

**Location:** Webconference

**Attendees:**

○ **Panel Members:**

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

○ **Hearing Experts<sup>1</sup>:**

Anne Molloy, Marta Crous Bou: participated for agenda item 5, via web conference.

○ **European Commission:**

Ivona Babic, Takis Deskaleros, Stella D'Amore, Stephanie Bodenbach, Carolin Bendadani

○ **EFSA:**

Nutrition & Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Ana Afonso, Paolo Colombo, Agnès de Sesmaisons, Lucia Fabiani, Thibault Fiolet, Andrea Germini, Leng Heng, Nena Karavasiloglou, Leonard Matijević, Estefanía Noriega Fernandez, and Silvia Valtueña.

○ **Others:**

NA.

## 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of Interest of Panel members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence<sup>2</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management<sup>3</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group 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 133<sup>rd</sup> Plenary meeting held on 28-30 March 2023 via web-conference

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/policy\\_independence.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate\\_publications/files/competing\\_interest\\_management\\_17.pdf](http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf)



The [minutes](#) of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Plenary meeting were agreed by written procedure on 12 April 2023.

## **5. Draft scientific opinion on the revision of the Tolerable Upper Intake Level for folic acid/folate ([EFSA-Q-2021-00366](#))**

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to the hazard identification, the hazard characterisation, including the selection of the critical effect and derivation of the ULs for all age/lifestage groups. The opinion was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel on 27 April subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. It will be released for public consultation in May.

## **6. Draft scientific opinion on the safety of 6'-sialyllactose (6'-SL) sodium salt as a novel food (NF 2021/2458) - Applicant: Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd. ([EFSA-Q-2021-00447](#))**

The draft scientific opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to product characterization, production process, specifications, history of use, proposed uses and use levels, nutritional information, ADME, toxicological information, human data and allergenicity of the novel food. The scientific opinion was adopted by the Panel on 27 April, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text of the scientific opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal.

## **7. Draft scientific opinion on the safety of 3-fucosyllactose (3-FL) as a novel food (NF 2021/2463) - Applicant: Glycom A/S ([EFSA-Q-2021-00354](#))**

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to product characterization, production process, specifications, history of use, proposed uses and use levels, nutritional information, ADME, toxicological information, human data and allergenicity of the novel food. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 27 April, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in the coming weeks in the EFSA Journal.

## **8. Draft protocol for the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing berberine ([EFSA-Q-2022-00803](#))**

The draft protocol on the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing berberine was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to the problem formulation, the target population, the definition of the exposure of interest, the relevant adverse health endpoints to be considered in the opinion, the assessment sub-questions and methods for addressing them. The draft protocol was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel on 27 April, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. It will be released for public consultation in May.



## **9. Draft protocol for the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing hydroxycitric acid and isolated hydroxycitric acid ([EFSA-Q-2022-00805](#))**

The draft protocol on the evaluation of the safety in use of plant preparations containing hydroxycitric acid (HCA) and of isolated HCA was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to the problem formulation, the target population, the definition of the exposure of interest, the relevant adverse health endpoints to be considered in the opinion, the assessment sub-questions and methods for addressing them. The draft protocol was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel on 27 April, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. It will be released for public consultation in May.

## **10. Draft protocol for the evaluation of the safety in use of preparations from the fruits of sweet and bitter fennel ([EFSA-Q-2022-00804](#))**

The draft protocol on the evaluation of safety of preparations from sweet and bitter fennel fruits was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to the problem formulation, the target population, the definition of the exposure of interest, the relevant adverse health endpoints to be considered in the opinion, the assessment sub-questions and methods for addressing them. The draft protocol was endorsed for public consultation by the Panel on 27 April, subject to the incorporation of editorial changes. It will be released for public consultation in May.

## **11. Any Other Business**

With reference to the EFSA Scientifics Panels/Committee renewal, the Panel was informed about the timelines for the selection and appointment of the new Panels/Scientific Committee.

The next Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel will be held on 23-24 May 2023 via web-conference.