

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

WEB-conference meeting, 28 August 2020

(Agreed on 3 September 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Olivier Andreoletti
John Griffin
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.



The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to the Annex. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 June 2020

The minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 10-11 June 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 19 June 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals⁵

The WG members reviewed the latest version of the draft opinion, addressed the pending comments, the concluding remarks, answers to the ToRs and recommendations. The first draft of the abstract and summary were also reviewed. Minor changes were made and agreed actions to further refine the final text before it is submitted to the BIOHAZ Panel for adoption on 22-23 September 2020.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

This was the last meeting scheduled.

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

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⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/wg-ruminant-collagen-gelatine.pdf>

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Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the screening of Annual Declarations of Interest (ADoI)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH WAIVERS: In the Annual Declaration of Interest filed by Dr John Griffin, the following interest has been declared: Dr Griffin declared that until his retirement in February 2019 he was the Head of the TSE and ABP Veterinary Division in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland which is classified by EFSA as a Public Institution. As Head of this Division Dr Griffin was responsible for the implementation of the measures set out in EU Regulation 999/2001 for the control and eradication of TSEs and the measures set out in EU Regulation 1069/2009 for the control of ABP. Dr Griffin was therefore performing risk management activities overlapping with the mandate of the EFSA scientific group in question. This constitutes a conflict of interest according to the above-mentioned rules on Competing Interest Management, thereby excluding the expert from participating in the BIOHAZ WG on Ruminant collagen and gelatine and resulting in the incompatibility with membership for two years after the activity is over.

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.

Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on "*the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals*", and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

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MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

WEB-conference meeting, 10-11 June 2020

(Agreed on 19 June 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Olivier Andreoletti
John Griffin
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
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BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.
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Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. This meeting, originally scheduled as a physical meeting, was converted into teleconferences to avoid traveling to Parma in line with the measures established to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection.

No apologies were received.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to the Annex. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 May 2020

The minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 6-7 May 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 13 May 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals⁵

The WG members received from the chair the feedback from first reading in the plenary of BIOHAZ Panel, reviewed the current version of the individual probabilistic model, discussed the uncertainty analysis, drafted the concluding remarks, conclusions and answers to ToRs, and reviewed the rest of the draft opinion including other sections and appendices. It was agreed to make further amendments to the model parameters and create new sections in assessment section of the draft opinion.

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6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The date of the sixth meeting (a half-day web-conference) was not fixed but it was agreed the secretariat will circulate a doodle poll for expressing preferences during that week. The data will be fixed accordingly.



Annex I

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In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.

Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on "*the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals*", and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

WEB-conference meeting, 6-7 May 2020

(Agreed on 13 May 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Olivier Andreoletti
John Griffin
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
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Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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No apologies were received.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting.

For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to the Annex I.

Certain interests were declared orally by the members before the beginning of the meeting. For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Oral Declaration(s) of Interest made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex II.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 19-20 March

The minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 19-20 March 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 27 March 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals⁵

The WG members reviewed the actions from previous meeting and the current layout and contents of the draft opinion. The probabilistic model developed to estimate the BSE infectivity load, measured in cattle oral ID₅₀ (COID₅₀), contained in the gelatine produced with the bones and hide of one infected adult bovine animal older than 30 months of age with any of the three BSE strains (C, H, L) (hereinafter referred to as 'BSE' or 'BSE infectivity') at the clinical stage of the disease, was thoroughly discussed

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and a number of decision on the structure and parameters were made. The initial uncertainty analysis was presented by the chair based on a table including causes and sources of uncertainty.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The date of the fifth meeting was agreed, as a web-conference split into two sessions: Wednesday 10 June 2020 pm – Thursday 11 June 2020 am. The sixth WG meeting will be scheduled between thorough reading and adoption but the date was not fixed.



Annex I

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In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, a waiver was granted in accordance with Article 21 of the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management.

Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on "*the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals*", and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

Annex II

Interests and actions resulting from the Oral Declaration of Interest done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting, Dr John Griffin declared the following interest: "Advise the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group (IEMAG) for COVID-19 on epidemiological issues related to the national COVID-19 transmission models for Ireland". In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁷, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the interest above was not deemed to represent a Conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.

