



NUTRITION UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 95th PLENARY MEETING

**Held on 30 October 2019, via web conference
(Agreed on 7 November 2019)**

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, Dominique Turck (Chair) and Marco Vinceti.

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission:

Not Applicable

■ EFSA:

NUTRI Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Reinhard Ackerl, Domenico Azzollini, Paolo Colombo, Agnès de Sesmaisons-Lecarré, Lucien Ferreira, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Andrea Germini, Tilemachos Goumperis, Leng Heng, Eirini Kouloura, Leonard Matijevic, Federico Morreale, Ruth Roldan Torres, Annamaria Rossi, Ariane Titz, Emanuela Turla, Ermolaos Ververis.

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Sophia Tsaouri.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.



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 94th Plenary meeting held on 18-19 September 2019, Parma (Italy)

The [minutes of the 94th Plenary meeting](#) held on 18-19 September 2019 were agreed by written procedure on 27 September 2019.

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

5.1. Draft opinion on Lacto-*N*-tetraose. Applicant: Glycom A/S. (EFSA-Q-2018-00589)

The draft opinion was presented. The Panel reviewed and discussed the sections related to product characterisation, production process, proposed uses and use levels, anticipated daily intake and toxicological data. The opinion was adopted by the Panel on 30 October 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/5907>

6. New Mandates

Not applicable

7. Feedback from the Scientific Committee/Scientific Panels, EFSA, the European Commission

Not applicable

8. Other scientific topics for information and/or discussion

8.1. Novel Food – Draft opinion on Vitamin D2 mushroom. Applicant: Oakshire Naturals, LP (EFSA-Q-2018-00601)

The Panel was informed on the status of the application and on the approach proposed by the WG on Novel Foods. Additional information from the applicant is needed in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application (in particular regarding

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



composition, specifications, proposed uses and use levels and anticipated intake). The stop-the-clock procedure has been applied.

8.2. Novel Food – Call for data relevant to the safety assessment of heat-treated chia seeds (*Salvia hispanica* L.) in the framework of Regulation 2283/2015 (EFSA-Q-2019-00667)

EFSA was requested by the European Commission to evaluate the thermal stability of chia seeds, i.e. safety of chia seeds in foods subject to thermal processing which may result in the formation of processing contaminants, such as acrylamide, furan and alkylfurans.

The Panel was informed that EFSA launched a call for data, which aims to provide the opportunity for stakeholders and other interested parties to submit analytical data (published, unpublished or newly generated) relevant to the safety of heat-treated chia seeds.

The Panel took note of the call for data and the specification of the information/type of data sought that are relevant for the safety assessment of chia seeds in the framework of Regulation 2283/2015.

The call for data is available at the following link: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/consultations/call/call-data-relevant-safety-assessment-heat-treated-chia-seeds>

8.3. Novel Food – Nutritional assessment

Noting the regulatory framework which requires the applicant to demonstrate that the NF is not nutritionally disadvantageous for consumers, the Panel was given a presentation outlining the principles applied for nutritional assessment of novel foods.

9. Any Other Business

Next plenary meeting of the NDA Panel is scheduled on 27-29 November 2019 in Parma.