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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

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**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Atypical BSE study protocol**

**Held on 05 06 2014, Parma  
(Agreed on 11 06 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Anne Balkema-Buschmann
  - Vincent Béringue
  - Marion Simmons
  - Juan Maria Torres
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens (chair), Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from the European Commission (DG SANCO).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **5.1 Protocol for further laboratory investigations into the distribution of infectivity of Atypical BSE ([EFSA-Q-2013-01015](#))**

The WG discussed the contributions received and revised the draft report, including conclusions and recommendations of the report. The WG agreed on the work needed to complete the report and tasks were assigned to the participants. After finalisation, the report will be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel's plenary meeting of 8/9 July 2014 for possible endorsement, and will be then published on EFSA website.

## **6. Next meetings**

No additional meetings are currently scheduled.

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**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Atypical BSE study protocol**

**Held on 06 05 2014, Webconference  
(Agreed on 09 05 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti
  - Anne Balkema-Buschmann
  - Vincent Béringue
  - Marion Simmons
  - Juan Maria Torres
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens (chair), Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from the European Commission (DG SANCO).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

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## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **5.1 Protocol for further laboratory investigations into the distribution of infectivity of Atypical BSE ([EFSA-Q-2013-01015](#))**

The WG discussed the contributions received and revised the draft report, including key messages of some chapters. The WG agreed on the work needed to complete the report and tasks were assigned to the participants.

## **6. Next meetings**

The next meeting of the WG will take place on 5 June (physical meeting, Parma).

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**BIOCONTAM UNIT**

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**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Atypical BSE study protocol**

**Held on 07 04 2014, Webconference  
(Agreed on 11 04 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti,
  - Anne Balkema-Buschmann,
  - Vincent Béringue,
  - Marion Simmons,
  - Juan Maria Torres
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens (chair), Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from the European Commission (DG SANCO).

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of interest at the beginning of this meeting.

**5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

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### **5.1 Protocol for further laboratory investigations into the distribution of infectivity of Atypical BSE ([EFSA-Q-2013-01015](#))**

The EFSA Secretariat provided feedback on the clarification of the terms of reference of the mandate with the European Commission, and informed the WG that the extension of the deadline for this mandate until 15 July 2014 was granted by the Commission. The report can therefore be presented to the BIOHAZ Panel during its July plenary meeting for possible endorsement. The WG discussed the contributions received and revised the draft report. The WG agreed on the work needed to complete the report and tasks were assigned to the participants.

### **6. Next meetings**

The next meetings of the WG will take place as follows: 6 May 2014 (webconference) and 5 June (physical meeting, Parma).

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**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Atypical BSE study protocol**

**Held on 04 03 2014, Parma  
(Agreed on 14 03 2014)**

**Participants**

- **Working Group Experts:**
  - Olivier Andreoletti,
  - Anne Balkema-Buschmann,
  - Vincent Béringue,
  - Marion Simmons,
  - Juan Maria Torres
  
- **European Commission and/or Member States representatives:**
  - Martial Plantady (DG SANCO)
  
- **EFSA:**
  - BIOCONTAM Unit: Winy Messens (chair), Pietro Stella

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted without changes.

**3. Declarations of interest**

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes<sup>1</sup> and the Decision of the Executive Director implementing this Policy regarding Declarations of Interests<sup>2</sup>, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest and the Specific Declaration of interest) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified

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

## **5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion**

### **5.1 Protocol for further laboratory investigations into the distribution of infectivity of Atypical BSE ([EFSA-Q-2013-01015](#))**

The EFSA Secretariat and the European Commission presented the background and terms of reference of the mandate. The WG discussed the mandate received and clarified the terms of reference of the request with the European Commission. The approach to answer the terms of reference was discussed by the WG and a preliminary table of contents of the draft Scientific Report of EFSA was drafted. Tasks were allocated to the participants.

## **6. Next meetings**

The next meetings of the WG will take place as follows: 7 April 2014 (webconference) and 6 May 2014 (physical meeting in Parma or webconference).