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Coagulase-Negative *Staphylococcus* Species Oxacillin Resistance *ad hoc* Working Group (WG)

- Jennifer Dien Bard (co-Chair)
- Lars Westblade (co-Chair)
- Shelley Campeau
- Paul Edelstein
- Romney Humphries
- Jana Swenson

Background

- Laboratories are better able to identify Coagulase-negative Staphylococcus (CoNS) species to species level by MALDI-TOF MS
- Are current interpretive criteria for oxacillin against CoNS appropriate for contemporary isolates of S.epidermidis?

Current Breakpoints for Staphylococci – Table 2C

Organism		Oxacillin B	reakpoint			Cefoxitin I	Breakpoint	
	DD (m	nm)	MIC (ι	ıg/ml)	DD (mm)	MIC	(ug/ml)
	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R
S. aureus/S. lugdunensis	-	-	≤2	≥4	≥22	≤21	≤4	≥8
CoNS (except S. lugdunensis, S. pseudintermedius, S. schlieferi)	-	-	≤0.25	≥0.5	≥25	≤24	-	-
S. pseudintermedius, S. schlieferi	≥18	≤17	≤0.25	≥0.5	-	-	-	-

Study Plan

• Evaluate oxacillin and cefoxitin tests (disk diffusion [DD] and broth microdilution [BMD]) for detection of *mec*A-mediated beta-lactam resistance in *S. epidermidis*

- Participating institutions for this data set:
 - Children's Hospital Los Angeles (Jennifer Dien Bard, Samia Naccache)
 - Weill Cornell Medicine (Lars Westblade, Katrina Callan)
 - Washington University (Carey-Ann Burnham, Megan Wallace)

Isolates Included in Study

Institution	Quantity	Year	Specimen source
Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Los Angeles, CA	40	2016-2018	Arterial line, CVC, PICC, peripheral blood
Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) New York, NY	38	2016-2017	Peripheral blood, catheter
Washington University in Saint Louis (WUSTL) St. Louis, MO	22	2015, 2017	Blood, CSF, joint fluid, synovial fluid
Total	100		



mecA Distribution

Institution	mecA positive	<i>mecA</i> negative
CHLA	18	22
WCM	18	20
WUSTL	12	10
Total	48	52

Materials and Quality Control (QC)

- Broth microdilution (BMD): frozen-form panels (ThermoFisher) containing CA-MHB from 3 manufacturers:
 - Cefoxitin: 2-fold dilutions, 0.015-32 $\mu g/mL$
 - Oxacillin (2% NaCl): 2-fold dilutions, 0.015-32 $\mu g/mL$
- Disk diffusion (DD):
 - MHA from 3 manufacturers
 - Cefoxitin, 30 µg disk
 - Oxacillin, 1 µg disk
- PBP2a:
 - PBP2a SA Culture Colony Test (Alere)
 - PBP2' Latex agglutination test (Oxoid)
- QC:
 - BMD: *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC[®] 29213
 - DD: *S. aureus* ATCC[®] 25923
 - PBP2a and PBP2': *S. aureus* ATCC[®] 25923 and *S. aureus* ATCC[®] 43300

Performance of Cefoxitin DD for S. epidermidis showed current BPs for CoNS work

Method	M100-S28 Breakpoints	Breakpoints	CA	ME	VME
Cefoxitin DD	CoNS	S≥25;R≤24 (24h)	100% 300/300	0% 0/156	0% 0/144
	S. aureus / S. lugdunensis	S≥22;R≤21 (24h)	97.7% 293/300	0% 0/156	4.9% 7/144
Cefoxitin BMD	S. aureus / S. Iugdunensis	S≤4;R≥8 (16-20h)	96.2% 280/291	3.9% 6/153	3.6% 5/138

