



10th Meeting of the Member State Sub-group on Joint Clinical Assessment (JCA)

18 April 2024, Brussels (Hybrid)

Summary Minutes

The tenth meeting of the Member State Sub-Group for Joint Clinical Assessments (JCA) set up by Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 was held on 18 April 2024 in Brussels in a hybrid format. Representatives from 21 Member States, as well as Norway in observer capacity, attended the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Paul de Boissieu (Haute Autorité de Santé, France), and co-chaired by Anne Willemsen (National Health Care Institute, Netherlands).

The meeting covered the following points:

1) Opening of the meeting

The Chair welcomed the participants. The agenda of the meeting was approved with no changes. No further topic was added to the agenda.

The minutes from the ninth meeting of the JCA Sub-group will be approved through written procedure.

2) Conflict of Interest (COI)

The Chair informed that the Commission had not identified any relevant Conflict of Interest (COI) for this meeting. The Chair asked for any updates on the Declarations of Interest relevant to this meeting and no further comment was received.

3) PICO exercise: consolidation for PICO-MP 01

The Assessor/co-Assessor (ASRs/co-ASRs) of the PICO-MP 01 exercise presented an overview of the status of the PICOs following the second review round, including the outcome list of consolidated PICOs.

Several MS provided feedback regarding PICO specifications, terminology, data availability and indications. Validation of PICO-MP 01 was postponed for the next Sub-group meeting.

4) PICO exercise: consolidation for PICO-MP 03

The ASRs/co-ASRs of the PICO-MP 03 presented an overview of interim results, including participants, times, process, results, and the consolidated PICO scope and outcomes. The ASRs/co-ASRs also shared general learnings from the PICO-MP 03 exercise.

Validation of PICO-MP 03 was postponed for the next Sub-group meeting.

5) PICO exercise: consolidation for PICO-MD 04

The ASRs/co-ASRs of the PICO-MD 04 exercise presented an overview of the PICO exercise process, including consolidation and recent feedbacks received.

The ASRs/co-ASRs highlighted learning elements of the process, regarding specifications, outcomes, and the PICO survey. Suggestions included reviewing the scoping guidance, clarifying the official information

sources to use for JCAs on Medical Devices, and providing effectiveness and safety standards in the guidance on outcomes for JCAs.

Validation of PICO-MD 04 was postponed for the next Sub-group meeting.

6) Guidance on oncology products

The Co-Chair provided a summary of the work carried out and will transmit to the HTACG.

7) Closing of the meeting

The Chair also provided an overview of the upcoming 2024 JCA Sub-group meetings and review tasks.

In terms of next steps, the Chair explained that the 12th meeting will be extended to 4 hours (09:00 – 13:00 h.) on 26 June, and PICO exercises feedback will continue via the HTA-IT-Platform.

In terms of AOB topics, the Commission provided an update on the development of the HTA-IT-Platform.

The next meeting of the Sub-group is planned for 28 May 2024 (virtual), from 10:00 – 13:00 h. CET. The Chair and Co-Chair thanked the participants for their active contributions and closed the meeting.

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