

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine 27th (2 pm) – 28th (4 pm) November 2014, (Agreed on 10 March 2015)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Diane Benford, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- EFSA:
 - Davide Arcella, Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez
- European Commission:
 - Olga Goulaki, Agnieszka-Anna Turek (by teleconference)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants. No apologies have been received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections. Subject to these changes and editorials, the Working Group considered that the draft opinion could be sent to the Panel for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation at the next plenary on 10-12 December 2014.

5. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place in Parma on 19 March (2 - 5 pm) and 10 April (10 am - 1 pm) 2015, both by teleconference.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Tele-conference 9th October 2014 (9:00 – 12:00), (Agreed on 9th October 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Diane Benford, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- EFSA:
 - Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez
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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

5. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place in Parma in November 27 (2 pm) - 28 (4 pm, MET), 2014.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Parma

5th September 2014 (14:00 – 17:00), (Agreed on 9 October 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Diane Benford, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- EFSA:
 - Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez
- European Commission:
 - Olga Goulaki

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all participants. No apologies have been received.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections. The Working Group was informed that during the past months EFSA had received new intake data from Member States' consumption surveys covering also caffeine containing foods and beverages which were yet not transferred into the EFSA Comprehensive Food Consumption Database. The information from these new surveys should be considered and if applicable, the intake section of the current draft opinion should be revised accordingly.

5. Next meeting

The next WG meeting will take place on 9th October 2014 (tele-conference).



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine 18th July 2014, 10:00 – 13:00, Tele-conference

(Agreed on 5 September 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Diane Benford, Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- EFSA:
 - Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Diane Bedford, Ursula Gundert-Remy and Hans Verhagen.

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. Discussions

A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be on 5 September.

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Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Parma

13 June 2014 (9:00 – 17:00), (Agreed on 18 July 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Diane Benford (apologised), Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- EFSA:
 - Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez, Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the additional expertise and all participants. Diane Bedford had apologised for this meeting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

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Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Vienna (Universität für Bodenkultur) 22 May (14:00) – 23 May (13:00), 2014 (Agreed on 13 June 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

• Working Group Experts:

 Diane Benford (via tele-conference on 23 May), Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Josef Schlatter, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

EFSA:

- Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez (via tele-conference)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Following a proposal by the NDA Panel at its plenary on 8-11 April, the Working Group was enlarged by experts from the Scientific Committee (Diane Bedford, Josef Schlatter). The Chair welcomed the additional expertise and all participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Tele-conference 28 March 2014, 9:00 – 13:00 (Agreed on 22 May 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- Hearing Experts:
 - Diane Benford, Josef Schlatter
- EFSA:
 - Wolfgang Gelbmann, Silvia Valtueña Martínez, Valeriu Curtui

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, and Hans Verhagen apologised.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be on 22 - 23 May.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Copenhagen (NEXS) 14 February 2014, 9:00 – 17:00 (Agreed on 22 May 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

• Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Wolfgang Gelbmann

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. In opening the meeting, the Chair expressed the sadness about the WG on the death of Iona Pratt, Chair of the CEF Panel and Member of some Working Groups, remembering her high competence, active contributions and humour.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be on 22 - 23 May and possibly a teleconference with experts from the Scientific Committee will be held before that date at the end of March 2014.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Parma

24 January 2014, 9:00 - 16:00 (Agreed on 14 February 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

• Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Wolfgang Gelbmann

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, and Iona Pratt joined via tele-conference.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be 14th February 2014 in Copenhagen.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies
Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine
Brussels, Airport, Regus Conference Center
16 December 2013, 09:30 – 17:00 pm
(Agreed on 14 February 2014)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

• Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Wolfgang Gelbmann

- SCER Unit: Arianna Chiusolo

• European Commission:

- Agnieszka-Anna Turek, Olga Goulaki

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. A apology has been received from Iona Pratt.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