Oxacillin Zone Size Distribution for S. epidermidis: All Media

N=297*



*one isolate with faint growth, no zone diameter reading

Performance of all DD and BMD Oxacillin Tests for S. epidermidis

Method	M100-S28 Breakpoints	Breakpoints	CA	ME	VME	
Oxacillin DD	S. pseudintermedius /S. schleiferi	S≥18;R≤17 (16- 18h)	100% (297/297)	0% (0/156)	0% (0/141)	
Oxacillin BMD	S. pseudintermedius /S. schleiferi + CoNS	S≤0.25;R≥0.5 (24h)	99.0% (288/291)	2.0% (3/153)	0% (0/138)	
	S. aureus /S. lugdunensis	S≤2;R≥4 (24h)	90.8% (267/294)	2.0% (3/153)	17.0% (24/141)	

Conclusions

- Both oxacillin and cefoxitin disk diffusion interpreted by the following breakpoints reliably detected *mecA* positive and *mecA* negative *S. epidermidis* isolates:
 - Oxacillin disk diffusion interpreted by M100S 28th Ed. *S. pseudintermedius/ S. schlieferi* breakpoints. Categoric agreement (n=99) was 100%.
 - Cefoxitin disk diffusion interpreted by M100S 28th Ed. CoNS breakpoints. Categoric agreement (n=100) was 100%.
- Oxacillin MIC tests using recommended CoNS breakpoints yielded categoric agreement of 99% with 2% MEs and 0% VME.
- Vote to include oxacillin disk diffusion for *S. epidermidis* with the following breakpoints: (WG Vote 8-0-2)
 - S ≥ 18 mm; R = ≤17 mm

Modifications to Table 2C and to associated tables

Table 2C. Staphylococcus spp. (Continued)

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Group	Agent	Content			<u>к</u>		<u>. </u>	: К	Comments
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A	Oxacillin (For S. <i>pseudintermedius</i> and S. schleiferi)	Add S. epie here	dermid	is	≤ 17	≤0.25	-	≥0.5	(15) Neither cefoxitin MIC nor cefoxitin disk tests are reliable for detecting <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance in <i>S. pseudintermedius</i> and <i>S. schleiferi.</i>
A	Oxacillin (For CoNS except S. Juodunensis S	-	-	_	-	≤0.25 (oxacillin)	_	≥0.5 (oxacillin)	(16) S. epidermidis isolates with oxacillin MIC ≥0.5 µg/mL should be reported as oxacillin resistant. However, oxacillin MIC breakpoints may overcall resistance for

Comparison of CLSI and EUCAST Reference Media for *S. pneumoniae* Disk Diffusion

Background & Objective

- There are differences between the media recommended by CLSI and EUCAST for *S. pneumoniae* disk diffusion testing
- **Objective:** to determine whether these media differences impact susceptibility test results

CLSI recommended media:

• Mueller-Hinton agar supplemented with 5% Sheep blood

• EUCAST recommended media:

- Mueller-Hinton agar supplemented with 5% mechanically defibrinated horse blood and β -NAD (20 mg/L)

Phase II Study Design

- To test 100 clinical *S. pneumoniae* isolates obtained from CDC bank
 - MHA+5% sheep blood and MH-F agar from BD
 - CDC *Streptococcus* panel from Trek

• 3 testing sites:

- CDC Streptococcus lab: Dr. Lesley McGee
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA): Dr. Jennifer Dien Bard
- University of Rochester Medical Center: Dr. Dwight Hardy

Testing strategy

- Isolates sub-cultured from frozen, to BAP x 2
- A single 0.5 McFarland standard inoculum prepared, used for Disk diffusion (BD MHA and MH-F) and *Streptococcus* MIC panel
- QC using *S. pneumoniae* ATCC 49619 performed each day of testing.
- Used CLSI interpretive criteria
- All 3 sites used same lot of reagents, media, discs
- All 3 sites used the same QC organism sent to them by CDC

All Disk Diffusion Data Combined (using CLSI media as reference)

