

Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) Meeting of the Working Group on Methodologies

24 January 2020, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The SCCS Chair welcomed the participants including the SCHEER representative. Three apologies were received, as well as from DG GROW. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 December were endorsed by written procedure by the WG members and published on the website: https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/minutes_wg_meetings_en

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

2. List of points discussed

A. Presentations by external speakers (open session):

• Alternative methods to animal testing and genotoxicity testing
Presentations were made by representatives from Cosmetics Europe to inform the
Working Group on the validation activities for 3D skin comet and micronucleus assays
and on the work on the HET-MN Hen's egg test for micronucleus induction.

See abstract: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mrgentox.2020.503135

A discussion took place.

The 3D skin comet and micronucleus assays have been successfully validated (pending formal peer review).

Specific case were presented in which HET-MN provided information on clastogenicity/aneugenicity in a weight-of evidence approach. This is aiming at further regulatory acceptance.

The SCCS stressed the importance to be kept informed about further developments.

B. The follow-up of the SCCS Scientific Workshop on alternative methods

The Chair of the WG revised the draft Report according to the last comments received from the speakers and the SCCS. The WG finalised the document and the Secretariat will send the final version to the Toxicology Journal for publication agreement.

3. Information from chairman/members/commission

The Chair of the nano WG (*Ulrike Bernauer*) is planning to present the SCCS nano Guidance document during the next Annual event from Cosmetics Europe in June 2020.

5. Next meetings

12 May and 7 September 2020.