

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

Web-conference, 24 June 2019

(Agreed on 01 July 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Stephanie Bodenbach, Fruzsina Nyemecz (DG SANTE)
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen
- Others:
Not Applicable

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with 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. 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.

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.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting held on 17-18 June 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 53rd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 01 June 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Outcome of the public consultation on the draft opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2019-00185)

The Working Group discussed the final draft version of the technical report that summarises the comments received during public and provides information on how they are considered in the scientific opinion. The technical report is scheduled for endorsement by the NDA Plenary during its meeting of 2-4 July 2019.

5.2. Draft opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The Working Group discussed the final draft version of the scientific opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet. In particular, the sections on developmental readiness, the conclusions, the summary and the abstract were revised taking into account the comments that were received during the public consultation. The scientific opinion is scheduled for endorsement adoption by the NDA Plenary during its meeting of 2-4 July 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

Additional meeting dates of this Working Groups are not foreseen at the moment.

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MINUTES OF THE 53rd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

Held on 17-18 June, Parma

(Agreed on 01 July 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Stephanie Bodenbach (DG SANTE) has participated via teleconference
Fruzsina Nyemecz (DG SANTE) has participated via teleconference
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen
AMU Unit: Laura Ciccolallo² (second day in the afternoon only)
- Others:
Not Applicable

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² Participated on second day in the afternoon only



1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

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In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting held on 04 March 2019, web conference.

The minutes of the 52nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 15 March 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Outcome of the public consultation on the draft opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2019-00185)

The Working Group discussed the comments that were received during the public consultation. These were in particular related to breast-feeding, the developmental readiness of an infant to receive complementary foods and the meaning of the conclusions that were drawn. In conjunction with this, the Working Group debated a draft version of a technical report that summarises the comments and provides information on how the comments are considered in the scientific opinion.

5.2. Draft opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The Working Group agreed on the changes to be made to the draft scientific opinion following the comments that were received during the public consultation.

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf



6. Any Other Business

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the Working Group will take place on 24 June 2019 via web-conference.

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 52TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

Held on 04 March 2019, web conference

(Agreed on 15 March 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Valeriu Curtui, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen
- Others:
Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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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 51th Working Group meeting held on 25-27 February 2019, Parma.

The minutes of the 51th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 15 March 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG particularly focussed on the discussion and conclusion sections of the draft opinion, the weighing of the evidence, and the section on methodology. The conclusions of the opinion were agreed upon. The opinion will be submitted to the NDA Panel for possible endorsement at its Plenary on 13-15 March and will then be released for public consultation.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17-18 June 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

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MINUTES OF THE 51TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

**Held on 25-27 February 2019
Parma**

(Agreed on 15 March 2019)

Participants

■ Working Group Members:

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

■ Hearing Experts:

Not Applicable

■ European Commission and/or Member States representatives:

Stephanie Bodenbach (DG SANTE)¹

Fruzsina Nyemecz (DG SANTE)¹

■ EFSA:

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Valeriu Curtui, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen

Evidence management unit (AMU): Laura Ciccolallo

■ Others:

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ Present via web-conference.



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 50th Working Group meeting held on 13 February 2019 via web-conference.

The minutes of the 50th Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 18 February 2019.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG discussed the different sections of the draft opinion, with a particular focus on the discussion and conclusion sections. The WG also continued the discussion on the weight of evidence approach in relation to some health outcomes.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 04 March 2019, web conference.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS and FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 50TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

WEB-conference, 13 February 2019

(Agreed on 18 February 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Dominique Turck (chair)
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
DG SANTE: Fruzsina Nyemecz
- EFSA:
Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen
- Others:
Not Applicable

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Hildegard Przyrembel.

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 49th Working Group meeting held on 7 February 2019 via web-conference

The minutes of the 49th Working Group meeting held on 7 February 2019 via web-conference were agreed by written procedure on 18 February 2019.

5. Scientific topic for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG continued the discussion on the weight of evidence approach in relation to some health outcomes.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25-27 February 2019 in Parma.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON NUTRITION, NOVEL FOODS and FOOD ALLERGENS

MINUTES OF THE 49TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INFANT NUTRITION

WEB-conference, 7 February 2019

(Agreed on 18 February 2019)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel,
Dominique Turck (chair)
- Hearing Experts¹:
Not Applicable
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Not Applicable
- EFSA:
Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Ester Artau Cortacans, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte
Salgaard Nielsen
- Others:
Not Applicable

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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

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 48th Working Group meeting held on 24-25 January 2019 in Parma

The **minutes of the 48th Working Group** meeting held on 24-25 January 2019 in Parma were agreed by written procedure on 4 February 2019.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG discussed the weight of evidence approach in relation to some health outcomes.

