



NUTRITION UNIT

Scientific Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens

MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DIETARY FOLATE EQUIVALENT

Held on 06 November 2020 via web-meeting

(Agreed on 06 November 2020)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Kristina Pentieva, Francesco Cubadda
- European Commission and/or Member States representatives:
Fruzsina Nyemecz
- EFSA:
NUTRI Unit: Ester Artau Cortacans, Janusz Ciok, Céline Dumas, Leng Heng, Charlotte Salgaard Nielsen, Ariane Titz
- 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 Independence¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management², EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Scientific topics for discussion

4.1. Scientific opinion on the safety of Dietary Folate Equivalent, submitted by the European Commission (EFSA-Q-2020-00542)

The WG was provided with background information on the mandate on the assessment of the scientific evidence on the conversion factor of calcium-L-methylfolate and (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt into dietary folate equivalent. The WG also discussed a draft protocol for the assessment, including the type of evidence that will be used. The protocol will be further discussed in the next WG meeting. The secretariat informed the WG about the status of the screening of the literature.

5. Any Other Business

Not applicable.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 07 December 2020 as a web-meeting.

¹ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf