

Parma, 4 February 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on “VTEC-seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment”

WEB, 4 February 2013

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 4 February 2013

Participants

WG Experts	Declan BOLTON, Gad FRANKEL, James MCLAUCHLIN, Stefano MORABITO, Eric OSWALD, John THRELFALL (Chair)
Observers (eg. EC)	Georg BRANDL, Sonja DICHTL, Karen JEBOUSEK (AGES)
EFSA:	Winy MESSENS, Ernesto LIEBANA CRIADO (BIOHAZ)
Apologies:	Michaela MANN (AGES), Carolin Krejci (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit), Rosa PERAN (EC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Michaela MANN, Carolin Krejci, and Rosa PERAN (Observers).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The inclusion of the 2011 data on the human health outcome was discussed. The whole draft opinion was reviewed, with special attention to the changes made following the comments received from the Panel experts. Further tasks were distributed among WG Experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

There is no further meeting scheduled.

Parma, 15 January 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on “VTEC-seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment”

London, 14 January 2013

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 16 January 2013

Participants

WG Experts	Declan BOLTON, Gad FRANKEL, James MCLAUCHLIN, Stefano MORABITO, Eric OSWALD, John THRELFALL (Chair)
Observers (eg. EC)	Michaela MANN (AGES), Carolin Krejci (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit)
EFSA:	Winy MESSENS, Ernesto LIEBANA CRIADO (BIOHAZ)
Apologies:	Rosa PERAN (EC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Rosa PERAN.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

Recent comments from the Observers were welcomed by the Chair and clarified. The analysis and presentation of the data on the human health outcome were discussed. The whole draft opinion was reviewed. Tasks were distributed among WG Experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next (fifth) meeting will be organised by webmeeting in February 2013 (date to be agreed).

Parma, 4 December 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on “VTEC-seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment”

Parma, 4 December 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 7 December 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan BOLTON, Gad FRANKEL, James MCLAUCHLIN, Stefano MORABITO, Eric OSWALD, John THRELFALL (Chair)
Observers (eg. EC)	Michaela MANN (AGES), Carolin Krejci (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit)
EFSA:	Winy MESSENS, Ernesto LIEBANA CRIADO (BIOHAZ)
Apologies:	Rosa PERAN (EC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Rosa PERAN.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The data on the human health outcome were presented and discussed. Approaches to ToRs were introduced and discussed. The draft opinion was reviewed, conclusions and recommendations introduced and tasks were distributed among WG Experts and EFSA's Secretariat.

5. Next meeting date

The next (fourth) meeting will be organised in January 2013 (date and format to be agreed).

Parma, 16 October 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on “VTEC-seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment”

Parma, 16 October 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 16 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts	Declan BOLTON, Gad FRANKEL, Stefano MORABITO, Eric OSWALD, John THRELFALL (Chair)
Observers (eg. EC)	Karl PLSEK and Karen JEBOUSEK (Austrian Ministry for Health), Sabine SCHLAGER, Günther KRAUS, Michaela MANN (AGES)
EFSA:	Winy MESSENS, Ernesto LIEBANA CRIADO
Apologies:	James MCLAUCHLIN (WG Expert), Rosa PERAN (EC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Dorte Lau BAGGESEN has withdrawn as expert from the WG. Apologies were received from James MCLAUCHLIN and Rosa PERAN.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The revised ToRs were discussed and the data on human outcome were introduced. The draft opinion was discussed and tasks were distributed among working group Experts.

5. Next meeting date

The next (third) meeting will take place on 4 December 08:30-15:00 in Parma. The fourth meeting will be a web meeting half of January.

Parma, 7 September 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on “VTEC-seropathotype concept and scientific criteria regarding pathogenicity assessment”

Parma, 7 September 2012

EFSA / Unit / BIOHAZ

Agreed by the WG on 7 September 2012

Participants

WG Experts Dorte Lau BAGGESEN, Declan BOLTON, Gad FRANKEL, James MCLAUCHLIN, Stefano MORABITO, Eric OSWALD, John THRELFALL (Chair)

Hearing Experts

Observers (eg. EC)

EFSA: Winy MESSENS, Ernesto LIEBANA CRIADO

Apologies: Rosa PERAN (EC)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Rosa Peran.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) 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 beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The mandate was introduced and discussed. A draft table of contents was agreed and tasks were distributed among working group Experts. Clarifications will be requested to the Austrian Authority on the ToR.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting will take place 16 October 14:00-17:00 by webmeeting.