# External consultation

# Draft scope for the guideline: water management for healthcare microbiologists

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