

#### 14. Miscellaneous questions about BSAC methodology

Question	Comment
Does the laboratory have to use the BSAC methods for preparing inocula?	As long as the method used achieves semi-confluent growth then it does not have to be changed.
Can direct susceptibility testing be undertaken?	Yes as long as semi-confluent growth is achieved. Methods for direct susceptibility testing are given in the current version of the recommendations ( <a href="http://www.bsac.org.uk">www.bsac.org.uk</a> )
Can media other than Oxoid Iso-Sensitest agar be used for testing?	Yes if it shown to have the same performance as Iso-Sensitest.
What does the laboratory do if there are no BSAC recommendations for disc diffusion testing?	Contact the BSAC Standardized Method Development Centre for advice ( <a href="mailto:jenny.andrews@swbh.nhs.uk">jenny.andrews@swbh.nhs.uk</a> )
Can SRGA recommendations be used with BSAC methodology?	The methods of testing are the same and therefore they can be used where there are no BSAC recommendations, but not that some disc contents are different to those used for the BSAC method.