

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 25-27 August 2015, Karlsruhe, Germany

(Agreed on 15 September 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Sabine Kulling, Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen, Agneta Oskarsson, Ruud Woutersen
- Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge participated via audio/web-conference in agenda item 5

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Pasquale Mosesso and Ferruccio Santini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 25 June 2015, as an audio/webconference.

The minutes of the of the 19th Working Group meeting held on 25 June 2015 as an audio/web conference were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group received feedback from the discussion held with the BfR at the preparatory meeting of the Working Group held in Berlin on 30 June 2015.

The revised opinion distributed in advance to the current meeting was discussed and further elaborated by the members of the Working Group for distribution to the ANS Panel meeting and possible adoption at its September plenary meeting which will be held on 8-10 September 2015.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The current one should be the final meeting of the Working Group, unless editorial issues should be discussed after adoption of the opinion.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 24 June 2015, audio/web conference

(Agreed on 25 August 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, Julie Glanville, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ruud Woutersen

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- AMU Unit: Annette-Cecilia Forss

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Sabine Kulling, Agneta Oskarsson and Ferruccio Santini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 1 June 2015, as an audio/webconference.

The minutes of the 18th Working Group meeting held on 1 June 2015 as an audio/web conference were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group received feedback from the discussion held at the ANS Panel meeting held on 9-11 June 2015 and revised the draft opinion accordingly.

Plans were made for updating the literature search for the systematic review at the end of the month.

Tasks were allocated to the Working Group members for further elaboration of the opinion in advance to the next Working Group meeting

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in Karlsruhe on 25-27 August 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 1 June 2015, audio/web conference

(agreed on 24 June 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, Julie Glanville, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Agneta Oskarsson, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ferruccio Santini and Ruud Woutersen

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ferruccio Santini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 7-8 May 2015, Parma, Italy.

The minutes of the of the 17th Working Group meeting held on 7-8 April 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

Further to the contributions received from the WG members, a revised opinion was distributed to the members of the Working Group in advance to the current meeting.

The Working Group elaborated further on the text of the draft opinion.

Tasks were allocated to the different members of the WG aiming at producing an updated version for transmission to the ANS Panel on 9-11 June 2015.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as an audio web conference on 24 June 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 7-8 May 2015, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 1 June 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Cristina Bosetti, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Agneta Oskarsson, Pasquale Mosesso and Ruud Woutersen
- Alicja Mortensen and Daniel Doerge attended via teleconference on the first day.

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- DATA Unit: Annette-Cecilia Forss

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ferruccio Santini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 7-9 April 2015, Parma, Italy.

The minutes of the of the 16th Working Group meeting held on 7-9 April 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

Further to the feedback received by the ANS Panel at its April 2015 meeting, a revised opinion was distributed to the members of the Working Group.

The Working Group elaborated further on the text of the draft opinion.

Tasks were allocated to the different members of the WG aiming at producing an updated version for discussion at the next WG meeting and subsequent transmission to the ANS Panel in June 2015.

It was agreed that the literature searches for the two association questions will be updated at the end of the current month.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as an audio web conference on 1st June 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 7-9 April 2015, Parma, Italy

(Agreed on 7 May 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Agneta Oskarsson, Pasquale Mosesso, Ferruccio Santini, Ruud Woutersen
- Alicja Mortensen attended via teleconference

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- DATA Unit: Davide Arcella, Annette-Cecilia Forss

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 of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 23 March 2015, as an audio/web conference.

The minutes of the of the 15th Working Group meeting held on 23 March 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group discussed in detail the overview of the human studies included for each target organ and further elaborated the text to be included in the draft opinion.

The approach and preliminary results of the exposure assessment was discussed and agreed by the WG members.

The WG agreed on the general content and lay out of the opinion to be presented at the coming meeting of the ANS Panel on 14-16 April 2015. The WG will receive feedback from that discussion in order to further progress with the drafting of the opinion.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in Parma on 7-8 May 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 26 March 2015, audio/web conference

(Agreed on 9 April 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ruud Woutersen

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- AMU Unit: Annette-Cecilia Forss

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from David Gott, Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Agneta Oskarsson and Ferruccio Santini.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 17-18 February 2015, Parma, Italy.