6. Any Other Business

Not Applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held via web-conference on 13 February 2019.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 48th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 24-25 01 2019

(Agreed on 04 02 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Sophia Tsabouri²

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Present via web-conference on the first day in the morning

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 47th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 11 January 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 22 01 2018.⁵

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet ([EFSA-Q-2016-00482](#))

The WG discussed forest plots on outcomes related to atopic diseases (i.e. allergic rhinitis, eczema, asthma-like symptoms, food allergy and sensitisation), coeliac disease, type 1 diabetes mellitus, iron status, and blood pressure. The WG also discussed the sections for which no forest plots are available, owing to an insufficient number of studies for pooling, i.e. infections, sleep, infant and child development, and eating behaviours and food preferences. The WG also re-debated the reliability of the

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

methods used to assess sleep duration in the studies that were available for this endpoint. The section on the developmental readiness of an infant to receive complementary foods was re-visited and potential conclusions were discussed.

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 7 February 2019 as web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 47th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 11 01 2019

(Agreed on 22 01 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Claudia Denami, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 46th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 10 January 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 18 01 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet ([EFSA-Q-2016-00482](#))

The WG discussed forest plots on outcomes related to weight, length, head circumference, BMI, body composition and overweight and obesity. The forest plots had been revised in order to include the additional studies that were retrieved in the updated literature search performed by EFSA in October 2018.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

The WG also had a first discussion on the section on pre-term infants and the potential overall conclusions of the opinion.

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 24-25 January 2019 as physical meeting in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 46th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 10 01 2019

(Agreed on 22 01 2019)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Claudia Denami, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 45th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 12 December 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 18 12 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet ([EFSA-Q-2016-00482](#))

Three papers on studies performed in low income countries were appraised. In addition, the draft chapter on the nutritional adequacy of exclusive breast-feeding and the draft chapter on the developmental readiness of the infant to receive complementary foods were discussed. The chapters will be amended, as discussed during the WG meeting.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next two meetings of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 11 January 2019 via web-conference and on 24-25 January 2019 as physical meeting in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 12 12 2018

(Agreed on 18 12 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 44rd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 12 November 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 16 11 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet ([EFSA-Q-2016-00482](#))

The WG members were informed about the outcome of the updated literature searches that were performed by EFSA with a cut-off date of 2 October 2018.

The WG also discussed how to make use of the results of studies from low-income countries conducted in areas with a precarious nutritional

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

situation. It was decided to revisit them during the next meeting of the WG.

Studies with retrospective design (i.e. cross-sectional, case control and retrospective cohort studies) are not expected to be used by the WG to draw conclusions on the relationship between the timing of introduction of complementary foods and the outcomes investigated (in line with the published protocol for this review). The WG debated if (and how) to display/address/mention them in the opinion for completeness reasons, i.e. with the aim to provide an overview of the overall available evidence.

It was also discussed to which extent some of the protocol amendments that were made in relation to the inclusion and exclusion criteria of studies could have introduced bias into the assessment. This will also be addressed in the opinion.

The WG briefly debated the planned sub-group analyses to be conducted, and finally addressed some targeted questions in relation to the interpretation of data and results of specific studies.

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next two meetings of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 10 and 11 January 2019 via web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 44th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 12 11 2018

(Agreed on 16 11 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale, Charlotte Saalgard Nielsen

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 18-19 October 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 05 11 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Thirty papers related to the outcome "coeliac disease", "type 1 diabetes mellitus" and "other autoimmune diseases", "sleep", "eating behaviour", "risk factors for cardiovascular disease", "infections", "weight, BMI, overweight and obesity", "neurodevelopment", "nutrient status" and "caries" were appraised in two parallel groups.