		20 hours			24 hours								
Antibiotic	%Categorical Agreement	%VME	%ME	% MiE	%Categorical Agreement	%VME	%ME	%MiE					
Oxacillin	98.03	1.16	0.81	0	98.03	1.16	0.81	0					
Ceftaroline	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0					
Vancomycin	99.66	0	0.34	0	99.66	0	0.34	0					
Erythromycin	98.98	0	0	1.02	98.30	0	0	1.70					
Doxycycline	98.30	1.6	0	1.02	97.38	1.6	0	1.02					
Levofloxacin	98.31	0	0	1.69	98.31	0	0	1.69					
Trim/sulfa	95.95	0	0	4.05	96.62	0	0	3.38					
Clindamycin	96.18	1.79	0	2.03	98.01	0.89	0	1.01					
Rifampin	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0					
Chloramphenicol	99.63	0	0.37	0	96.15	3.85	0	0					
Quinupristin/dalfopristi	93.24	0	0	6.76	92.57	0	0	7.43					
Linezolid	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0					

QC Data: No. of QC runs that passed

Drug (DD Reference Range, mm) Quinupristin/Dalfopristin 19-24) rythromycin (25-30) rimethoprim- ulfamethoxazole (20-28) inezolid (25-34) Rifampin (25-30) Dxacillin (=12)</th <th>20 hou</th> <th>urs</th> <th>24 </th> <th>nours</th> <th colspan="4">Isolates that failed QC</th>	20 hou	urs	24	nours	Isolates that failed QC			
Drug (DD Reference Range, mm)	CLSI MHA+5% QC passed (%)	EUCAST MH-F QC passed (%)	CLSI MHA+5% QC passed (%)	EUCAST MH-F QC passed (%)	CLSI MHA+5% Range of zone diameter	EUCAST MH-F Range of zone diameter		
Quinupristin/Dalfopristin								
(19-24)	22/30 (73.3%)	23/30 (76.7%)	22/30 (73.3%)	23/30 (76.7%)	25-28	25-28		
Erythromycin (25-30)	29/30 (96.7%)	20/30 (66.7%)	30/30 (100%)	20/30 (66.7%)	31-32	32-36		
Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole (20-28)	21/30 (70%)	30/30 (100%)	21/30 (70%)	30/30 (100%)	30-32	NA		
Linezolid (25-34)	30/30 (100%)	25/30 (83.3%)	30/30 (100%)	25/30 (83.3%)	NA	35-36		
Rifampin (25-30)	28/29 (96.6%)	26/29 (89.7%)	28/29 (96.6%)	25/29 (86.2%)	31	32-34		
Oxacillin (=12)</td <td>30/30 (100%)</td> <td>29/30 (96.7%)</td> <td>30/30 (100%)</td> <td>29/30 (96.7%)</td> <td>NA</td> <td>13</td>	30/30 (100%)	29/30 (96.7%)	30/30 (100%)	29/30 (96.7%)	NA	13		
Levofloxacin (24-31)	10/30 (33.3%)	19/30 (63.3%)	11/30 (36.7%)	19/30 (63.3%)	20-23	22-23		
Clindamycin (19-25)	26/30 (86.7%)	23/30 (76.7%)	26/30 (86.7%)	23/30 (76.7%)	26	26-28		
Doxycycline (25-34)	29/30 (96.7%)	27/30 (90%)	29/30 (96.7%)	27/30 (90%)	35	35-36		
Chloramphenicol (23-27)	23/30 (76.7%)	22/30 (73.3%)	23/30 (76.7%)	20/29 (70.0%)	28-30	28-30		
Vancomycin (20-27)	30/30 (100%)	26/30 (86.7%)	30/30 (100%)	26/30 (86.7%)	28	28		
Ceftaroline (31-41)	24/30 (80%)	25/30 (83.3%)	24/30 (80%)	25/30 (83.3%)	42-44	42-46		

