

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

DATE: 5th May 2021

TIME: 13.00 – 14.00 GMT (UK time)

HOG Member	Present	Council Member	Present
Ian Young (chair)	x	Sverre Sandberg (chair, IFCC)	
Eunice Lee (Vice-Chair)	x	Gye Chol Kwon (KSLM)	
Joseph Passarelli	x	Gary Myers (AACC)	x
Steve Master		Tony Killeen (CAP)	x
Greg Miller	x		
Philippe Gillery (IFCC SD)	x		
Anja Kessler			
Melissa Snyder	x		
Yeo-Min Yun		Observer	
Amrom Obstfeld		Loretta Doan (AACC)	
Ross Molanaro			
YeJin Oh			
Huimin Wang			
Susan Copple			

Minutes:

- 1) Apologies were received from YeJin Oh, Sverre Sandberg, Anja Kessler, Steve Master
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting (March 23) were approved
- 3) Consideration of new measurands
 - a) Lp(a) – agreed with minor changes
 - b) Serum osmolality – agreed with minor changes
 - c) Urine osmolality – agreed with minor changes. AK to check if any concerns about vapour pressure methodology.
 - d) Quinidine – agreed with minor changes

e) NT-pro BNP - has been removed and waiting revision

5) Current and future activities

a) update from EQALM working group: Two subgroups have been established – one on commutability criteria for EQA materials and one to define information to be sought from schemes

b) update on joint working with IFCC: Agreement in principle reached about a way of working in relation to ICHCLR funded WGs working in the SD structure. PG to discuss any modifications which might be required to MOU with IFCC President.

c) correspondence from CDC: Agreed that modifications will be made to website. IY to clarify if work joint with IFCC.

We reviewed your list of measurands and would like to suggest considering the following changes:

- Thyroxine, free (FT4): Add CDC in the organization column. CDC actively addressing harmonization or standardization for the measurand. This is reflected in CDC providing reference measurements to PT/EQA provides and in CDC launching its FT4 standardization program this year.
- Parathyroid hormone (PTH): Add CDC in the organization column. CDC is actively developing reference measurement procedures for the measurand.

d) links with clinical societies: letter wording agreed and ready to go out. All members to suggest names of relevant clinical societies by email to IY.

e) awareness of ICHCLR role and resources: newsletter to go out twice per year, with first in June (IY)

f) call for programs of work to harmonize high priority measurands - awaiting agreement with IFCC before issuing call.

One application received from Prothrombin time. To be circulated by IY to members for review.

6) Update on measurand list –

a) current assignments:

Urinary creatinine (AK)

Urinary calcium (AK)

Apo A1 (Gary M)

Apo B (Gary M)

Hepatitis A Ab IgG (MS)

Hepatitis A Ab IgM (MS)

Hepatitis A Ab (total) (MS)

Benzodiazepines (RM)

CK19F (SM)

Methemoglobin (Tony – **IY** to check with WEQAS re any available data)

Ammonia (IY)

Acetaminophen (SC)

Salicylate (SC)

T.pallidum (EL)

b) unallocated

51 Pre Albumin
 (Transthyretin)

67 Haptoglobin (Greg M)