

BIOCONTAM UNIT

Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on the evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance:

Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

**Held on 18/06/2014, web conference, 13:00-16:00 (Parma times)
(Agreed on 18/06/2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Dorte Lau Baggesen, Rob Davies, Tine Hald (until 14:40), Gaia Scavia and John Threlfall
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felicio
- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Marc Struelens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests², 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

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Draft Opinion on evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance ([EFSA-Q-2013-00906](#)): Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

No additional meeting is foreseen, as the draft opinion will be finalised to be tabled for adoption at the next BIOHAZ Panel plenary meeting.

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Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on the evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance:

Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

**Held on 5/06/2014, web conference, 10:00-13:00 (Parma times)
(Agreed on 5/06/2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Dorte Lau Baggesen, Rob Davies, Gaia Scavia and John Threlfall
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felicio, Ernesto Liebana Criado (partially)
- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Marc Struelens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Tine Hald.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Draft Opinion on evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance ([EFSA-Q-2013-00906](#)): Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on 18 June (13:00-16:00, web conference).

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on the evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance:

Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

**Held on 23/04/2014, Parma
(Agreed on 23/04/2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Dorte Lau Baggesen, Rob Davies, Tine Hald (via web 11:00-12:00 and 14:00-16:00), Gaia Scavia and John Threlfall
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felicio, Valentina Rizzi
- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Marc Struelens (via web 10:30-12:00)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Draft Opinion on evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance ([EFSA-Q-2013-00906](#)): Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on 5 June (10:00-13:00, web conference).

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on the evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance:

Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

**Held on 25/03/2014, web conference
(Agreed on 25/03/2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Dorte Lau Baggesen, Tine Hald, Gaia Scavia and John Threlfall
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOCONTAM Unit: Teresa Felicio, Valentina Rizzi
- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Marc Struelens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Robert Davies.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Draft Opinion on evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance ([EFSA-Q-2013-00906](#)): Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on 23 April (8:00-16:00, Parma).

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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on the evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance:

Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

**Held on 10 to 11 /02/2014, Copenhagen
(Agreed on 11/02/2014)**

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Dorte Lau Baggesen, Robert Davies, Tine Hald, Gaia Scavia and John Threlfall
- **EFSA:**
 - BIOHAZ Unit: Teresa Felicio
- **Others:**
 - ECDC: Marc Struelens

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Scientific topic for discussion

4.1. Draft Opinion on evaluation of molecular typing methods for major food-borne microbiological hazards and their use for attribution modelling, outbreak investigation and scanning surveillance ([EFSA-Q-2013-00906](#)): Part 2 (surveillance and data management activities)

Following to the contributions provided since the previous meeting, the experts further discussed key issues of the draft opinion addressing terms of reference 3 and 4 and improved the contents of the draft opinion. The future work ahead was discussed, and new tasks were allocated to the WG experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

The WG Experts agreed to hold the next meeting on 25 March (14:30-17:30, web conference).

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