QC Data by Site: No. of QC runs that passed, 20 hour read

		CLSI MHA+5%	6		EUCAST M	H-F
Drug	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Quin/Dalfo	10/10 (100%)	2/10 (20%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	3/10 (30%)	10/10 (100%)
Erythromycin	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	0/10 (0%)	10/10 (100%)
Trim/sulfa	10/10 (100%)	1/10 (10%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)
Linezolid	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	5/10 (50%)	10/10 (100%)
Rifampin	10/10 (100%)	9/10 (90%)	10/10 (100%)	9/9 (100%)	6/10 (60%)	10/10 (100%)
Oxacillin	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	9/10 (90%)	10/10 (100%)
Levofloxacin	7/10 (70%)	2/10 (20%)	1/10 (10%)	8/10 (80%)	6/10 (60%)	5/10 (50%)
Clindamycin	10/10 (100%)	6/10 (60%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	3/10 (30%)	10/10 (100%)
Doxycycline	10/10 (100%)	9/10 (90%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	7/10 (70%)	10/10 (100%)
Chloramphenicol	10/10 (100%)	4/10 (40%)	9/10 (90%)	9/9 (100%)	2/10 (20%)	10/10 (100%)
Vancomycin	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	6/10 (60%)	10/10 (100%)
Ceftaroline	10/10 (100%)	4/10 (40%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	6/10 (60%)	9/10 (90%)

QC Data by Site: No. of QC runs that passed, 24 hour read

		CLSI MHA+5%			EUCAST MH-F						
Drug	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3					
Quinupristin/Dalfo											
pristin	10/10 (100%)	<mark>2/10 (20%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Erythromycin	9/10 (90%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>0/10 (0%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Trimethoprim-											
sulfamethoxazole	10/10 (100%)	<mark>1/10 (10%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Linezolid	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>5/10 (50%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Rifampin	10/10 (100%)	<mark>9/10 (90%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	8/9 (88.9%)	<mark>6/10 (60%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Oxacillin	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>10/10 (100%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Levofloxacin	8/10 (80%)	2/10 (20%)	1/10 (10%)	8/10 (80%)	<mark>6/10 (60%)</mark>	5/10 (50%)					
Clindamycin	10/10 (100%)	<mark>6/10 (60%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>3/10 (30%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Doxycycline	10/10 (100%)	9/10 (90%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	<mark>7/10 (70%)</mark>	10/10 (100%)					
Chloramphenicol	10/10 (100%)	4/10 (40%)	9/10 (90%)	8/9 (88.9%)	2/10 (20%)	10/10 (100%)					
	10/10(100%)	4/10 (40%)	10/10 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	6/10 (60%) 6/10 (60%)	9/10 (100%)					

Conclusions:

• CLSI media and EUCAST media for DD testing of S. pneumoniae yield equivalent results, pending investigation of QC results. (At WG, QC data by site were not available.) WG Vote 9-0-1

• CLSI recommended media:

• Mueller-Hinton agar supplemented with 5% Sheep blood

• EUCAST recommended media:

- Mueller-Hinton agar supplemented with 5% mechanically defibrinated horse blood and β -NAD (20 mg/L)

Ceftazidime-avibactam disk breakpoints

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Current CLSI-approved Breakpoints for Ceftazidime/Avibactam

- BMD MIC Breakpoints
 - Susceptible <8/4 mcg/ml
 - Resistant <u>></u>16 mcg/ml
- Disk Diffusion Breakpoints
 - Susceptible <u>></u>21 mm
 - Resistant <20 mm

Objective of the Presentation

• To determine the correlation of the current disk diffusion breakpoints with MIC breakpoints using various data sets

Data Sets for the Analysis

512 (476 Enterobacteriaceae, 56 P. aeruginosa) from NDA submission

- 74 CRE (Shields et al JCM) 76% CA; 29.5% ME; 0% VME
- 102 GNR
 - 69 meropenem/ ceftazidime-R K. pneumoniae
 - 20 P. aeruginosa (2 VIM, 2 IMP)
 - 13 non-K. pneumoniae, MDR

