



UNIT Animal Health and Plant Health

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COVID-19 in mustelids

Held on 6th Jan 2021, web

(Agreed on 11 Jan 2021)¹

Participants

- Working Group Members:² Soeren SAXMOSE NIELSEN, Karl STAHL, Paolo PASQUALI, Anette BOKLUND, Arjan STEGEMAN, Christian GORTAZAR
- EFSA: Alessandro BROGLIA, Francesca BALDINELLI, Yves, VAN DER STEDE

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants are welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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 Minutes should be published within 15 working days of the final day of the relevant meeting.

² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document.

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

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Item discussed⁵:

The draft report was reviewed and tasks allocated as below:

| Report section | task | who |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 4.1. wild mustelids | to insert reference for polecat increase in UK | Christian |
| 4.1. kept mustelids: | to provide reference for number of ferrets in UK | Helen |
| 4.2.3 Genetic analysis of SARS-CoV-2 | to add more if relevant to mink/mustelids and PH/AH issues | Paolo |
| 4.2.5 pathogenesis | Cleaned, check please key messages again | Paolo, all |
| 4.2.6 Infection routes | please check | Karl, all |
| 4.3.2 | Add intro | Ale |
| 4.3.2 In vitro studies | A ref added, to be checked | Paolo |
| 4.3.2. susceptibility | Ref for mention of investigation for cats in NL | Arjan |
| 4.3.2. susceptibility | to be add about ferrets | Christian |
| 4.3.2 | Revise key messages | all |

5. Next WG meetings and timeline:

Next WG meeting is on 15 Jan 2021

Approval of report is by 29 Jan 2021

⁵ Please add the following link to the EFSA's register of questions and substitute YYYY and NNNNN accordingly
<http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-YYYY-NNNNN>