A revised draft opinion was discussed and changes were proposed for several sections.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be 24th January 2014 in Parma.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Tele-conference 25 November 2013

(Agreed on 28 November 2013)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

• Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

- Nutrition Unit: Wolfgang Gelbmann

- SCER Unit: Arianna Chiusolo

- DCM Unit: Davide Arcella

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. A apology has been received from Iona Pratt.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and a few changes and comments were made concerning the intake assessment for caffeine from all sources and more specific from energy drinks in particular with regards to acute intake levels. The Working Group was informed about a study report (in German language) received by EFSA via the German EFSA Focal Contact Point on a study conducted by the University Hohenheim related to the consumption of caffeine, other so-called "energy drink" constituents and alcohol and cardiovascular endpoints.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be 16th December 2013 in Brussels.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine 4-5 November 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 25 November 2013)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

- Nutrition Unit: Silvia Valtueña Martínez (5 Nov.), Wolfgang Gelbmann
- SCER Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (4 Nov.)
- DCM Unit: Davide Arcella (4 Nov.)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. At day 1 of the meeting, Hans Verhagen participated via tele-conference; day 2: Iona Pratt joined until 1 pm.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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A revised draft opinion was discussed and further revised during the working group meeting. Changes were applied basically to all sections, but predominately to the approach for the intake estimate and the chapter on cardiovascular endpoints. The opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES)ⁱ on risk concerning the consumption of so-called "energy drinks" was discussed.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be a tele-conference on 25th November 2013.

i http://www.anses.fr/en/documents/NUT2012sa0212EN.pdf



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine Tele-conference, 9:00 - 12:15 h, 15 October 2013,

(Agreed on 17 October 2013)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

- Working Group Experts:
 - Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt, Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen
- European Commission (from 11:30-12:15 h):
 - Olga Goulaki, Agnieszka Anna Turek, Athanasios Raikos
- EFSA:
 - Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Wolfgang Gelbmann

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Ursula Gundert-Remy had apologized due to other commitments for the EFSA ANS Panel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

A revised and elaborated new version of the draft opinion was discussed.

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5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be held on 4-5 November 2013.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Caffeine 23-24 September 2013, Parma

(Agreed on 15 October 2013)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

Working Group Experts:

- Ursula Gundert-Remy, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt (24 Sept.), Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

- Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui (24 Sept.), Silvia Valtueña Martínez (23 Sept., pm; 24 Sept.), Wolfgang Gelbmann
- SCER Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (23 Sept., am)
- DCM Unit: Davide Arcella (23 Sept., am)

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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The approach of the evaluation of the large number of scientific references was discussed. Occurrence data for caffeine in various food products and preliminary caffeine intake data were presented and discussed. WG experts presented their contributions and status of their evaluation of the provided literature. It was agreed to inform the NDA Panel about the current status of this mandate at its next plenary in October and also to seek feed-back from the Panel on the approach.

5. Next meeting

The next meetings of this Working Group will be held in Parma on 15 October and on 4-5 November 2013.



Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on caffeine 21 June 2013, Parma (Agreed on 28 June 2013)

(EFSA-Q-2013-00220)

Participants

Working Group Experts:

 Ursula Gundert-Remy (by tele-conference), Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold, Iona Pratt (am), Anders Mikael Sjödin (Chair), Hans Verhagen

• EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Wolfgang Gelbmann (by web-conference); Silvia Valtueña Martínez

- SCER Unit: Arianna Chiusolo (am)

- DCM Unit: Davide Arcella

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The mandate was discussed, as well as the main questions to be addressed. Data and databases available to EFSA in order to assess exposure to caffeine from different sources in different age groups were presented. Strategies to identify pertinent literature and previous risk assessments on caffeine and energy drinks conducted by different bodies in the short time frame available were discussed and agreed. Some tasks were distributed among experts.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of this Working Group will be held in Parma on 23-24 September 2013.