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 12 December 2018 via web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 18-19 10 2018

(Agreed on 05 11 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel¹, Dominique Turck (chair)

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale

AMU Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Via teleconference

² 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, 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 Annex I. 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 42nd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 03 10 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 07 10 2018.⁵

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The following items were discussed:

- General sections of the opinion (i.e. sections on the interpretation of the Terms of Reference, previous assessments that were performed by other scientific bodies, the description of the methods applied in

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁴ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

the present evaluation for data selection, data extraction, appraisal and data synthesis)

- Consideration of forest plots related to BMI, overweight, obesity, atopic disease-related outcomes (i.e. food allergy, asthma-like symptoms, eczema, allergic rhinitis), coeliac disease and type 1 diabetes mellitus and main conclusions
- Relevant confounders that need to be taken into account in the appraisal of observational studies for the outcomes “coeliac disease”, “type 1 diabetes mellitus”, “nutrient status”, “infections”, “neurodevelopment”, “risk factors for cardiovascular disease”, as well as some miscellaneous minor outcomes.
- Options on how to deal with published papers with obvious reporting mistakes
- Options on how to use papers in which the timing of introduction of complementary foods was used as a continuous variable in the analysis
- Options on how to address the results from studies performed in low and low-middle income countries
- Options on how to use matched (nested) case-control studies with some weaknesses in their statistical analyses.

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 12 November 2018 via web-conference.

Annex I

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

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Mary Fewtrell the following interest has been declared: co-editor of an educational book (Essential knowledge briefings -Growth in early life: Growth trajectory and assessment, influencing factors and impact of early nutrition), which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. 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 Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet, and has not been allowed to be, or act as, a chairman, a vice-chairman or rapporteur of the Working Group.

⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

⁷ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 03 10 2018

(Agreed on 07 10 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ [As defined in Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts](#)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The participants were welcomed. Apologies were received from Dominique Turck.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group 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 Annex I. 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 41st meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 06 09 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting on 10 09 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Thirty papers related to the outcome "allergy", "coeliac disease" and "type 1 diabetes mellitus" were appraised in two parallel groups.

6. Any other business

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 18-19 October 2018 in Parma.

Annex I

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

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Mary Fewtrell the following interest has been declared: co-editor of an educational book (Essential knowledge briefings -Growth in early life: Growth trajectory and assessment, influencing factors and impact of early nutrition), which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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 Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet, 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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⁶ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 06 09 2018

(Agreed on 10 09 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Sophia Tsabouri

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Federico Morreale

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ As defined in [Article 17 of the Decision of the Executive Director on the selection of external experts](#)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson and Hildegard Przyrembel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group 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 Annex I. 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 40th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 26 07 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed at the end of the meeting on 26 07 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Fourteen papers related to the outcome "allergy" were appraised.

6. Any other business

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

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

Not applicable

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 03 10 2018 via web-conference.

Annex I

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

In the Annual Declaration of Interest filled by Prof. Mary Fewtrell the following interest has been declared: co-editor of an educational book (Essential knowledge briefings -Growth in early life: Growth trajectory and assessment, influencing factors and impact of early nutrition), which constitutes a Conflict of Interest (CoI) with the mandate of the EFSA Working Group in hand. In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁶, 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 Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet, 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 Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 26 07 2018

(Agreed at the end of the meeting on 26 07 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Sophia Tsabouri

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Federico Morreale

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group 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 Annex I. 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 39th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 13 07 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 24 07 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Papers with outcomes related to "allergy" were appraised.

6. Any other business

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

³

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 06 09 2018 via web-conference.

Annex I

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

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Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 13 07 2018

(Agreed on 24 07 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Sophia Tsabouri

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Pauline Lachevre

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group 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 Annex I. 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 38th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 20 06 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 24 06 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Revised forest plots and the revised section on growth was discussed. A general discussion on the outcomes related to "allergy" was held. This concerned in particular the study population(s) and the endpoints that are to be considered relevant; as well as the most important confounders that are expected to be addressed in observational studies.

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

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 26 07 2018 via web-conference.

Annex I

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Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 20 06 2018

(Agreed on 25 06 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Pauline Lachevre

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Hildegard Przyrembel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 37th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 14 06 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 24 06 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

Forest plots for the sections on growth, overweight and obesity, and body composition were discussed, as were the items that should be presented to the NDA Panel during the Plenary meeting of 27-29 June 2018. Some papers related to the outcome on "allergies" were appraised.

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 13 07 2018 via web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 37th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 14 06 2018

(Agreed on 24 06 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting¹, Hildegard Przyrembel¹, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Pauline Lachevre

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ Participated via web-conference

² 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>.

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 36th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 04 06 2018, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 25 06 2018.⁵

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The presentation and possible pooling of data related to growth outcomes was discussed further. Some remaining studies reporting in overweight and obesity were appraised and the appraisal of studies with outcomes related to "allergy" was continued.

