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## STAKEHOLDER PANEL ON INFANT FORMULA AND ADULT NUTRITIONALS (SPIFAN)

Meeting held at  
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Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 8:30am (Eastern US)

### REPORT OF THE EXPERT REVIEW PANEL (ERP) PROCEEDINGS

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#### Expert Review Panel Members (in attendance):

##### ***Darryl Sullivan***

John Austad  
Esther Campos-Gimenez/Adrienne McMahon  
Scott Christiansen  
Jon DeVries  
Harvey Indyk  
Estela Kneeteman  
Maria Ofitserova  
Melissa Phillips/Kate Rimmer  
Shay Phillips  
Günther Raffler  
Karen Schimpf  
Jinchuan Yang

##### ***Covance Labs (Chair)***

Covance Labs  
Nestlé/Wyeth Nutrition (formerly Pfizer)  
Perrigo/PBM Nutritionals  
General Mills/Medallion Labs  
Fonterra  
INTI  
Pickering Labs, Inc.  
NIST  
Mead Johnson Nutrition  
CLF-Eurofins  
Abbott Nutrition  
Waters Corp.

#### Expert Review Panel Members (unable to attend):

Sneh Bhandari  
Sarwar Gilani  
Brendon Gill  
Don Gilliland  
Min Huang

Mérieux NutriSciences & OMB  
Consultant  
Fonterra  
Abbott Nutrition  
Frontage Labs, Inc.

#### AOAC Staff Includes:

Delia Boyd  
E. James Bradford  
Scott Coates  
Arlene Fox  
Deborah McKenzie  
Alicia Meiklejohn  
Tien Milor  
Bob Rathbone  
Gar Riegler

**Observers:**

Martin Alewijn, *RIKILT*

Sean Austin, *Nestlé Research Center*

Brad Barrett, *Sciex*

Anne Bienvenue, *U.S. Dairy Export Council*

Christopher Blake, *Nestlé Research Center*

Bob Clifford, *Shimadzu*

Hans Cruijisen, *FrieslandCampina Domo*

Marcel deVreeze, *NEN/ISO*

Jaap Evers, *IDF Rep. (Fonterra Co-op.)*

Jennifer Fruth, *Mead Johnson Nutrition*

Christophe Fuerer, *Nestlé Research Center*

Jim Griffiths, *CRN*

Jim Harnly, *USDA*

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Gregory Hostetler, *Perrigo/PBM Nutritionals*

Harvey Indyk, *Fonterra Co-op.*

Wesley Jacobs, *Abbott Nutrition*

Greg Jaudzems, *Nestlé*

George Joseph, *AsureQuality*

Bert Klarenbeek, *FrieslandCampina Domo*

Erik Konings, *Nestlé Research Center*

Frederic Martin, *Nestlé Research Center*

Josh Messerly, *Eurofins*

Paul Milne, *Keurig Green Mountain Inc.*

Deepali Mohindra, *Thermo Fisher Scientific*

Matt Noestheder, *Sciex*

Mike Nygaard, *U.S. Dairy Export Council*

Lawrence Pacquette, *Abbott Nutrition*

Bert Popping, *Mérieux NutriSciences*

Robert Ragan, *Abbott Nutrition*

Robert Rankin, *INCA*

Rick Reba, *Nestlé USA, Inc.*

Murali Reddy, *Abbott Nutrition*

Lars Reimann, *Eurofins*

Kate Rimmer, *NIST*

Shauna Roman, *Reckitt Benckiser (RB)*

Joe Romano, *Waters Corporation*

Steve Royce, *Agilent Technologies, Inc.*

Louis Salvati, *Abbott Nutrition*

Dan Schmitz, *Abbott Nutrition*

Olga Shimelis, *SUPELCO/Sigma-Aldrich*

Brian Shira, *Mead Johnson Nutrition*

Matthew Sliva, *Perrigo/PBM Nutritionals*

Karla Steele, *Mead Johnson Nutrition*

John Szpylka, *Merieux NutriSciences*

Joseph J. Thompson, *Abbott Nutrition*

Linda Thompson, *Abbott Nutrition*

Melissa Thompson, *Covance Laboratories*

Marina Torres Rodriguez, *LATU*

Wil Van Loon, *FrieslandCampina*

Martijn Vermeulen, *TNO*

Wayne Wargo, *Abbott Nutrition*

Laura Wood, *NIST*

David Woollard, *Hill Laboratories*

Wayne Wolf, *USDA (Retired)*

Jason Wubben, *Archer Daniels Midland Co.*

Jinchuan Yang, *Waters Corporation*

Joyce Zhu, *Jamieson Lab*

Richard Zywicki, *Covance Laboratories*

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Darryl Sullivan welcomed all participants to the ERP meeting and introduced the ERP members.

**II. REVIEW OF METHODS BY EXPERT REVIEW PANEL (ERP) FOR FIRST ACTION OFFICIAL METHOD<sup>SM</sup> STATUS – AOAC SPIFAN I**

For each method, the ERP/Working Group Co-Chairs discussed methods submitted.

- **Folate – Chair:** Erik Konings (Nestlé)
- **Carnitine – Co-Chairs:** John Austad (Covance) & Günther Raffler (CLF-Eurofins)
- **Choline – Co-Chairs:** Sneh Bhandari (Silliker) & Nick Cellar (Abbott)

Method	Method Title	Reviewer(s)	Vote	Comments
<b>Folate</b>	<i>AOAC Official Method 2011.06 (Fol-22) - Validation of A LC-MS/MS Method for Folate Analysis in Infant Formula and Adult Nutritional Samples</i>	Adrienne McMahon	Adrienne McMahon recommended method proceed in AOAC SPIFAN process (DRM)  *Method retains First Action Official Method <sup>SM</sup> status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Method meets SMPR</li> <li>▪ Detects the poly glutamate</li> <li>▪ Process is long</li> <li>▪ SLV data is available</li> <li>▪ Folate reported as total folate</li> <li>▪ Needs % of folate</li> <li>▪ Standard corrective for water; 8%</li> <li>▪ Accuracy that doesn't have methyl; non folic</li> <li>▪ 5 methyl being different</li> </ul>
<b>Carnitine</b>	<i>Carn-07 - Analysis of Free and Total Carnitine and Choline in Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals</i>	Günther Raffler Sneh Bhandari (by evaluation form)	Günther Raffler moved & Melissa Phillips second  *Motion: recommended method to First Action Official Method <sup>SM</sup> status & proceed in AOAC SPIFAN process (DRM) <b>Yes- 11/ No-0 /Abstain-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recovery rates are good</li> <li>▪ SLV report complete</li> <li>▪ Meets requirements</li> </ul>

**III. REVIEW OF METHODS BY EXPERT REVIEW PANEL (ERP) FOR FIRST ACTION OFFICIAL METHOD<sup>SM</sup> STATUS – AOAC SPIFAN II**

For each method, the ERP/Working Group Co-Chairs discussed methods submitted. Five (5) methods received First Action Official Method<sup>SM</sup> status with two (2) retaining the original status for a total of seven (7).

