5. The CAP suggested to add links to PT/EQA programs that use commutable samples. The HOG agreed this will be a useful service. We can consider changing the measurand table header from “JCTLM” to “Resources” (or other term to be determined) and include both JCTLM and commutable PT links. Some PT programs include a mix of commutable and non-commutable samples so we will need to determine how best to designate. HOG members in different countries can provide information for PT programs in their countries that offer commutable sample programs. A system for annual update should be developed. We will revisit how to set up this new service.
6. Measurands were reviewed as indicated in the table that follows. The goal is to complete these measurand assessments for the next call.
7. Next conference call meetings are November 22, and December 13.

Follow up assignments:

Measurand	Decision	Assigned to
Protein S	H for Asian population; M other areas; decision needed	Steve: Protein S, per my colleague, has significant variation and would benefit from harmonization in the same way that other coag tests have already benefitted. It looks like the scientific and standardization committee of ISTH already has a committee looking into this. Steve will contact them for further information.

Measurand	Decision	Assigned to
CO2		Greg has crossover data with 4 mmol/L bias between Abbott and Siemens. Steve has crossover data with a 2 mmol/L bias between Beckman and Siemens. Eunice provided data for CAP Survey showing some biases; and cross over for two Roche platforms that agreed. Steve will collect data for Roche vs another system. With this data we should be able to make a determination of priority.
Various drugs: salicylate, digoxin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, theophylline, vancomycin, tobramycin, gentamycin, benzodiazepine, amphetamines, tacrolimus, serolimus		Greg got feedback from Paul Janetto and Bill Clarke. Generally adequate agreement. Greg asked a colleague at VCU who also agreed. Greg will contact Bill Clark for information from IATDM-CT on possible PT data for commutable samples. Ian will inquire if any commutable PT data available in UK programs.
antistreptolysin O		Tony
Compliment C3 and C4		Tony
urine chloride, calcium, urea		Amy
Hepatitis C RNA		Steve
Procalcitonin		Amy
IgE		Tony
Compliment CH-50		Amy to ask a colleague