6. Any other business

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 20 06 2018 via web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 36th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 04 06 2018

(Agreed on 25 06 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas, Pauline Lachevre

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 35th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 22-23 06 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 27 05 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The section on growth was re-discussed, including the most appropriate way of presenting the data in the opinion.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 14 06 2018 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 22-23 05 2018

(Agreed on 28 05 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 34th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 16 05 2018 via web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 21 05 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The draft sections on growth, and overweight and obesity were re-discussed, including the way in which data are presented and possible ways of data synthesis.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 04 06 2018 via web-conference.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 34th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 16 05 2018

(Agreed on 21 05 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Celine Dumas, Pauline Lachevre

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 33rd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 25 04 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 29 04 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of part of the first batch of studies with the outcome "allergy" was discussed.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 22-23 05 2018 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 25 04 2018

(Agreed on 29 04 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Fruzsyna Nyemecz

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Valeriu Curtui, Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani, Pauline Lachèvre, Ariane Titz,

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 32nd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 04-05 04 2018 in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 15 04 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The draft opinion was discussed, the appraisal of studies for which some outcomes still remained to be appraised was continued and a first discussion on the evidence related to allergy took place.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 16 05 2018 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 04-05 04 2018

(Agreed on 15 04 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel¹, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ By telephone

² 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>.

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 31st meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 21 03 2018, via web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 26 03 2018.⁵

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The draft section on overweight and obesity outcomes was discussed and revised. Some remaining issues from the appraisal of the studies in this section were also addressed.

6. Any other business

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 25 04 2018 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 21 03 2018

(Agreed on 26 03 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel,
Dominique Turck (chair), Mary Fewtrell.

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 30th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 06 03 2018, via web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 09 03 2018.⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of the last batch of studies with the outcome "overweight and obesity" and "body composition" was discussed.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 04-05 04 2018 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 06 03 2018

(Agreed on 09 03 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair), Mary Fewtrell.

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

Assessment Methodology Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 29th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 27 02 2018, via web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 05 03 2018⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of the third batch of studies with the outcome "overweight and obesity" was discussed.

6. Any other business

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/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 21 03 2018 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 27 02 2018

(Agreed on 05 03 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

Assessment Methodology Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mary Fewtrell.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 28th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 12 02 2018, via web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 16 02 2018⁴

5. Scientific issues for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of the second batch of studies with the outcome "overweight and obesity" was discussed. In addition, a general discussion on the appraisal of attrition in observational studies was held.

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

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Any other business

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 06 03 2018 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 12 02 2018

(Agreed on 15 02 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel,
Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz, Céline Dumas

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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. Apologies were received from Mary Fewtrell².

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 27th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 24-25 01 2018, in Parma

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 03 02 2018⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of the first batch of studies with the outcome "overweight and obesity" was discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 27 02 2018 (web-conference).

² A waiver has been granted.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Parma, 24-25 01 2018

(Agreed on 03 02 2018)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz.

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Ciccolallo.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

¹ A waiver has been granted.

² 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 of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 26th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 15 12 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 19 12 2017⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisals of the remaining studies with outcome "growth" as well as the corresponding section in the opinion were discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 12 02 2018 (web-conference).

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 15 12 2017

(Agreed on 19 12 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (chair).

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Fruzsina Nyemecz.

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz.

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Ciccolallo.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted.

² 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 24th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 06 12 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 12 12 2017⁵.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 25th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held together with the WG on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for Vitamins on 07 12 2017

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 14 12 2017⁶.

6. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The appraisal of the first batch of studies related to the outcome "growth" was discussed.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins will be held on 15-17 01 2018 in Parma.

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 24-25 01 2018 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 11th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (82nd meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (25th meeting)

Web-conference, 07 12 2017

(Agreed on 14 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg–Allardt, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Daniela Tomcikova

Evidence management (DATA) Unit: Davide Arcella, Krizia Ferrini

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 10th joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (81st meeting) and Infant Nutrition (23rd meeting) held on 01 12 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure together with the present minutes on 14 12 2017.⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

Preliminary analyses of scientific evidence and of intake data were further discussed.

6. Next meeting and any other business

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 15-17 01 2018 in Parma.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 06 12 2017

(Agreed on 12 12 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz (Chair)

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted.

² 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Dominique Turck.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 22nd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 28 11 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 12 2017⁵.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held together with the WG on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for Vitamins on 01 12 2017

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 14 12 2017⁶.

6. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG discussed the draft section of the opinion related to food preferences and eating habits.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins will be held on 07 12 2017.

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 15 12 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 10th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (81st meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (23rd meeting)

Web-conference, 01 12 2017

(Agreed on 14 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg–Allardt, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Daniela Tomcikova

Evidence management (DATA) Unit: Davide Arcella, Krizia Ferrini

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (80th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (21st meeting) held on 16-17 11 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 01 12 2017.⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

Preliminary analyses of scientific evidence and of intake data were discussed.

