

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

DATE: 17 September 2018

TIME: 8:00-9:00 a.m. USA EDT

HOG Member	Present	Council Member	Present
Greg Miller (chair)	x	Gary Myers (chair, AACCC)	x
Eunice Lee (Vice-Chair)		Junghan Song (KSLM)	
Joseph Passarelli	x	Akira Seki (JCCLS)	x
Steve Master		Howard Morris (IFCC)	x
Amy Saenger		Tony Killeen (CAP)	x
Ian Young			
Masato Maekawa			
Philippe Gillery (IFCC SD)			
Anja Kessler	x	Observer	
Melissa Snyder	x	Loretta Doan (AACCC)	
Yeo-Min Yun	x	Katsuyuki Nakajima (JCCLS)	x
Andy Hoofnagle	x		
Amrom Obstfeld	x		

Minutes:

Council activity:

1. Gary reviewed the succession planning. Of the current HOG members, Greg, Eunice, Joe, Steve, and Ian will complete terms in 2019. Gary will propose, for Council consideration, changes to the operating procedures to clarify succession options including Council flexibility to extend terms if in the best interest of the ICHCLR. Council and HOG were asked to identify potential new HOG members for 2019 including representatives from the IVD industry.

HOG activities:

2. The web site measurand table was updated to allow sorting on any column and printing in the sort order. A link to a recent CCLM paper describing the status of the ICHCLR was added to the web site.

3. Draft text was reviewed for solicitation of information on tests used in guidelines to be sent by Greg to Nader Rifai who agreed to pass our request to the Tietz Textbook chapter authors to identify key guidelines in their areas of expertise.
4. Draft text was reviewed for solicitation of information on tests used in guidelines from IFCC National Societies and Affiliate Members. Greg will request Paola at IFCC to send the request to IFCC National Representatives.
5. Draft text was reviewed for solicitation of organizations with active harmonization work to link to from our web site. The following organizations will be contacted: JRC (Howard); NIST (Gary); LGC (Ian); NIBSC (Greg); LNE (Greg). Gary will ask Wenxiang Chen for a contact in China. Contacts are needed in Korea (KRIS) and Japan.
6. Greg will prepare draft text to request information from organizations that offer EQA/PT with commutable samples. Tony pointed out that some EQA providers use presumably commutable samples without formal commutability assessment. The solicitation will ask for published commutability assessments when available. The following organizations will be contacted: CAP (Tony); RCPA (Greg to contact Tony Badrick); DEQAS UK (Greg to contact Finlay MacKenzie); DEQAS vitamin D (Greg to contact Graham Carter). Other programs to be identified. We will request links to EQA/PT provider web sites, not lists of all surveys offered that use commutable samples. Howard will send Greg the contact for IFCC Committee on PT.
7. Greg will update the web site measurands that do not have an explanation for priority or status based on EQA data.
8. Measurand summaries for carbamazepine and ferritin were approved for posting to the web site.
9. The Table below shows measurand assignments for proposed prioritization recommendations for review by HOG.

Next conference call meeting: October 25 at 8-9 AM USA Eastern Daylight time zone.

Measurand	Assigned to
Hemoglobin and CBC parameters, blood	Amrom
Hematocrit	Amrom
Iron saturation	Amrom and Greg
Iron binding total	Amrom and Greg
Apolipoprotein A1 and B	Amy
Pseudocholinesterase	Amy
Calcium urine	Amy
Chloride urine	Amy
Compliment CH-50	Amy & Melissa
Glucose, urine	Anja
Calcium, ionized	Anja will provide additional EQA data to support the recommendation draft from Greg
Ammonia	Eunice
Chlamydia	Eunice
Vitamin B12	Greg
Iron	Greg
Protein urine	Greg
Creatinine, urine	Greg
Hemoglobin, plasma free	Greg was not able to find suitable information of harmonization status
Methemoglobin	Greg was not able to find suitable information on harmonization status
Lactate dehydrogenase	Ian

Measurand	Assigned to
Lipoprotein(a)	Ian
Anti SS-A	Melissa
cytokeratin fragment 19 (CK19F)	Melissa
Elastase 1	Melissa
Elastase 2	Melissa
IgA	Melissa
IgG	Melissa
IgM	Melissa
HIV-1 genotype	Steve
Beta-2 microalbumin	Steve; difficult to find information
Albumin, CSF	Steve; Likely dependent on urine and serum albumin harmonization
BCR/ABL	Tony
Hepatitis A Ab IgM	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis A Ab IgG	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis A Ab (Total)	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis B core IgG and IgM	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis B core Ab	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis B DNA quant	Tony and Melissa
Hepatitis C Ab	Tony and Melissa

Measurand	Assigned to
Drugs: acetaminophen, salicylate, theophylline, tobramycin, gentamycin, benzodiazepine, amphetamines, tacrolimus, serolimus, lidocaine, methotrexate, N-acetylprocainamide, procainamide, primidone, quinidine, valproic acid, amikacin, barbiturates, cyclosporine, cocaine urine, methadone	Yeo-Min