Wenzler study: 80.4% CA 25.0% ME 0.0% VME

Shields et al (JCM)



KB zone size (mm)

≥256	2	2		1	1	1	1	1												
128				1			1													
64	1	1																		
32	1							2		1		1	1							
16								1	1		1									
8				1			1		2	1		1	1			1				
4										1	1		1	1		1				
2											1	(6	6	7		1	1		
1												;	3	13	12	2				2
0.5														3	6	1	1	2	1	
0	≤10	11	12	13	1	.4	15	16	17	18	19	2	20	21	22	23	2	4	25	26

Wenzler et al (agenda book) – both Enterobacteriaceae and P.aeruginosa (red)

Combination with data from NDA (Enterobacteriaceae):

2 VME (3.3%) 34 ME (8.2%)

Challenge: NDA enriched with isolates that would not likely be tested vs. CZA

dBETs software: (17/18-19/20 mm):

3 VME (5%) 0 ME (0%) 16 mE (3%)



P. aeruginosa: NDA + Wenzler

12 ME (34%) 1 VME (4.7%) dBETs:

3 VME (14%) 6 ME (17%) 5 mE (9%)



Discussion from ahWG

- Propose to modify disk diffusion breakpoints as follows:
 - Susceptible <u>></u>20 mm
 - Intermediate 18-19 mm
 - Resistant <17 mm
- Concern that the intent of "I" by disk might be confusing (dose).
 Suggestion to add a comment
 - "Isolates with zones of 18-19 mm may test susceptible by MIC, confirmatory testing is indicated."

AST Methods for Colistin

Colistin ad hoc WG

Review of ahWG

- NO practical method for colistin testing in clinical labs
- Updates:
 - Deleted disk breakpoints
 - Comment to not use gradient diffusion
 - Breakpoints for P. aeruginosa, Acinetobacter spp.
 - Rationale document submitted to FDA
 - Allow testing of colistin to predict polymyxin B
- Data presented:
 - JHU/UCLA (Trish Simner)
 - Colistin Broth Disk-Elution (CBDE) method for determining colistin MICs
 - eCBDE (EDTA-CBDE method) not to be discussed, prelim data only
 - Broth macrodilution not to be discussed, prelim data only
 - Mayo Clinic (Audrey Schuetz)
 - Agar dilution work ongoing
 - Polymyxin NP not to be discussed, impractical

Colistin Broth Disk-Elution (CBDE) Method

- Add 0 (growth control), 1, 2, and 4 colistin disks (10 μg; BD) to four 10 mL CA-MHB (Remel)
- Incubate tubes for 30 mins
- Add 50 μL of a 0.5 McFarland inoculum
- Vortex
- Incubate 18-20 hours at 35°C
- Visually read MICs



Two-Site Evaluation- CBDE

Microbe Late-Breaker: SATURDAY-CPHM-LB3

Isolates	Ν	BMD Results		C A	ГЛ		раг						
		S or WT (N)	R or NWT (N)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)						
Site 1 - UCLA													
A. baumannii	12	5	7	100	100	0	0						
P. aeruginosa	20	18	2	100	100	0	0						
Enterobacteriaceae	24	10	14	100	100	0	0						
Site 2 - JH													
Retrospective CRE	65	58	7	100	97 ^a	0	0						
A. baumannii	12	12	0	100	100	0	0						
P. aeruginosa	14	14	0	100	100	0	0						
Enterobacteriaceae	19	17	2	100	100	0	0						
Both Sites (UCLA and JH)													
mcr-1 E. coli ^b	6	0	6	50	100	50	0						
Overall													
GNB	172	134	38	98	99	8	0						

^a 1 *C. freundii* had a MIC of ≤0.25 µg/mL by BMD and 2 µg/mL by CBDE and 1 *E. cloacae* had a MIC of 0.5 µg/mL by BMD and 2 µg/mL CBDE
 ^b 3 mcr-1 E. coli had MICs of 2 µg/mL by CBDE and 4 µg/mL by BMD. These results were reproduced at the 2 sites.