6. Next meeting and any other business

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 07 12 2017 (web-conference).

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvtvit.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 28 11 2017

(Agreed on 4 12 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Dominique Turck (Chair), Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

Assessment Methodology Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted.

² 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>.

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 20th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 06 11 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 09 11 2017⁵.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 21st meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held together with the WG on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for Vitamins on 16-17 11 2017

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 01 12 2017⁶.

6. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG finalised the discussion on the appraisal of studies related to the outcome "food patterns/food preferences". In addition, certain aspects related to the eligibility criteria for studies to be considered relevant for

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

the assessment were discussed, as was a first draft of the section of the draft opinion related to the description of the methodology applied in the assessment.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins will be held on 01 12 2017.

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 06 12 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 9th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (80th meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (21st meeting)

Parma, 16-17 11 2017

(Agreed on 01 December 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg–Allardt, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Fruzsina Nyemecz³

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Daniela Tomcikova

DATA Unit: Davide Arcella⁴, Krizia Ferrini⁴

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>.

³ Participated on 16 November via web-conference in the morning

⁴ Participated on 17 November

Scientific Committee and emerging risks (SCER Unit): Bernard Bottex⁵

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁶ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁷, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (79th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (19th meeting) held on 12-13 10 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 17 10 2017.⁸

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the appraisal of the literature, for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants, was further discussed. The future structure of the opinion was also discussed.

⁵ Participated on 16 November

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

6. Next meeting and any other business

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 01 12 2017 (web-conference).

In view of the high workload to address the mandate and to comply with the required deadline, the WG chair agreed, in consultation with the Nutrition Unit, on the need for an additional member (outside the NDA Panel) to be added to the DRV VIT WG.⁹

⁹ The procedure for adding an additional member for the WG will follow the [Decision of the EFSA Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their working groups](#), the [Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work](#), and the [Decision of the Executive Director on Declaration of Interest](#).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 06 11 2017

(Agreed on 09 11 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Dominique Turck (Chair), Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

Assessment Methodology Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted

² 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>.

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 18th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 06 10 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 12 10 2017⁵.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 19th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held together with the WG on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for Vitamins on 12-13 10 2017

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 17 10 2017⁶.

6. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The WG continued to discuss the appraisal of studies related to the outcome "food patterns/food preferences".

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins will be held on 16-17 11 2017.

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 28 11 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 8th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (79th meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (19th meeting)

Parma, 12-13 10 2017

(Agreed on 17 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Daniela Tomcikova

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 7th joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (78th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (17th meeting) held on 04 10 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 06 10 2017.⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the appraisal of the literature, for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants, was further discussed. The future structure of the opinion was also discussed.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 16-17 11 2017 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Working on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 06 10 2017

(Agreed on 12 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Dominique Turck (Chair), Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

Assessment Methodology Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted

² 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>.

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 14th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 11 09 2017, web-conference (individual meeting of the WG Infant Nutrition)

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 13 09 2017⁵.

5. Agreement of the minutes of the 15-17th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held together with the WG on Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for Vitamins on 14 09 2017, 25 09 2017 and 04 10 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 21 09 2017, 29 09 2017 and 06 10 2017⁶.

6. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

The WG discussed the appraisal of studies related to the outcome “food patterns/food preferences”. The discussion will be continued in the next WG meeting.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins and will be held on 12-13 10 2017 in Parma.

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 06 11 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 7th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (78th meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (17th meeting)

Web-conference, 04 10 2017

(Agreed on 06 October 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell¹, Kristina Pentieva, Dominique Turck, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Fruzsina Nyemecz

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Christel Lamberg–Allardt.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 6th joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (77th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (16th meeting) held on 14 09 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 29 09 2017.⁵

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the appraisal of the literature, for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants, was further discussed.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 12-13 10 2017 in Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 6th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (77th meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (16th meeting)

Web-conference, 25 09 2017

(Agreed on 29 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Dominique Turck, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino and Daniela Tomcikova

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition

² 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>.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (76th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (15th meeting) held on 14 09 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 21 09 2017⁵.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the appraisal of the literature, for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants, was further discussed.

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 04 10 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 5th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (76th meeting) and the Working Group on Infant Nutrition (15th meeting)

Web-conference, 14 09 2017

(Agreed on 21 September 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell¹, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Dominique Turck, Hildegard Przyrembel²

- **Hearing Experts³:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino⁴ and Daniela Tomcikova

¹ Waiver granted for the WG Infant Nutrition.

