

Declaration of interests

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name : **Kristina Pentieva**

Title: **PROF**

Profession : **Professor**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - NDA Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Chair - WG/P/NDA/2020/02 - Dietary Folate Equivalent
- Member - WG/P/NDA/2020/03 - Upper Levels

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

No interests

IV. Employment

Period: **01/09/1998 - now**

Organisation: **University of Ulster**

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Ulster University is a publicly funded university which main activities are Higher Education and Research. I am a professor in human nutrition at Ulster University and I am involved in teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in the following subject areas: human nutrition; sports and exercise nutrition; clinical biochemistry (vitamins); food regulatory affairs (food & nutrition policy; food labelling; nutrition and health claims). I also conduct research in the area of folate and B-vitamins and I generate reports to governmental and funding agencies. As far as I am aware, Ulster University has no contracts or other engagements with EFSA.

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

Period: **01/01/2019 - 31/03/2024**

Organisation: **Medical Research Council, UK**

Subject matter: Epigenetic Effects of B-Vitamins on Brain Health Throughout Life: Scientific Substantiation and Translation of Evidence for Health-Improvement Strategies A multicentre investigation of the role of B-vitamins, their epigenetic effects and brain function in childhood and older age, with expected results anticipated to provide scientific substantiation to support nutritional strategies for sustaining better brain health through the lifespan. End date: 31 March 2024; publicly funded project

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/07/2018 - 01/06/2022**

Organisation: **DSM Nutritional Products**

Subject matter: Optimal B-vitamin status to maintain healthy blood pressure in pregnancy in women genetically at risk of developing hypertension A randomised controlled trial investigating the effectiveness of a targeted intervention approach in pregnant women with specific genetic characteristics who are at a higher risk of developing gestational hypertension. End date: June 2021; DSM funding; all the money goes to the institution (Ulster University)

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/07/2017 - 01/03/2020**

Organisation: **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council**

Subject matter: DERIVE: DEvelopment of Riboflavin biomarkers to relate dietary sources with status, gene-nutrient Interactions and Validated health Effects in adult cohorts DERIVE is a multicentre project funded by the Joint Programming Initiatives (European Commission) and BBSRC (UK). It aims to develop accessible riboflavin biomarkers for use in population surveys by investigation of functional, gene-nutrient and health effects of riboflavin status in Canadian, Irish and UK cohorts. End date: March 2020; Publicly funded study

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/04/2017 - 01/09/2018**

Organisation: **Health and Social Care Public Health Agency (Research and Development Division), Northern Ireland, UK**

Subject matter: Optimal nutrition for prevention of hypertension in pregnancy using a personalised approach (OptiPREG) A pilot study defining the logistics and the best possible options for carrying out a multicentre randomised controlled trial investigating the effectiveness of a targeted intervention approach in pregnant women with specific genetic characteristics who are at a higher risk of developing gestational hypertension. End date: September 2018; publicly funded study

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

Period: **01/09/2015 - 01/02/2019**

Organisation: **ESRC (Economic & Social Research Council) & BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council), UNITED KINGDOM**

Subject matter: EpiFASSTT: Epigenetic effects on children's psychosocial development in a randomised trial of Folic Acid Supplementation in Second and Third Trimester End date: February 2019; Publicly funded study

Does the funding received from the private sector during the two years preceding the submission of the ADol exceeds 25% of the total research budget that is managed by you for the area under concern: **No**

Additional Info:

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

Period: **01/01/2009 - 01/09/2018**

Organisation: **Journal "Nutrients"**

Impact on annual earnings: **0%**

Subject matter: Associate editor I do not have any earnings from this activity.

User Agreement

I confirm that:

- I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA
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Remarks:

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

Doi submitted on: 02-11-2021 - 13:42 (UTC)

Signature: SIGNED

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