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MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

WEB-conference meeting, 19-20 March 2020

(Agreed on 27 March 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
Olivier Andreoletti
John Griffin
Giuseppe Ru
Marion M. Simmons
John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
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Not Applicable
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Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

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No apologies were received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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For further details on the outcome of the screening of the Annual Declarations of Interest, please refer to the Annex. Oral Declaration(s) of Interest were asked at the beginning of the meeting and no additional interest was declared.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 8 January 2020, Parma

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 8 January 2020 in Parma were agreed by written procedure on 20 January 2020⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals⁵

The WG members reviewed the summary of the feedback provided by the industry on current and future practices of the production of collage and gelatine in the European Union. Possible risks pathways were discussed and agreed. The Secretariat presented the overall structure of the individual model as a probabilistic model developed to estimate the BSE infectivity load, measured in cattle oral ID50 (COID50), contained in the gelatine produced with the bones and hide of one infected adult bovine animal older than 30 months of age with any of the three BSE strains (C, H, L) (hereinafter referred to as 'BSE' or 'BSE infectivity') at the clinical stage of the disease. The WG reviewed the

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current parameterization of the model and the alternatives presented by the Secretariat. One by one, all the parameters were discussed and a number of decisions concerning parameters were made, not only in terms of the probability distributions to apply but also on the values and data sources from which those values are obtained.

6. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting

The date of the fourth meeting was agreed, as a web-conference split into two sessions: Wednesday 6 May 2020 pm – Thursday 7 May 2020 am. The fifth WG meeting will be scheduled between first and thorough reading but the data was not fixed.



Annex

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Pursuant to Article 21(6) of the above-mentioned Decision, the concerned expert was allowed to take part in the discussion and in the drafting phase of the EFSA Scientific Opinion on "*the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals*", and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

WEB-conference, 21 October 2019

(Agreed on 30 October 2019)¹

Participants

- Working Group Members:²
 - Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
 - Olivier Andreoletti
 - John Griffin
 - Giuseppe Ru
 - Marion M. Simmons
 - John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts³:
 - Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
 - Not Applicable
- EFSA:

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BIOCONTAM Unit: Angel Ortiz Pelaez.

- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
No apologies received

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 Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, 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.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG members discussed the background and the terms of reference of the mandate. It was agreed to seek clarification to the EC of two points of the terms of reference. Approaches and methodology were also discussed. Tasks were allocated to EFSA staff and WG experts⁶.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

6. Next meeting(s)

No dates were fixed for the next meetings but it was agreed to hold the second meeting as a one-day physical meeting on the second week of January 2020 and the third as a web-conference in the third week of March 2020.

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SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS BIOCONTAM UNIT

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON “the request for a scientific opinion on potential BSE risk posed by the use of ruminant collagen and gelatine in feed for non-ruminant farmed animals”

Physical meeting, 8 January 2020

(Agreed on 17 January 2020)¹

Participants

- Working Group Members:²
 - Avelino Alvarez Ordóñez (Chair)
 - Olivier Andreoletti
 - John Griffin
 - Giuseppe Ru
 - Marion M. Simmons
 - John Spiropoulos
- Hearing Experts³:
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BIOCONTAM Unit: Katrin Bote, Angel Ortiz Pelaez.

- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.
No apologies received

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 21 October 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 21 October 2019 in Parma were agreed by written procedure on 30 October 2019⁶.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The WG members reviewed the state of the draft opinion based on the actions agreed in the previous meeting. The level of inactivation of treatment processes for the production of collagen and gelatine as in previous SSC and EFSA opinions were reviewed. The methodological approach was discussed, and it was agreed to develop an individual probabilistic model simulating what would be the number of cattle oral ID₅₀ in the final throughput of C&G of the EU if one cow infected with BSE entered the food chain. Tasks were allocated to EFSA staff and WG experts⁶.

6. Any Other Business

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The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The date of the third meeting as a full-day physical meeting was fixed for Thursday 19 March pm – Friday 20 March am 2020, linked to the BIOHAZ Panel plenary meeting. No other meetings were fixed.