² Present via web-conference in the afternoon.

³ 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>.

⁴ Present in the morning.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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 Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes⁵ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁶, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 4th joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (75th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (12th meeting) held on 20 07 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 21 07 2017⁷.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants, the literature search and its appraisal were further discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencepolicy.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

be held on 25 09 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Working on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 11 09 2017

(Agreed on 13 09 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Dominique Turck (Chair), Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell¹, Hildegard Przyrembel

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted

² 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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4. Agreement of the minutes of the 13th meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition held on 01 09 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 04 09 2017⁵.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

In order to pilot the approach towards the appraisal of human studies (as discussed and agreed during the meeting of the WG on 01 09 2017), three publications had been appraised by all experts of the WG. During the meeting, the outcome of this appraisal was discussed and the approach towards the appraisal was refined, as appropriate.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on Infant Nutrition and on DRVs for Vitamins and will be held on 14 09 2017 (web-conference).

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

The next individual meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 06 10 2017 (web-conference).

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Working on Infant Nutrition

Web-conference, 01 09 2017

(Agreed on 04 09 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Dominique Turck (Chair), Mary Fewtrell¹, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel,

- **Hearing Experts²:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Fruzsina Nyemecz

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Ariane Titz

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

¹ A waiver has been granted

² 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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 4th joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (75th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (12th meeting) held on 20 07 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 21 07 2017⁵.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Scientific opinion on the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The approach towards appraising publications on human studies with respect to their risk of bias was discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 11 09 2017 (web-conference).

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

⁴ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/nutrition/ndainfantnutrition.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 4th joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Infant Nutrition (12th meeting) and on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (75th meeting)

Web-conference, 20 07 2017

(Agreed on 21 07 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Not Applicable

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 3rd joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (74th meeting) and Infant Nutrition (11th meeting) held on 23 06 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 27 06 2017⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants was further discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs for Vitamins and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 14 09 2017 (web-conference).

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/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 3rd joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Infant Nutrition (11th meeting) and on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (74th meeting)

Web-conference, 23 06 2017

(Agreed on 27 06 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach, Francesco Felice Carlucci

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

DATA Unit: Davide Arcella

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Irene Muñoz Guajardo

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received by Hildegard Przyrembel.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 2nd joint meeting of the WGs on DRV VIT (73rd meeting) and Infant Nutrition (10th meeting) held on 16 06 2017, web-conference

The minutes were agreed by written procedure on 23 06 2017.⁴

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants was further discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 10 07 2017 (web-conference).

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/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 2nd joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Infant Nutrition (10th meeting) and on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (73rd meeting)

Web-conference, 16 06 2017

(Agreed on 23 06 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Irene Muñoz Guajardo.

- **Others:**

Not Applicable

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>.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Hildegard Przyrembel

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest of Working Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 72nd meeting of the WG on DRV VIT held on 13 06 2017, web-conference

The minutes of the 72nd WG meeting were agreed by written procedure on 16 06 2017⁴.

5. Scientific topic for discussion: Draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The outline of the work plan for the draft opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D for infants was further discussed.

6. Next meeting

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs for Vitamins and on Infant Nutrition will be held on 23 06 2017 (web-conference).

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/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 29 May 2017

(Agreed by written procedure on 30 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Ariane Titz, Silvia Valtueña Martínez

AMU Unit: Laura Ciccolallo

- **Others:**

None

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>

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson.

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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes related to the age of introduction of complementary food for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00864)

The draft protocol prepared by EFSA for the evaluation and appraisal of the scientific literature identified through the systematic literature search was extensively discussed and amended. Major changes were proposed by the WG experts on the basis of the comments received during the public consultation.

4.2. Technical report of the public consultation on a Draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes related to the age of introduction of complementary food for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2017-00068)

All comments provided by stakeholders during the public consultation were carefully considered and addressed in the technical report. Explanations about the major changes proposed to the draft protocol on the basis of the comments received were also introduced in the technical report.

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

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

Both documents (draft protocol and technical report of the public consultation) will be submitted to the next Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel to be held on 27-29 June 2017 for discussion/possible endorsement.

