

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

DATE: 2nd June 2021

TIME: 13.00 – 14.00 GMT (UK time)

HOG Member	Present	Council Member	Present
Ian Young (chair)	x	Sverre Sandberg (chair, IFCC)	Apol
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)	Apol		
Anja Kessler			
Melissa Snyder			
Yeo-Min Yun		Observer	
Amrom Obstfeld		Loretta Doan (AACC)	
Ross Molanaro			
YeJin Oh	x		
Huimin Wang			
Susan Copple			

Minutes:

1) Apologies were received from Philippe Gillery, Sverre Sandberg

2) Minutes of the previous meeting (May 5th) were approved

IY confirmed that he was in correspondence with CDC to finalise wording around PTH and FT4

IY has sent the application for funding for PT/INR harmonization out for review, with the aim of making a recommendation at the next meeting

3) Consideration of new measurands

a) NT-proBNP: Milena Quaglia (LGC) has agreed to provide an update for consideration for the next meeting (early July)

b) Methemoglobin – information provided by TK and agreed subject to minor modifications

c) T.pallidum – information provided by YK and agreed after discussion and subject to minor modifications and clarification

5) Current and future activities

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

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. Will be discussed at IFCC SD meeting next week.

c) links with clinical societies: letter wording agreed and ready to go out. Initial group of societies agreed. Further nominations to be provided by all 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.

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)

Ammonia (IY)

Acetaminophen (SC)

Salicylate (SC)

Pre-albumin (IY)

Haptoglobin (Greg M)

IY will circulate list of unassigned measurands and seek volunteers to undertake