



NUTRITION UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 99TH PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 25 February 2020 via web conference
(Agreed on 2 March 2020)**

Participants

■ Panel Members:

Jacqueline Castenmiller, Stefaan de Henauw, Karen Ildico Hirsch-Ernst, John Kearney, Helle Katrine Knutsen, Alexandre Maciuk, Inge Mangelsdorf, Harry J. McArdle, Androniki Naska, Carmen Pelaez, Kristina Pentieva, Alfonso Siani, Frank Thies, Sophia Tsabouri, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Ester Artau Cortacans, Janusz Ciok, Agnès de Sesmaisons-Lecarré, Lucia Fabiani, Leng Heng, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen, Ariane Titz, Emanuela Turla and Silvia Valtueña Martínez.

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes in the order of items discussed.



3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Panel members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 98th Plenary meeting held on 22 - 23 January 2020 in Parma

The **minutes of the 98th Plenary meeting** held on 22-23 January 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 31 January 2020.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion and/or possible adoption

5.1. Health Claim - Draft opinion on "Coffee C21" and "maintenance of DNA integrity in cells of the body" - Applicant: Tchibo GmbH (Art. 13.5, Claim Serial No: 0487_DE, EFSA-Q-2019-00423)

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections on the characterisation of the food/constituent, relevance of the claimed effect to human health, and the scientific substantiation of the claimed effect taking into consideration the data submitted in the present application including the applicant's reply to EFSA stop-the-clock letter. The opinion was adopted by the Panel subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text will be published in the EFSA Journal in the coming weeks via this link: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6055>

5.2. Draft statement on the uncertainty factor to be applied to derive a health-based guidance value for copper (EFSA-Q-2019-00385)

As per the terms of reference, a full risk assessment, including a revision of the hazard characterisation for copper was out of the scope of the mandate. The Panel was requested to focus its assessment on the last step of the process leading to derive a health-based guidance value (HBGV), namely the choice of the uncertainty factor (UF). The statement focuses on characterising the uncertainties to be accounted for when considering the critical reference point of 10 mg/day in adults (0.15 mg/kg bw per day) which was identified in previous risk assessments (SCF, 2003; EFSA, 2018). The draft statement was reviewed by the Panel. Available data on copper kinetics and dynamics were evaluated and the rationale for the selection of the UF was discussed and agreed. The statement was endorsed by the Panel on 25 February and will be released for public consultation in the coming weeks via this link: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/calls/consultations>

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



5.3. Draft opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level of dietary sugars (EFSA-Q-2016-00414) – Protocol amendment

A protocol amendment was presented for endorsement. The proposal was to use the latest version of the EFSA Comprehensive Food Consumption Database published on 7 February 2020 for the intake assessment of dietary sugars, rather than the one available on 31 December 2018, as written in the protocol. The reason for this amendment is that, having been the deadline for the mandate extended by one year (from February 2020 to March 2021), it is feasible to consider most recent European data, collected under the EU Menu project, in the assessment. This includes data from 9 new food consumption surveys collected in 6 European countries. The protocol amendment was endorsed by the Panel on 25 February.

6. Any Other Business

The next plenary meeting of the NDA Panel is scheduled on 23-25 March 2020.