

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

DATE: 22 November 2017

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

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

AACC Staff:

Ms. Loretta Doan

Minutes:

1. AACC and IFCC have agreed on a MOU to transfer the secretariat effective 1 January 2018. Signatures are expected to be finalized and the transition to occur on Dec 31, 2017. The fund balance will be transferred to IFCC in early January.
2. Gary will initiate communication in the next two weeks with current Council, Organizational and SPG members inviting them to continue participation for 2018 at the new member classifications and annual contribution rates.
3. Greg will update the web site now to reflect new member categories and operating procedures to coincide with invitations to continue participation and to recruit new members. The secretariat change will be updated at the January 1 transition.
4. Each HOG member will suggest 1-3 people to consider inviting to join the HOG. Emphasis on broadening the expertise of members and to bring in mid-career

colleagues to prepare for term limits transitions is a focus for recruitment. We will identify candidates to approach to join the HOG on our Dec 13 call.

5. This point is retained from the last call to ensure follow up. 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.
7. Next conference call meeting is 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. ISTH planned an inter-method assessment for 2017. Greg will contact Dr. Hamasaki in Japan for any literature citations.

Measurand	Decision	Assigned to
CO2		<p>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, and a 2 mmol/L bias between Roche and Olympus. Eunice provided data for CAP Survey showing some biases; and cross over for two Roche platforms that agreed. We agreed a medium priority. Greg will write a summary.</p>
<p>Various drugs: salicylate, digoxin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, theophylline, vancomycin, tobramycin, gentamycin, benzodiazepine, amphetamines, tacrolimus, serolimus</p>		<p>Greg got feedback from Paul Janetto and Bill Clarke. Generally adequate agreement. Greg asked a colleague at VCU who also agreed. Greg contacted Loralie Langman, past president of IATDM-CT, who was not aware of any PT data for commutable samples. Greg will see Helen Parks at a meeting next week and will inquire if any commutable PT data available in UK programs and what resources LGC has for drug assays. IFCC recently approved a WG for immunosuppressant drugs.</p>
antistreptolysin O		<p>Tony provided a summary to post to the web site.</p>
Compliment C3 and C4		<p>Tony provided a summary and will follow up with any literature or PT evidence for current status.</p>
urine chloride, calcium, urea		<p>Amy</p>

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Hepatitis C RNA		Steve provided a summary to post to the web site.
Procalcitonin		Amy
IgE		Tony provided a summary and will follow up with any literature or PT evidence for current status.
Compliment CH-50		Amy to ask a colleague
SCC (squamous cell carcinoma) Ag		Eunice provided a summary and will follow up if a literature citation can be identified as evidence for current status.
Carboxyhemoglobin		Greg
Hemoglobin fetal		Tony
Albumin, CSF		Steve
Protein, CSF		Joe to contact IFCC WG regarding summary status for web site