5. Next meeting(s)

- To be determined

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 1st joint meeting of the Working Groups (WGs) on Infant Nutrition (8th meeting) and on Dietary Reference Values for Vitamins (71st meeting)

Web-conference, 24 05 2017

(Agreed on 02 June 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Monika Neuhäuser-Berthold (Chair), Mary Fewtrell, Christel Lamberg-Allardt, Kristina Pentieva, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Not Applicable

- **European Commission representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach, Francesco Felice Carlucci

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Céline Dumas, Lucia Fabiani, Krizia Ferrini

Assessment and Methodology Unit (AMU): Laura Martino, Irene Muñoz Guajardo.

- **Others:** Not Applicable

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

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 Group members

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 (SDoI) filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting were 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 70th meeting of the WG on DRV VIT held on 27 03 2017, Parma

The minutes of the 70th WG meeting were agreed by the WG on DRV VIT by written procedure on 03 04 2017⁴.

5. Scientific topics for discussion: draft Opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for vitamin D in infants (EFSA-Q-2017-00208)

The mandate for an opinion on the UL for vitamin D in infants, which was received by EFSA from the Commission, was introduced to the WG, the scientific context of the mandate was presented, and a first outline of the work plan was discussed.

6. Next meetings

The next meeting (72nd) of the WG on DRV VIT will be held on 13 06 2017 (web-conference).

The next joint meeting of the WGs on DRVs and on Infant Nutrition will

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/sites/default/files/assets/ndadrvvit.pdf>

be held on 16 06 2017 (web-conference).

The next meeting (9th) of WG Infant Nutrition will be held on 29 05 2017 (web-conference).

NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 27 April 2017

(Agreed by written procedure on 02 May 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Stephanie Bodenbach, Fruzsina Nyemecz (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Silvia Valtueña Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Mary Fewtrell.

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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes related to the age of introduction of complementary food for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00864)

The draft protocol was discussed and amended on the basis of the comments received from the public consultation, including both the sections addressed by the contractor and the sections addressed by EFSA. The WG experts provided few comments and suggestions to be considered by the contractor when updating the draft protocol for the systematic literature search. The draft protocol prepared by EFSA for the evaluation and appraisal of the scientific literature identified through the systematic literature search was extensively discussed. Major changes were proposed by the WG experts on the basis of the comments received.

4.2. Technical report of the public consultation on a Draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes related to the age of introduction of complementary food for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2017-00068)

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

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

All comments provided by stakeholders during the public consultation were carefully considered and addressed in the technical report. Comments addressed by the contractor on the systematic literature search up to the identification of pertinent studies were also discussed.

Both documents (draft protocol and technical report of the public consultation) will be further discussed and revised at the next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition.

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on:

- 29 May 2017, by webconference.

NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held on 15-16 March 2017 in Parma

(Agreed by written procedure on 20 March 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Rosangela Marchelli, Daniel Tomé

- **European Commission:**

Stephanie Bodenbach, Francesco Carlucci, Fruzsina Nyemecz (DG SANTE) (by webconference)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Group members

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 were identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Outcome of the Public consultation on the draft Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of follow-on formulae with a protein content of 1.6 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00860)

Comments were received from six interested parties, including a governmental organisation, food business operators and industry associations. All comments were discussed and addressed in the technical report. Similar comments submitted by different parties under different headings were addressed only once. The technical report of the public consultation will be submitted to the 78th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel for discussion/possible endorsement.

4.2. Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of a follow-on formula with a protein content of at least 1.6 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00275)

The draft opinion was amended on the basis of the comments received, where appropriate. It will be submitted to the 78th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel for discussion/possible adoption.

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

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

4.3. Outcome of the Public consultation on the draft Scientific and technical guidance for the assessment of formulae manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00300)

Comments were received from seven interested parties, including a governmental organisation, food business operators and industry associations. All comments were discussed and addressed in the technical report. Similar comments submitted by different parties under different headings were addressed only once. The technical report of the public consultation will be submitted to the 78th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel for discussion/possible endorsement.

4.4. Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of an infant and/or follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00276)

The draft opinion was amended on the basis of the comments received, where appropriate. It will be submitted to the 78th Plenary meeting of the NDA Panel for discussion/possible adoption.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 27-28 April 2017 in Parma.

NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 11 January 2017

(Agreed by written procedure on 13 January 2017)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson, Mary Fewtrell, Mathilde Kersting, Hildegard Przyrembel, Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Dora Szentpaly-Kleis (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

AMU Unit: Irene Muñoz Guajardo

- **Others:**

None

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>

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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Draft protocol provided by the contractor for a systematic literature search to evaluate the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet in the context of Specific Contract RC/EFSA/NUTRI/2016/01 (EFSA-Q-2016-00865)

The draft protocol was presented and discussed. The WG experts provided comments and suggestions to be considered by the contractor when updating the draft protocol for the systematic literature search.

