

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Web meeting held on 15 May 2014**

**(Agreed on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Anna BAUMANN-POPCZYK
- Ingeborg BOXMAN
- Martina ESCHER
- Matthias FILTER
- Annemarie KÄSBOHRER
- Maciej KAŁUŻA
- Judith LEBLANC
- Lisa O'CONNOR
- Caterina RIZZO
- Gaia SCAVIA
- Barbara SCHIMMER
- Christian THÖNS
- Lelia THORNTON

- **European Commission, ECDC and/or Member States representatives:**

- Klaus KOSTENZER (DG SANCO)
- Jan Baele (DG SANCO)
- Ettore SEVERI (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

- Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)  
Jane RICHARDSON

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The members of the group introduced themselves.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were adopted with minor changes by ECDC.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)**

### **4.1 Short reports the activities since last meeting / List of actions**

The draft report was presented as the DG SANCO SCFCAH - Biological Safety (Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health) on 13/05/2014. The member states welcomed the multinational approach.

The project is extended to include data from Norway, France and Sweden with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> June. EFSA explained that with the final meeting 23-24 June and the EFSA approval process publication may be two weeks later.

In relation to the Italian hotspots further information has been sought from Bulgaria and Serbia via the iRASFF system.

In the Netherlands in response to the Norwegian outbreak there has been a product withdrawal and raspberry samples have been taken from a cold store.

Poland has been compiling product tracing information in relation to the contaminated products identified in both France and Norway.

The project group discussed the option to use Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) using samples from each of the affected countries to investigate the similarity of the virus sequence from a multinational outbreak of long duration.

France is still awaiting confirmation of the genotyping results from the two food samples. In Norway the berry topping from the cake test positive for HAV outbreak strain, two batches are being traced the batch tested and the previous batch eaten by the first cases.

Sweden is currently confirming suppliers to the location common to two cases, plus an additional case has been reported with exposure to frozen strawberries.

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## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next web-conference will be arranged for early June.

A meeting for NO, SE and FR will be organised to perform a preliminary analysis on the tracing data and identify any data gaps in mid June (1 day in Berlin)

The final physical meeting is planned as a two days meeting to be held on the 23-24<sup>th</sup> June, in Berlin.

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit**

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Web meeting held on 29 April February 2014**

**(Agreed on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Ingeborg BOXMAN
- Martina ESCHER
- Matthias FILTER
- Annemarie KÄSBOHRER
- Maciej KAŁUŻA
- Aurelie KUAKUVI
- Judith LEBLANC
- Lisa O'CONNOR
- Caterina RIZZO
- Gaia SCAVIA
- Barbara SCHIMMER
- Christian THÖNS

- **European Commission, ECDC and/or Member States representatives:**

- Klaus KOSTENZER (DG SANCO)
- Ettore SEVERI (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

- Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)  
Jane RICHARDSON

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The members of the group introduced themselves.

Anna BAUMANN-POPCZYK, Lelia THORNTON, and Armin WEISER were not attending this meeting.

It is planned to extend the working group with epidemiologists from France, Norway and Sweden, as well as tracing analysts from Norway and Sweden.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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#### **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)**

##### **4.1 Short reports of the activities in preparation of the meeting**

Regarding the planned extension of the group the use of Sciencenet, iRASFF and the excel templates was clarified. The Sciencenet portal contains all documentation related to the project and members can upload any documents that support the investigation. Excel template is used to collate the tracing information this should be posted in iRASFF and countries flagged where more information is required. EFSA will download excel files from iRASFF and upload onto Sciencenet for analysis by BfR. A proposal for an improved template developed by BfR was discussed. It was acknowledged that this solved many of the data quality problems however since only a limited number of excel files are still to be completed and iRASFF contact points would not be familiar with this new version the existing template would be used to complete the project. It was agreed that the new template should be considered for future tracing activities.

Italy, Ireland and The Netherlands are making final corrections and will post finalized excel files to iRASFF.

The Netherlands are assisting in tracing raspberries linked to the Norwegian outbreak

Poland is assisting in tracing activities related to the French HAV contaminated pastries and the Norwegian outbreak. Additional information is being obtained from a Polish “hotspot” in relation to suppliers and receivers of frozen berries in 2012-2013.

Reports received from Sweden that they are checking information on identified suppliers of berries to Swedish companies.

France reported HAV contamination of a pastry sample and frozen berry sample used to make the pastries, the genotyping is ongoing. Tracing information has been requested from Poland, Bulgaria and Germany.