The minutes of the of the 14th Working Group meeting held on 17-18 February 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group discussed in detail the overview of the animal studies included for each target organ. A graphical representation of the results was presented, to be refined at the coming meetings.

A preliminary approach for the exposure assessment was presented, to be further elaborated at one of the forthcoming meetings.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as a physical meeting in Parma on 7-9 April 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 17-18 February 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 26 March 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, Cristina Bosetti, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen, Agneta Oskarsson, Ruud Woutersen
- Ferruccio Santini has participated on 17 February
- Daniel Doerge has participated via teleconference on 17 February

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Sabine Kulling and Pasquale Mosesso.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 28-29 January 2015, Parma, Italy.

The minutes of the of the 13th Working Group meeting held on 28-29 January 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group received an update on the selection of the literature done so far and discussed the contributions prepared by the experts in advance to this meeting for their inclusion in the draft opinion. An overview of the studies included for each target organ was presented. The findings from the studies included should be summarised in tabular format in advance to the next meetings

The revised draft opinion was further elaborated and tasks were distributed among the experts in advance to the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held as web/teleconference on 26 March 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS)

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 28-29 January 2015, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 17 February 2015)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

- Catherine Bennetau-Pelissero, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson, Ferruccio Santini, Ruud Woutersen
- Sabine Kulling has participated via teleconference

■ EFSA:

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Cristina Bosetti and Daniel Doerge.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Scientific Committee/Scientific Panel/ Members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 January 2015, web/teleconference.

The minutes of the of the 12th Working Group meeting held on 20-21 January 2015 were agreed³.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group received an update on the selection of the literature done so far and discussed the preliminary conclusions from human and animal studies reporting on thyroid effects and their appraisal.

The revised draft opinion was further elaborated and tasks were distributed among the experts in advance to the next meeting.

It was agreed that after this initial set of studies appraised by two experts in parallel, the appraisal exercise will be done by one expert, notwithstanding the possibility of seeking advice from other WG members in case of doubt.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held in Parma on 17-18 February 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP) UNIT)

EFSA/FIP/606

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to food (ANS)

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones

Held on 20-21 January 2015 by WEB/TELE-conference

(Agreed on 28 January 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

- Ursula Gundert-Remy (Chair), Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, Gunter-Georg Kuhnle, Ruud Woutersen

- **EFSA:**

- FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
- AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzone

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 of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 December 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 11th Working Group meeting held on 11-12 December 2014 were agreed at the previous meeting.³

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencpolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group discussed the first human and animal studies independently appraised by two experts. Cases in which there were inconsistencies between experts' judgement were highlighted and clarified.

It was agreed that after this initial set of studies appraised by two experts in parallel, the appraisal exercise will be done by one expert, notwithstanding the possibility of seeking advice from other WG members in case of doubt.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be held in Parma on 28-29 January 2015.

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Food Ingredients and Packaging Unit (FIP UNIT)

FIP/564

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food
Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 11-12 December 2014, Parma (Italy)

(Agreed on 12 December 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**
 - Cristina Bosetti, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Gunter George Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson, Ruud Wouersen
 - David Gott has participated via teleconference
- **EFSA:**
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Daniel Doerge, Julie Glanville, Claude Lambré and Ferruccio Santini and from Davide Arcella (DATA Unit).

The participants were informed about the decision taken by Claude Lambré to resign from the Working Group due to other work commitments.

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 Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 30-31 October 2014, Parma.

The minutes of the of the 10th Working Group meeting held on 30-31 October 2014 were agreed by written procedure on 10 November 2014.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

- 5.1 Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁴

The Working Group discussed the tools that will be used for appraising the studies and received an update on the selection of the literature done so far.

