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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 2 (Penicillin) Meeting Minutes

28 November 2016, Skype Conference Call

Time: 15h00 – 16h00 (South African Time)

- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Sulafa Ali
- 2. Attendees: Sulafa Ali (SA), Geoffrey Madeira (GM), Aiden Long (AL), Jonathan Spector (JS), Nicky Kramer (NK), Janette Lombard (JL)
- 3. Apologies: Alaa Ghamrawy (AG)
- 4. No RSVP: John Babtiste Nikiema (JBN)

5. Summary of Meeting:

- Penicillin Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBV67W2)
 - o 25 responses JL has forward summarised results to all members
 - o GM: Mozambique requires a formal letter before providing information
 - o JS suggest we close Survey for now, analyze what we have, then decide on what to do next
 - o SA: Resend Survey once more, analyze results week before Cairo Meeting
 - NK and JL to analyse results to present in graphs

• Feedback on Sandoz Meeting

- o Sandoz preparing the manual for the administration guide 1st draft: should be ready in December
- JS had conversation with Florian Falch: 1st draft will most probably be modified or changed by the feedback of this group
- o Rex Clements cannot attend the Cairo meeting, they're considering FF to attend, still deciding

Cairo Meeting

Attendees from Action Group 2: SA, GM, AL, JL (NK not able to attend any more, too many work commitments during that period)

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- o Action Groups Meeting on the 13th of Jan (JL will forward Agenda to all)
- Prepare summary of Group's Report on progress
 - > GM: Present challenges we have in each country, have response from other groups
 - Data collection, and getting formal letter
 - > 1. Reporting on progress in last year (accomplishments and what we can still put together before Cairo)
 - Survey Analysis and next steps (JL and NK)
 - Aiden Long's Manuscript he submitted (AL)
 - o Would be great if journal could maybe also mention something on the Cairo meeting
 - Sandoz Product Administration Guide (early draft to share to get a reaction) (SANDOZ)
 - AL: And have a discussion and to come to an agreed on what needs to be inserted and what not (example: skin testing, penicillin allergy)
 - o JS spoke of another meeting, where some experts came together and did some sort of focus group, end up publishing those results (possibility to do the same with the skin testing?) JS will forward publication
 - NK proposal to put together (draft) on Barriers to administration of penicillin (NK)
 - > Using time as working group to work together

• Manuscript feedback (AL)

- o Manuscript was submitted, received two reviews
 - > 1 Very favourable and positive
 - > 2 Appeared to want a complete rewrite of manuscript in different format, won't change message, but might lose some of the flavour of manuscript. Was changed a bit, and resubmitted a month ago (no response yet, AL will follow up)

• Drug Quality Assessment

- o SA: We haven't received to many concerns from the Survey on the drug quality
- o We'll wait for more Survey responses as evidence before we submit a drug quality test

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6. Next step, specific tasks

- JL:
- o Resend Penicillin Survey (individually) once more
- o With NK, analyse results in beginning of January to present in graphs at Cairo
- o Forward Cairo 13 January 2017 Meeting Agenda to all (when available)
- JS: Will forward experts publication to all
- AL will follow up on Manuscript and prepare report for Cairo
- NK will prepare draft to be presented at Cairo on Barriers to administration of penicillin
 - Next meeting Wednesday 4 January 2017 at 15h00 (CAT/ (South African Time)?

Other business

WHO funded Sudan with 10000 USD for workshops for medical assistance on awareness and on administering Penicillin

Closed with thanks

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