Reports received from Norway that the 21 HAV cases, the case control study indicates a cake as a likely vehicle of infection. Tracing information has been requested from Poland, Bulgaria and Germany.

The group proposed to perform network analysis at a regional level.

ECDC reported two sporadic HAV cases in Finland infected with the European outbreak strain.

##### **4.2 Discussion of conclusions and recommendations in the draft interim report**

The project group was asked to update the epidemiological and microbiological investigation sections and the tracing methodology sections.

Draft conclusions were proposed for an interim report to the Standing committee SCOFCAH.

The project group was requested to update the draft report this week and a final version for comments will be circulated next week. The report will be presented at the SCOFCAH meeting on the 13 May.

## **6. Next meeting(s)**

The next web-conference will be held on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The next physical meeting is planned as a two days meeting to be held on the 23-24<sup>th</sup> June, in Berlin.

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit**

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in Berlin (DE)**

**(Agreed on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Anna BAUMANN (by web)
- Ingeborg BOXMAN
- Martina ESCHER
- Matthias FILTER
- Annemarie KÄSBOHRER
- Maciej KAŁUŻA
- Judith LEBLANC
- Caterina RIZZO (only 15th Apr., by web)
- Lisa O'CONNOR
- Gaia SCAVIA
- Barbara SCHIMMER
- Christian THÖNS
- Lelia THORNTON (only 15th Apr)
- Armin WEISER

- **Hearing Expert:**

- Aurélie KUAKUVI

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Jan BAELE (DG SANCO, by web)
- Klaus KOSTENZER (DG SANCO)
- Pamina-Mika SUZUKI (DG SANCO, by web)
- Johanna TAKKINEN (ECDC)

- **EFSA:**

- Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)  
Jane RICHARDSON



## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The chair especially welcomed Aurelie KUAKUVI, who works as RASFF contact point in France and joined the working group as hearing expert. The members of the group introduced themselves.

Ettore SEVERI and Lara TAVOSCHI from ECDC; and Giorgos GEORGIANNAKIS from DG SANCO were not attending this meeting.

It is further planned to extend the working group by an epidemiologist with specific expertise of the French situation; as well as with epidemiologists and tracing specialists with specific knowledge on the Norwegian and Swedish situation. The assignments are not yet finalized.

Some virologists were contacted to confirm their willingness to work in the EFSA WG.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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#### **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)**

##### **4.1 Short reports of the activities in preparation of the meeting**

The tracing activities in the different countries (esp. IT, IE, NL, PL) were summarized. The results are mainly completed and the input dataset updated. Additional results are expected from FR, NO, and SE. Italy identified one additional “hot spot” and updated the evaluation.

ECDC and EFSA updated the Rapid Outbreak Assessment, published on 11th April. Recommended is a harmonised sequencing protocol for HAV in humans and food.

##### **4.2 Screening of additional information and update of the analysis**

The BfR team presented the latest status of the tracing analysis. Revised data were included and verified. Identified “hot spots” were evaluated and the corresponding parts of the distribution net were documented in network graphics. This status will be used for the intermediate report.

##### **4.3 Discussion of the tracing results**

For the intermediate report “hot spots” could be identified, which can explain a high percentage of contaminated lots / HAV cases in defined parts of the network, but none of it is able to connect the contaminated lots / HAV cases of the full network. The link between “hot spots” and contaminated lots / HAV cases were described in details. The existing evidence was discussed.

In view of the additional information from FR, NO and SE the connection to already defined “hot spots” were evaluated. The further data collection was prioritized. Focus is to link separated parts of the network together and/or with the new reported cases.

##### **4.4 Discussion on epidemiological aspects**

According to the priorities of 4.2 epidemiological hypotheses were formulated to link separated parts of the network. The evidence supporting or contradicting the hypothesis was reviewed and the discussion on it started.

The draft report will be updated to reflect the status of the evidence. A format to report to the general public was defined, allowing to review the evidence, and to respect confidential information.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **5.1 Extension of the mandate**

DG SANCO informed the group that it is planned to extend the mandate to EFSA until July 2014, to enable the group to include new information from FR, NO and SE into their considerations. EFSA will enlarge the working group accordingly.

DG SANCO asked the group to give an intermediate report on the already established results to the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCOFAH). The working group agreed to prepare such report.

## **6. Next meeting(s)**

The next web-conferences will be held

- on Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The next physical meeting is planned as two days meeting to be held end of May/beginning of June, at BfR in Berlin. Depending on the date an additional web meeting will be organised before the physical meeting.

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Web meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**(Agreed on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**

- Gaia SCAVIA
- Martina ESCHER
- Judith LEBLANC
- Ingeborg BOXMAN
- Barbara SCHIMMER
- Matthias FILTER
- Christian THÖNS
- Maciej KAŁUŻA
- Lisa O'CONNOR
- Ettore SEVERI

- **EFSA:**

- Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)
- Jane RICHARDSON

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Anna BAUMANN, Annemarie KÄSBOHRER, Caterina RIZZO, Lelia THORNTOM, Armin WEISER and ECDC: Lara TAVOSCHI and Johanna TAKKINEN. DG SANCO were not present

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were adopted with minor changes proposed by ECDC, The Netherlands and Italy.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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## **4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)**

### **4.1 Short reports of the activities in preparation of the meeting**

ECDC reported new information on cases with the outbreak strain in three European Countries. ECDC will organise a teleconference with the newly affected countries and EFSA in order to coordinate epidemiological investigations and tracing activities. Italy to share protocol for detection of HAV in food samples to be shared with affected countries. Ireland, Italy and The Netherlands indicated that the current tracing exercise is moving towards completion.

Advice is to be sought from virologists from ECDC, Italy and the Netherlands related to the likelihood of detecting the same strain over a period of a year, the probability of sequence changes and whether this information can discriminate between a common food source or other modes of transmission (i.e. person to person).

### **4.2 Discussion of the intermediate report**

At the meeting in Berlin we should seek to complete the tracing and analyses of the lots linked to cases in 2013 from the Netherlands, Ireland and Italy and prepare a report for publication.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next physical meeting is planned to be held on Monday, the 14th April, and Tuesday, the 15th April, at BfR in Berlin.

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**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Web meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**(Agreed on 31 March 2014, including written comments)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Caterina RIZZO
  - Lelia THORNTON
  - Ingeborg BOXMAN
  - Martina ESCHER
  - Matthias FILTER
  - Maciej KAŁUŻA
  - Judith LEBLANC
  - Liza O'CONNOR
  - Gaia SCAVIA
  - Christian THÖNS
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Pamina Mika SUZUKI(DG SANCO)
- **EFSA:**
  - Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Anna BAUMANN, Annemarie KÄSBOHRER, Jane RICHARDSEN, Barbara SCHIMMER, Armin WEISER and ECDC: Ettore SEVERI, Lara TAVOSCHI and Johanna TAKKINEN. DG SANCO were represented by Pamina M SUZUKI.

Anna BAUMANN, epidemiologist from Poland, is new member of the working group.

## 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were adopted without changes.

## 3. Declarations of interest

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## 4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)

### 4.1 Short reports of the activities in preparation of the meeting

The members reported on the tracing activities in the various countries. Most tasks will be completed in the coming weeks. Reports were also received from third countries. In the Netherlands the tracing was extended to other fresh berries. The ECDC reported to have sent an email to the FWD network in EU/EEA countries reminding to enhance hepatitis A virus molecular surveillance. ECDC also asked to promptly notify cases with identical sequence to KF182323, use the common questionnaire to interview cases and perform thorough environmental investigation. Additional cases were already reported by some countries.

The WG discussed the possibility that new cases form an independent outbreak. According to the mandate the WG should focus on confirmed cases with HAV and the outbreak strain (GenBank accession number KF182323).

In case of 100% similarity a common food source is likely. Therefore the MS should be asked for a possible food relation and additional tracing information. EFSA may help to convert the tracing information into the right data format. A common web conference with reporting MS could be done to explain the data format and project.

The data exchange should be done via RASFF, similar to the existing data exchange. SANCO might repeat the information of MS on this use of the RASFF system.

### 4.2 Coordination of further data analysis

The BfR reported on some improvements of the analytical tool. Bilateral analysis was done on Dutch data. The next updates are planned for Italian and Irish data.

### 4.3 Discussion of the intermediate report

The network analyses on trace back data until February 20 retrieved for Dutch cases has been evaluated and proposals for further investigations have been defined.

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EFSA will restructure the draft report and include the results of the last meetings. A section will be added to discuss the likelihood of involvement of contaminated food for new cases infected with the HAV outbreak strain.