Reproducibility Testing – mcr-1 producing E. coli

All methods setup on the same day from the same sub-culture

CDC AR Bank #	CDC Result (µg/mL)	Broth Microdilution (µg/mL)				Colistin Broth Disk-Elution (µg/mL)			
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Mode	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Mode
AR346	4	4	≥8	≥8	≥8	4	4	4	4
AR349*	2-4	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	4
AR350*	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
AR493	8	≥8	≥8	≥8	≥8	4	4	4	4
AR494	8	≥8	≥8	≥8	≥8	4	4	4	4
AR495*	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

* Isolates that demonstrated MIC of 2 μ g/mL by CBDE on initial testing at both sites.

Vote at WG

- MDR GNR infections and lack of a readily available practical test to detect Colistin resistance constitutes a public health emergency
- Provisional vote of CBDE AS SCREENING method for M100-S29
 - Excluding *E. cloacae*
 - Comment that isolates with MIC >1 ug/mL should be confirmed
 - *mcr-1* test and/or BMD MIC
 - Pending confirmation of QC strain (NCTC 13846)
 - Vote 9-0-1
- 3 lab study to further confirm method:
 - CBDE (2 lots CA-MHB), BMD (3 lots CA-MHB), AD (2 lots MHA)
 - 100 Enterobacteriaceae, 50 A. baumannii, 50 P. aeruginosa
 - A priori plan to evaluate discrepancies
 - eCBDE for mcr detection, TDS (1 site)

Direct Blood Culture AST Ad hoc Working Group

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Background

- Multicenter study assessing disk diffusion direct from positive blood culture bottles for Gram-negative bacteria
- Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group (ARLG) funding was secured last year
 - Funded by NIAID/NIH and facilitated by Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI)
 - Mission of ARLG: to prioritize, design and execute clinical research that will reduce the public health threat of antibacterial resistance
- Study design presented at past meetings

Hypothesis and Outcome Measures

- Direct-from-blood culture DD test read at 16-18 hrs performs at or above CLSI standards* as compared to standard DD and to reference BMD
- Direct-from-blood culture DD test read at 8-10 hrs performs at or above CLSI standards as compared to standard DD and to reference BMD

Study Progress As of 5/22/2018

- All 5 sites have been activated
- Site enrollment numbers:
 - Site A: 31
 - Site B: 50
 - Site C: 75
 - Site D: 30
 - Site E: 103 (completed enrollment 5/21/18; final data review expected within next 2 weeks)
- 18/289 (6.2%) excluded to date
 - Mixed GNR + GP; GN anaerobes
- Bactec, BacTAlert, Thermofisher VersaTrek represented

Study Updates

- Challenges at some sites
 - Low enrollment numbers with at least 2 sites not expected to make the 100 mark/site
 - Enrolling within 8 hours of flagging positive
 - Occasional QC out of range
 - Reading disk results within time frame
- Removed 20 isolate restriction for *E. coli* at sites that perform rapid identification methods
 - There is now no restriction on number of *E. coli*
 - Workflow issues for labs who were waiting for rapid identification to rule out *E. coli*
- Based on current enrollment, projected to reach approximately 420 isolates for all sites
 - Working with sites to encourage training as many technologists as possible to set up and perform reading of disks
 - Expanding hours during which enrollment can occur

Timeline

- Last patient in: 8/1/2018
- Database lock: 9/1/2018
- Draft of paper/report: 11/15/2018
- Direct Blood Culture AST working group will meet in the fall of 2018 to discuss data
- Final report from ARLG DISK trial will be presented at January 2019 CLSI meeting