



## **9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Member State Sub-group on Joint Clinical Assessment (JCA)**

**19 March 2024, Online Meeting**

### **Summary Minutes**

The ninth meeting of the Member State Sub-Group for Joint Clinical Assessments (JCA) set up by Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 was held on 19 March 2024 online. Representatives from 23 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 eighth meeting of the JCA Sub-group were approved without changes.

#### **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) Feedback from HTACG meeting (March 8<sup>th</sup>) and IA on JCA-MP**

The co-Chair presented the relevant points from the last HTACG meeting. The first guidance on direct and indirect comparisons was adopted and will be published on European Commission website. The draft Implementing Act on JCAs for Medicinal Products went into online public consultation.

#### **4) 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 team, timeline, consolidation steps, and the list of consolidated PICOs.

Multiple Member States raised concerns regarding the workload during this first round and discussion topics were flagged. Several Member States requested a second round of internal review on the PICO. Validation of PICO-MP 01 was postponed.

The ASRs provided recommendations stemming from the PICO-MP 01 exercise, including the need for a clearer average workload calculation and for providing templates for PICO consolidation.

#### **5) PICO exercise: consolidation for PICO-MD 02**

The ASRs/co-ASRs of the PICO-MD 02 presented an overview of the PICO survey responses, the proposal, the consolidation process, and the consolidated PICO outcomes. Recommendations for future PICO exercises were also shared, including enhancing information-sharing between Member States, and keeping the same assumptions during the whole PICO exercise. The PICO-MD 02 was validated by the

Subgroup.

#### **6) JCA SG capacity for 2025**

The Co-Chair provided an overview of the supporting document on JCA capacity in 2025, following the HTACG's official request to develop a resource estimate.

The co-Chair asked the Subgroup whether there was any objection to sharing the document with the HTACG. Upon no objections, the document will be shared with the Commission and the HTACG.

#### **7) Closing of the meeting**

The Chair provided a brief overview of the 2024 JCA Subgroup meetings and review tasks.

In terms of AOB topics, concerns were raised regarding the proposed scope and workload of the JCA reports. The Chair explained that this matter would be further discussed and raised with other Subgroup Chairs.

The next meeting of the Subgroup is planned for 18 April 2024 (hybrid), from 14:00 – 18:00 h. CET. The Chair and Co-Chair thanked the participants for their active contributions and closed the meeting.

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