The revised draft opinion was further elaborated and tasks were distributed among the experts in advance to the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next physical meeting will be held in Parma on 28-29 January 2015. It will be preceded by a web-conference in the days before, with participation limited to the Chair and the experts involved in the appraisal of the studies.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

⁴ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 10st meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held as a physical meeting on 30-31 10 2014, Parma
(agreed by written procedure on 10 11 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Cristina Bosetti, Gundert-Remy (chair), Gunter Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Claude Lambré (on 30 October 2014), Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson (on 30 October 2014), Ferruccio Santini and Ruud Woutersen.
 - Daniel Doerge (on 30 October 2014), and Julie Glanville have participated via teleconference, in agenda points 1-7
- **Hearing Experts¹:**
 - Not Applicable
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
 - Not Applicable
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from the Working Group experts David Gott and Alicja Mortensen and from Davide Arcella from EFSA DATA Unit.

¹ As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts:
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/expertselection.pdf>.

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 Processes² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest³, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting held on 15-16 September 2014, Parma

The minutes of the 9th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 23 September 2014.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones⁵

The Working Group was informed about the progress made so far with the literature searches.

The structure of the draft opinion was agreed and tasks were distributed among the experts.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting is planned as a physical meeting in Parma on 11-12 December 2014.

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/fipwgs/documents/Isoflavones.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2013-00916>

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held as a physical meeting on 15-16 09 2014, Parma
(Agreed by written procedure on 23 09 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Julie Glanville, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Gunter Kuhnle, Sabine Kulling, Claude Lambré, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson, Ferruccio Santini and Ruud Woutersen (on 15 September 2014).
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this ninth meeting of the Working Group.

Apologies were received from Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge and from Fulvio Barizzzone from EFSA AMU Unit and Davide Arcella from EFSA DATA Unit.

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 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. Agreement of the minutes of the 8th Working Group meeting held on 26 08 2014, as a webconference

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 03 09 2014 and were published on the EFSA website on 08 09 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The Working Group was informed that the draft protocol had been shared with the requestor of the mandate under assessment who supported the approach outlined in the protocol indicating that the WGs' interpretation of the terms of references is in line with the requestors' intention.

The Working Group discussed some points that will deserve further elaboration in the draft scientific opinion.

The protocol was revised taking into account the comments made by the experts and was considered as final by the Working Group, subject to the incorporation of the final literature search strategies. The latter will be finalised shortly after the discussion at the current meeting.

The updated version of the protocol, as revised by the Working Group will be presented to the ANS Panel at its upcoming plenary meeting for endorsement before the start of its implementation.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next Working Group meeting is planned as a physical meeting in Parma on 30-31 October 2014.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held as an audio/web conference on 26 08 2014, Parma
(Agreed by written procedure on 03 09 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Cristina Bosetti, Daniel Doerge, Julie Glanville, Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair) , Gunter Kuhnle, Claude Lambre, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Agneta Oskarsson, Ferruccio Santini and Ruud Woutersen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Fulvio Barizzzone, Lara Congiu

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this eighth meeting of this Working Group.

Apologies were received from David Gott and Sabine Kulling

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 7th Working Group meeting held as an audio/webconference on 07 07 2014.

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The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 15 07 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 06 08 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The Working Group discussed the literature search strategies and some outstanding points for clarification on the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the human and animal studies to be included in the systematic reviews. The draft protocol will be amended further to the discussion. Literature searches will be conducted in advance to the next meeting of the WG.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be scheduled as a physical meeting in Parma on 15-16 September 2014.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held as an audio/web conference on 07 07 2014, Parma
(Agreed by written procedure on 15 07 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Cristina Bosetti, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Gunter Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen and Agneta Oskarsson
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone, Andrea Baù

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this seventh meeting of this Working Group.

Apologies were received from Daniel Doerge, Julie Glanville, Claude Lambre Pasquale Mosesso, Ferruccio Santini, Ruud Woutersen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 6th Working Group meeting held on 23-24 07 2014, Parma

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The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 30 06 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 09 07 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The Working Group was provided with feedback from the discussion at the ANS Panel and further discussed the draft protocol for risk assessment, including some additional criteria for appraising the studies.