## **5. Next meeting(s)**

The next web-conference will be held Thursday, the 27th March 2014, from 09:30

The next physical meeting is planned to be held on Monday, the 14th April, and Tuesday, the 15th April, at BfR in Berlin.



**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit**

**Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU)**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on**  
**Tracing of food items in connection**  
**to the multinational Hepatitis A virus outbreak in Europe (HAV Trace)**  
**Held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in Berlin (DE)**

**(Agreed on 14 March 2014)**

**Participants**

• **Working Group Experts:**

- Ingeborg BOXMAN
- Martina ESCHER
- Matthias FILTER
- Annemarie KÄSBOHRER
- Maciej KAŁUŻA
- Judith LEBLANC
- Liza O'CONNOR
- Gaia SCAVIA
- Barbara SCHIMMER
- Christian THÖNS
- Armin WEISER

• **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

- Jan BAELE (DG SANCO)
- Giorgos GEORGIANNAKIS (DG SANCO)
- Klaus KOSTENZER (DG SANCO)
- Ettore SEVERI (ECDC)

• **EFSA:**

- Assessment and Methodological Support Unit (AMU):  
Olaf MOSBACH-SCHULZ (Chair)  
Jane RICHARDSON

• **Others:**

Bernd APPEL (Head of department for “Biological Safety” of BfR, the hosting institution) and Petra HILLER to welcome the group

## **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Bernd Appel, the head of the department for “Biological Safety” of BfR (hosting institution) welcomed the group and gave a short introduction to the BfR.

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Caterina RIZZO and Lelia THORNTON.

Johanna TAKKINEN and Lara TAVOSCHI from ECDC were not attending the physical meeting.

It is further planned to extend the working group by an epidemiologist with specific expertise of the Polish situation. The assignment is not yet finalized.

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

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## **4. Kick-Off meeting of the working group**

This participants introduced themselves to the group.

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion (all related to EFSA-Q-2013-00878)**

### **5.1 Short reports of the activities in preparation of the meeting**

The members responsible for data collection in Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands and Poland reported on the status of the data collection and the updates on RASFF. The status of additional requests to other European and “third” countries was summarized.

The members responsible for data analysis reported on the status of the database and preliminary analysis. All data arrived before Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> February, were included into the current working database.

ECDC reported on the information on cases in UK, SE and DE, which were recently infected (end of 2013) and reported.

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## 5.2 Definition of “Hot Spots”

The working group discussed criteria to evaluate the evidence of a company (e.g. primary producer, freezer, distributor etc.) to be source of the outbreak.

Additional possibilities for cross-contamination within (between different food items) or between clusters (via workers etc.) were discussed.

Special emphasis was given on necessary connections of cases of HAV with identical outbreak strains.

## 5.3 Data analysis of the tracing data

The features of the software tool to analyse tracing data was presented on the current working database. After that possible “Hot Spots” were identified for each national cluster, which have more relations to contaminated lots or existing cases. Different sets of weights were applied to express different concept of evidence.

## 5.4 Evaluation of evidence for selected “Hot Spots” (in sub groups)

Two subgroups were formed to summarize the evidence of selected “Hot Spots” in the national clusters and identify open questions or contradictory information.

## 5.5 Discussion of the results, further steps

The working group concluded that no definitive results could be obtained from the current working database. Further investigations are necessary to conclude on the evidence of “Hot Spots”. Nevertheless the working group will summarize the intermediate results in a preliminary report.

It was further concluded that the recent cases should be used to obtain additional information especially to identify connections between different national clusters.

DG SANCO expressed their preference to extend the investigations in view to be able to successfully identify the source of the outbreak in contrast to finalize the report, while the outbreak is still ongoing.

# 6. Any Other Business

## 6.1 Coordination with activities of ECDC

The ECDC reported on their planned activities to collect and report on cases of Hepatitis A of the outbreak strain with infection before end 2013. The importance to get also information on tracing of related food items from new cases and additional member states was highlighted. The working group offered to present the project to member states and answer related questions.

## 6.2 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ECDC Food- and Waterborne Diseases (FWD) Network

Jane Richardson will present the project on the next meeting of the ECDC FWD Network in Stockholm on 10th April 2014 in a session dedicated to HAV outbreaks.

# 7. Next meeting(s)

The next web-conference will be held Friday, the 14th March 2014, from 10:00

The next physical meeting is planned to be held on Monday, the 14th April (pm), and Tuesday, the 15th April, at BfR in Berlin.