

Parma, 9 October 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of the 4th meeting (tele/web-meeting) of the Working Group on infectious salmon anaemia (ISA)

Parma, 8 October 2012, 15:00-17:00

EFSA/AHAW/PH

Agreed by the WG on 8 October 2012

Participants

WG Experts Edgar Brun; Debes Christiansen; Niels Jørgen Olesen; Rob Raynard; Espen Rimstad; Mike Sharp; Ivar Vågsholm (chair).

EFSA: Per Have

1. Welcome and apologies

The Secretariat welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process. For further details on the outcome of the declaration of interests at the beginning of the meeting, please refer to the Annex II.

4. Discussions

Following comments received from the AHAW Panel, the draft document was extensively restructured to reflect more closely the terms of reference and the responses given.

The text and conclusions and recommendations were thoroughly reviewed and redrafted.

The amended draft opinion will be submitted to the AHAW Panel for discussion during their October plenary. If needed the Working Group will be asked for a final review after the October plenary and before final adoption during the November plenary.

5. Next meeting date

No further meetings planned.

Annex II

INTERESTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM DECLARATIONS DONE AT BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- a) **NO CONFLICT LEVEL A:** With regard to this meeting Prof. E. Rimstad declared the following interest: "Collaboration with private company on vaccines, but funding only received from government sources". In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests and Implementing documents thereof, and taking into account the specific matters discussed at the meeting in question, the above interest was not deemed to represent a conflict of Interest for the expert concerned.
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Parma, 29 August 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on infectious salmon anaemia (ISA)

Copenhagen, 24 August 2012

EFSA/AHAW/PH

Agreed by the WG on 24 August 2012

Participants

WG Experts Edgar Brun; Debes Christiansen; Niels Jørgen Olesen; Rob Raynard; Espen Rimstad; Mike Sharp; Liisa Sihvonen

EFSA: Per Have

1. Welcome and apologies

The Secretariat welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fulvio Salati, Philippe Lemey and Ivar Vågsholm (chair).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The draft document was reviewed and a number of specific points for revision were identified and assigned.

Draft conclusions and recommendations were formulated on the basis of a thorough discussion of the scientific evidence included in the report. The conclusions and recommendations will be circulated to the WG for a final review before submitting them to the Panel for discussion.

5. Next meeting date

No further meetings planned.

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Parma, 11 June 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on infectious salmon anaemia (ISA)

Copenhagen, 8 June 2012

EFSA/AHAW/PH

Agreed by the WG on 8 June 2012

Participants

WG Experts Edgar Brun; Debes Christiansen; Niels Jørgen Olesen; Rob Raynard; Espen Rimstad; Mike Sharp (chair)

EFSA: Per Have

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Fulvio Salati and Philippe Lemey.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The contributions to the draft opinion were discussed in detail and suggestions for restructuring, amendments and further elaborations of the draft document were noted.

5. Next meeting date

The next WG meeting will be held on August 24, 2012. It was noted that a new chairman would need to be appointed following renewal of the AHAW Panel in July 2012.

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Parma, 26 April 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on infectious salmon anaemia (ISA)

Parma, 24 April 2012

EFSA/AHAW/PH

Agreed by the WG on 24 April 2012

Participants

WG Experts Edgar Brun; Debes Christiansen; Niels Jørgen Olesen; Rob Raynard; Espen Rimstad; Fulvio Salati; Mike Sharp (chair)

EFSA: Per Have

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Philippe Lemey.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The terms of reference were discussed in detail.

For the first question addressing the capability of HPR0 ISAV to cause disease several species should be included for consideration, both those where ISAV has been identified and also species that have been tested negative. Transmission of HPR0 has not been demonstrated in several experimental studies and the assessment can only draw from field studies and observations. Both farmed and wild populations will be analysed, including observations from different geographical regions.

The risk of HPR-deleted and virulent ISAV emerging from HPR0 strains may need consideration of both viral, host and environmental factors. Genomic differences between HPR0 strains and available field strains from outbreaks of ISA will be described in order to identify potential differences between HPR0 strains and HPR-deleted strains that may be associated with virulence. The possible influence of host and environmental factors on this

hypothesized sequence of events will be addressed and compared to available evidence from other orthomyxoviruses, e.g. influenza A viruses.

5. Next meeting date

Two meetings are planned for this mandate. The first is tentatively scheduled for June 6 or 7, with a final meeting to be held in August or early September.

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