A demonstration of the software Distiller SR was shown to the experts.

A number of revisions to the protocol were agreed. Tasks were allocated amongst the WG experts and EFSA for drafting these revisions to the protocol.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be scheduled towards the end of August as an audio/webconference.

FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

EFSA/FIP/410

Parma, 30th June 2014

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 23-24 06 2014, Parma
(Agreed by written procedure on 30 06 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Cristina Bosetti, David Gott, Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Gunter Kuhnle, Alicja Mortensen, Pasquale Mosesso, Ferruccio Santini, Ruud Woutersen
 - Daniel Doerge (1st day pm), Julie Glanville, Claude Lambre (2nd day am) have participated via teleconference
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this sixth meeting of this Working Group, the first one of the Working Group meeting in its full capacity. All the experts introduced themselves in a tour de table.

Apologies were received from Agneta Oskarsson and Sabine Kulling,

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 5th Working Group meeting held on 05 05 2014, Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 12 05 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 23 05 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The Working Group discussed the draft protocol for risk assessment, including criteria for appraising the studies and provided comments. Allocation of tasks among Working Group experts was also discussed and agreed.

The draft protocol for risk assessment will be revised by EFSA and will be transmitted to the ANS Panel meeting for receiving feedback during its forthcoming meeting in July.

6. Any Other Business

A demonstration of the software Distiller SR could not take place due to time constraints but will be scheduled for the next meeting.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be scheduled in the week beginning 7 July, as an audio/webconference.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 05 05 2014, as an audio/webconference
(Agreed by written procedure on 12 May 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this third meeting of this Working Group.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 4th Working Group meeting held on 08 04 2014, Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 22 04 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 02 05 2014.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

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5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones
([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The WG reviewed the draft report prepared by the contractor and provided comments for implementation in the final deliverable.

The draft protocol for risk assessment will be revised by EFSA for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

It was confirmed that the composition of the WG will be enlarged to cover for the following areas: epidemiology, endocrinology, toxicology, genotoxicity, endocrine disruptors testing, mode of action, information retrieval.

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be scheduled in June 2014, with the WG meeting in its full composition.

FOOD INGREDIENTS AND PACKAGING UNIT

EFSA/FIP/357

Parma, 29 April 2014

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 08 04 2014, as an audio/webconference
(agreed by written procedure on 22 April 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa and Fulvio Barizzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this third meeting of this Working Group. Apologies were received by Davide Arcella from DATA Unit.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 3rd Working Group meeting held on 25 03 2014, Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 04 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 16 04 2014.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

Feedback from the presentations given to the ANS Panel and Scientific Committee meetings in April was given to the WG experts. The main recommendation from the ANS Panel was to enlarge the composition of the WG prior to the finalisation of the protocol and its implementation phase.

A revised draft of the risk assessment protocol was presented to the WG experts. The draft protocol was discussed in detail and amendments were proposed to be further discussed.

For what concerns the request for information sent to the relevant food sector associations, the members of the WG were informed that initial replies have been received from some associations, more are awaited before the end of the month.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting will be scheduled in May 2014.

EFSA/FIP/337

Parma, 4th April 2014

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 25 03 2014, as an audio/webconference
(agreed by written procedure on 04 04 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa and Fulvio Barizzzone

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this third meeting of this Working Group. Apologies were received by Davide Arcella from DATA Unit.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting held on 03 02 2014, Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 10 02 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 28 02 2014.

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² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

At the current meeting a revised draft of the risk assessment protocol was presented to the WG experts. The draft protocol was discussed in detail and amendments were proposed to be further discussed.

EFSA informed the members of the WG about the status of the literature review to be performed by a contractor in particular, concerning the extension of the deadline for the submission of the deliverable.

For what concerns the request for information sent to the relevant food sector associations, the members of the WG were informed that also in this case, the requested data will most likely be submitted with some delay.

An update on the progress made so far will be presented to the April plenary of the ANS Panel meeting and to the Scientific Committee.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting should be held as an audio web conference on 8 April 2014.

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 03 02 2014, Parma
(Agreed by written procedure on 10 02 2014)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Claudia Heppner and Camilla Smeraldi
 - AMU Unit: Elisa Aiassa, Fulvio Barizzzone and Laura Martino
 - DATA Unit: Davide Arcella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants to this second meeting of this Working Group, in particular EFSA staff who did not take part in the first meeting. It was explained that the current meeting was specifically aimed at planning the strategy to be implemented for this risk assessment.

The Chair explained that the composition of this Working Group is not yet finalised, and that depending on the need, further experts may be asked to join in for the future meetings.

Claudia Heppner and Laura Martino did not participate in the full meeting and left before the end of the discussion of point 5.1

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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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. Agreement of the minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 13 12 2014, Berlin

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 20 12 2014 and published on the EFSA website on 14 01 2014.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

At the current meeting a preliminary draft of the risk assessment protocol was presented to the WG experts. The draft protocol was discussed in detail and amendments were proposed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Next meeting(s)

The next WG meeting should be held within 4-6 weeks time, as an audio web conference.

FIP UNIT

EFSA/FIP/253

Scientific Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources Added to Food
Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Isoflavones
Held on 11 12 2013, Berlin

(Agreed on 20 12 2013)

Participants

- **Working Group Experts:**
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy (chair), Sabine Kulling, Alicja Mortensen
- **EFSA:**
 - FIP Unit: Camilla Smeraldi
 - SAS Unit: Elisa Aiassa (AMU Unit as of January 2014) participated via teleconference
 - BIOHAZ Unit : Fulvio Barizzzone (AMU Unit as of January 2014): participated via teleconference,
- **Others:**
 - Alfonso Lampen and Klaus Richter from BfR participated as observers

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants and invited them to briefly introduce themselves.

It was explained that this was the first meeting of this newly set up Working Group specifically aimed at clarifying the exact scope of this mandate and its Terms of Reference.

The Chair explained that the composition of this Working Group is not yet finalised, and that depending on the need, further experts may be asked to join in for the future meetings.

Whilst this mandate has been allocated to the ANS Panel and therefore will be coordinated by the Food Ingredients and Packaging (FIP) Unit of EFSA, assistance from other Units of EFSA has been sought to perform this risk assessment. In particular, EFSA staff from the Dietary and Chemical Monitoring (DCM)¹ Unit will assist with the exposure assessment and staff from the Scientific Assessment Support (SAS)² Unit will contribute to setting and following up the methodological approach for the risk assessment and the literature review parts.

¹ As of January 2014, this activity will be transferred to the Evidence Management (DATA) Unit

² As of January 2014, this activity will be transferred to the Assessment and Methodological Support (AMU) Unit

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 Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests⁴, 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.

For further details on the outcome of the Oral Declaration of Interests made at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex I

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1 Scientific topic for discussion: risk assessment of peri- and post-menopausal women taking food supplements containing isolated isoflavones ([EFSA-Q-2013-00916](#))

The Working Group reviewed the Terms of Reference of this Mandate and agreed on their interpretation.

A preliminary draft Table of Content for the scientific opinion was presented and agreed in principle.

The Working Group considered as a priority to gain information on the characterisation of the isoflavones used in food supplements and to this end EFSA was encouraged to liaise with the interested parties requesting submission of any available data considered relevant for this risk assessment.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Next meeting(s):

It was agreed that the next physical meeting will be held in Parma on 3 February 2014. If needed, a web-conference may also be organised in the second half of January 2014.

³ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules.pdf>

Annex I

Interests and actions resulting from the oral declarations of interests done at the beginning of the meeting

With regard to this meeting Prof Sabine Kulling declared the following interest: from 2007 until 2010 participation in the project BRAFO – Benefit-Risk Analysis of Foods – a project funded by the European Commission (DG Research under the Sixth Framework Programme), coordinated by ILSI Europe and aimed at investigating the benefit-risk analysis of foods. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests, 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. The expert will be asked to update her Annual Declaration of Interest.