4.2. Draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet (EFSA-Q-2016-00864)

The draft protocol prepared by EFSA for the evaluation and appraisal of the scientific literature identified through the systematic literature search was discussed and amended.

Items 4.1 and 4.2 will be presented in a single document, i.e. draft protocol for a systematic review on health outcomes for the scientific assessment of the appropriate age of introduction of complementary feeding into an infant's diet. The draft protocol will be submitted to the next NDA Plenary meeting (31 January-2 February 2017) for endorsement for public consultation.

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

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

5. Next meeting(s)

The next meetings of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on:

- 15-16 March 2017, from 2pm the first day to 3pm the second day. Venue: Parma.
- 27-28 April 2017, from 2pm the first day to 3pm the second day. Venue: Parma.

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergy

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held on 5-6 December 2016 in Parma

(Agreed by written procedure on 12 December 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson

Mary Fewtrell

Hildegard Przyrembel

Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

Rosangela Marchelli

Daniel Tomé (by webconference, first day)

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Francesco Carlucci (DG SANTE) (by webconference, second day)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of a follow-on formula with a protein content of at least 1.6 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00275)

The draft opinion was presented and discussed. It was decided to submit the draft opinion to the NDA Panel at its 76th Plenary meeting for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation.

4.2. Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of an infant and/or follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00276)

The draft guidance document was presented and discussed. It was decided to submit the draft scientific and technical guidance to the NDA Panel at its 76th Plenary meeting for discussion and possible endorsement for public consultation.

5. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the WG on Infant Nutrition will be held on 11 January 2017 by webconference.

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

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

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergy

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 10 October 2016

(Agreed by written procedure on 11 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell

Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Francesco Carlucci (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Ariane Titz, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson, Mathilde Kersting and Hildegard Przyrembel.

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 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 2nd Working Group meeting held on 3 October 2016 via web-conference.

The minutes of the 2nd Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 11 October 2016.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of a follow-on formula with a protein content of at least 1.61 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00275)

The draft opinion was presented and discussed.

5.2. Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of an infant and/or follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00276)

The draft guidance document was presented and discussed.

6. Next meeting(s)

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

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

To be determined

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergy

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 3 October 2016

(Agreed by written procedure on 11 October 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Jean-Louis Bresson

Mary Fewtrell

Hildegard Przyrembel

Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Francesco Carlucci (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Ariane Titz, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Mathilde Kersting.

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 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 1st Working Group meeting held on 13 September 2016 via web-conference.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting were agreed by written procedure on 30 September 2016.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

5.1. Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of a follow-on formula with a protein content of at least 1.61 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00275)

The additional information provided by the applicant in relation to this opinion as well as the draft opinion were discussed.

5.2. Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of an infant and/or follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00276)

The draft guidance document was presented and discussed. Owing to time constraints, the discussion on some items of the guidance document were postponed to the next meeting.

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

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

6. Next meeting(s)

10 October 2016

Scientific Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergy

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Infant Nutrition

Held by web-conference, 13 September 2016

(Agreed by written procedure on 30 September 2016)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Mary Fewtrell
Hildegard Przyrembel
Dominique Turck (Chair)

- **Hearing Experts¹:**

None

- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**

Francesco Carlucci (DG SANTE)

- **EFSA:**

Nutrition Unit: Krizia Ferrini, Ariane Titz, Silvia Valtueña-Martínez

- **Others:**

None

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

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Jean-Louis Bresson and Mathilde Kersting.

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 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. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

4.1. Scientific Opinion on the safety and suitability for use by infants of a follow-on formula with a protein content of at least 1.61 g/100 kcal (EFSA-Q-2016-00275)

The draft scientific opinion was presented and discussed. It was considered that additional information from the applicant is needed in order to proceed with the scientific assessment of this application. Therefore, a request for additional information will be sent to the applicant.

4.2. Scientific and technical guidance for the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of an infant and/or follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates (EFSA-Q-2016-00276)

The draft guidance document was presented and discussed. Owing to time constraints, the discussion on some items of the guidance document were postponed to the next meeting

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

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Commission request for an update of the scientific opinion on the appropriate age for introduction of complementary feeding for infants (EFSA-Q-2016-00482)

The mandate that was received by EFSA from the Commission was introduced and first outline of the work plan was presented.

6. Next meeting(s)

3 October 2016

10 October 2016