

MoniQA Follow-Up Meeting 3

Allergen Reference Materials

Darmstadt, Germany
10 October 2013

Venue of Meeting: R-Biopharm AG, An der neuen Bergstrasse 17, 64297 Darmstadt, Germany

Date and Time: 10 October 2013, 15:00-17:00

Prior to the Prolamin Working Group Meeting (PWG) 2013
10-12 October 2013, Darmstadt, Germany

Agenda:

- 1) **Welcome and introduction, aim and goal of the meeting**, *Roland Poms (Chair), MoniQA, Austria*
- 2) **Summary and report from Vienna Meeting, 13 June 2013**, *Roland Poms, MoniQA, Austria*
- 3) **Short update on Australian initiatives** (*Robin Sherlock, DTS/Facta, Australia*)
- 4) **Update on progress of action points, responsibilities and state-of-affairs: commodities/materials identified as first priority items: gluten, milk, egg, peanut, hazelnut, and soy (100-200 kg each).**
- 5) **Production Procedure, updated work flow and examples of materials**, *Peter Köhler, Prolamin WG, Germany, and Carrie Maune, Trilogy, USA*
- 6) **Protocol and guidance paper development:** 1) *definitions*, 2) *production procedures*, 3) *input to skeleton headlines*, *Roland Poms, MoniQA, Austria*
- 7) **Report from working groups - members, plans, achievements, future timelines:** *gluten: Peter Köhler; milk: Roland Poms; egg: Kurt Johnson; peanut: Ulrike Immer; hazelnut: Roland Poms, soy: to be decided at a later time.*
- 8) **Next steps**
- 9) **Who else needs to be involved?**
- 10) **Next meeting and/or tele-conference**

Aim and Expected Outcomes:

The aim of the meeting is to follow-up on decisions and plans made at the kick-off meeting in Washington, MO, USA, earlier this year (please see minutes and resolutions). Priorities and main requirements for design, production and validation of Reference Materials for food allergen analysis have been discussed and a list of priority materials has been identified. A first skeleton of a guidance document for the production of such materials (concentrations, matrices, validation criteria, etc.) will be discussed at this meeting, which shall be generally applicable and generally used as guidance for the production and availing of allergen testing materials/Reference Materials. This follow-up meeting shall offer a wider group of experts, method providers and validation bodies the opportunity to interact and support the planned activities.

Goal:

Publication of a Guidance Document on the special requirements and production of allergen reference materials in a peer-reviewed journal (similar to Abbott et al. (2010): Validation Procedures for Quantitative Food Allergen ELISA Methods: Community Guidance and Best Practices, Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, VOL. 93, NO. 2, 442-450).

This document shall allow everyone who is able to fulfil the described requirements to produce and to offer reference material. This material shall receive a certain “certification or labelling” which identifies the material as such, produced according to this “Guidance Paper” (in effect a practical guide to implement ISO Guide 35 applied to the special issue of allergens and gluten). The plan is to establish a working group/committee/task force under the guidance of MoniQA to achieve this goal within an acceptable time frame.

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