

14 December 2023

09:00-18:00

MINUTES - Agreed on 21 December 2023

Location: Teleconference

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 Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
EC: Ivona Babic, and Takis Daskaleros.
- EFSA:
Nutrition & Food Innovation (NIF) Unit: Ana Afonso, Océane Albert, Paolo Colombo, Agnès de Sesmaisons, Lucia Fabiani, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Leng Heng, Nena Karavasiloglou, Annamaria Rossi, Emanuela Turla, and Silvia Valtueña Martinez, and Ermolaos Ververis.
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
No apologies received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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.

¹ 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>

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



4. Agreement on the minutes of the 142nd NDA Plenary meeting held on 29th and 30th November 2023 by teleconference.

The [minutes](#) of the 142nd Plenary meeting were agreed by written procedure on 11 December 2023.

5. Scientific outputs submitted for discussion/possible adoption/endorsement

5.1 Draft opinion on Isomalto-oligosaccharide as a novel food (NF 2021/2469) Applicant: BioNeutra North America Inc. EFSA-Q-2021-00185

The Panel discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular reviewed the sections regarding product characterization, production process, proposed uses and use levels, anticipated daily intake, absorption/distribution/metabolism/excretion, nutritional information, toxicology, human studies and allergenicity. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 14 December subject to editorial changes. The full text of the opinion will be available in January 2024 in the EFSA Journal.

5.2 Technical Report on CBD literature search performed in support to the EFSA's "Statement on safety of cannabidiol as a novel food: data gaps and uncertainties"

The Panel discussed the revised draft technical report, which provided the details of the literature review used to prepare the NDA Panel "Statement on safety of cannabidiol as a novel food: data gaps and uncertainties" (EFSA-Q-2021-00735). The technical report was endorsed by the Panel on 14 December, subject to editorial comments. It will be published in January 2024 as supportive document to the Statement.

5.3 Update of the Guidance on the preparation and submission of an application for authorisation of a novel food in the context of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283. EFSA-Q-2023-00442

The Panel discussed the draft scientific Guidance document and in particular the sections on compositional data, history of use of the novel food and its source, and proposed uses, use levels and anticipated intake. Feedback from the Panel was received. After amendments, the Guidance document will be presented at the next NDA Panel meeting for further discussion.

5.4 Scientific opinion on the revision of the Tolerable Upper Intake Level (UL) for iron. EFSA-Q-2021-00370

The Panel discussed the draft scientific opinion, and in particular the section related to hazard characterisation. Feedback from the Panel was received. A revised draft opinion will be presented



at the next NDA plenary meeting on 30 January-1 February 2024 for discussion/possible endorsement for release for public consultation.

6. Any other business

The next NDA Plenary meetings will be held on 11 January 2024 (via teleconference) and 30 January-1 February 2024 (in Parma).