Method	Method Title	Reviewer(s)	Vote	Comments
<b>Amino Acid</b>	<i>Amino-01 - Determination of amino acids in infant and adult/pediatric nutritional formula by UHPLC/UV</i>	Maria Ofitserova Shay Phillips	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Method is well written; sound methodology</li> <li>▪ Study author should use all AOAC SPIFAN samples and provided the information</li> <li>▪ Analytical range; LOQ</li> <li>▪ Lysteine has limited range</li> <li>▪ Title change – total amino acid</li> <li>▪ Does not capture tryptophan</li> <li>▪ Proprietary technique</li> <li>▪ Recovery over 110%</li> <li>▪ Method has potential; needs optimization</li> </ul>
<b>Biotin</b>	<i>Bio-01 - An inter-laboratory study to extend the scope of the CEN biotin method by HPLC with post-column derivatization and fluorimetric detection</i>	Estela Kneeteman Scott Christiansen	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Five (5) different samples used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Infant milk powder</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Simple method</li> <li>▪ No LOQ data or recovery</li> <li>▪ Need more information on the method</li> </ul>
	<i>Bio-02 - Determination of Biotin by High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled with EASI-EXTRACT Biotin Immunoaffinity column cleanup extraction</i>	Scott Christiansen Karen Schimpf	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Semi proprietary method</li> <li>▪ No chromatography</li> <li>▪ Two (2) samples used</li> <li>▪ Free or total?</li> <li>▪ Use NIST 1849a as reference</li> <li>▪ Not enough SLV data</li> <li>▪ Columns from two (2) different manufacturers</li> </ul>
	<i>Boi-03 - Simultaneous Determination of Seven Water Soluble Vitamins in Products by LC-MS/MS</i>	Adrienne McMahon Estela Kneeteman	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lower LOQ</li> <li>▪ Needs full recovery</li> <li>▪ Needs more AOAC SPIFAN samples</li> <li>▪ Bound forms need to be captured</li> </ul>
<b>Chloride</b>	<i>Chlor-01 - AOAC Official Method 986.26 Chloride in Milk-Based Infant Formula. Final action 1988.</i>	Brendon Gill Karen Schimpf Bill Mindak	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicable to milk based infant formula</li> <li>▪ May help to have figures; can't distinguish</li> <li>▪ No AOAC SPIFAN matrices</li> <li>▪ For medical nutritionals please provide information</li> </ul>
	<i>#Chlor-02 - Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals Chloride by Potentiometry</i>	Günther Raffler Shay Phillips Bill Mindak	Scott Christiansen moved Jon DeVries second  *Motion: move to First Action Yes- 10/ No-2 /Abstain-1 <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Second vote Yes- 10/ No-2 /Abstain-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hydrolyzed method</li> <li>▪ No SLV data included</li> <li>▪ Simple method</li> <li>▪ Address issue with high protein &amp; fat in adult nutritionals</li> <li>▪ Recovery/repeatability meets the SMPR</li> </ul>
	<i>Chlor-03 - Determination of Chloride in Infant Formula</i>	Shay Phillips Günther Raffler Bill Mindak	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Different approach</li> <li>▪ Needs AOAC SPIFAN SLV</li> <li>▪ Newer technology</li> <li>▪ Needs reagents</li> <li>▪ Performance based method is needed not equipment</li> </ul>

	<i>#Chlor-04 - Chlorine in Infant Formula and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formula by Potentiometric Titration</i>	Adrienne McMahon Bill Mindak	Moved second  *Motion: move to First Action Yes- 12/ No-0 /Abstain-0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No recovery completed</li> </ul>
<b>Fluoride</b>	<i>Fluor-01 - Determination of fluoride in dietetic food products by ISE</i>	John Austad Melissa Phillips Bill Mindak	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No SLV data</li> <li>▪ May not meet the analytical range</li> <li>▪ 5-200mg 100%</li> <li>▪ 2.5 = 200/250 high end</li> </ul>
	<i>Fluor-02 - Determination of Fluoride in Infant Food</i>	John Austad Melissa Phillips Bill Mindak	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not a full set of SLV data available</li> <li>▪ Promising method, but needs more information</li> <li>▪ Specific to the Dionex</li> <li>▪ Ion chromatography</li> </ul>
<b>Fructans</b>	<i>Fos-01 - AOAC Official Method 997.08 Fructans in Food Products - Ion Exchange Chromatographic Method</i>	Sean Austin Estela Kneeteman	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Method looks promising; awaiting additional data</li> <li>▪ High content of free sugars</li> <li>▪ SLV data not complete</li> <li>▪ No LOQ or recovery information</li> </ul>
	<i>Fos-02 - Determination of Fructans in Foods</i>	Sean Austin Brendon Gill	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic principle-hydrolyzed sucrose</li> <li>▪ Method should realize more saccharides</li> <li>▪ Significant lose in fructose</li> <li>▪ Need raw materials</li> <li>▪ Reference to the Nestlé method not cited</li> <li>▪ May meet SMPR</li> <li>▪ looks promising; awaiting additional data</li> </ul>
	<i>Fos-03 - Determination of Fructans in Infant Formula and Adult Nutritional (High-Performance Anion-Exchange Chromatography with Pulsed Amperometric Detection)</i>	Jon DeVries Karen Schimpf	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	
	<i>Fos-04 - Determination of Fructans in Infant and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formulas as well as ingredient commodities</i>	Jon DeVries Sean Austin	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	
<b>GOS</b>	<i>Gos-01 - Single Lab Validation Report for GOS in Infant Formula and Adult Nutritional</i>	Estela Kneeteman Maria Ofitserova	Estela Kneeteman moved Maria Ofitserova second  *Motion: move to First Action Yes- 1/ No-8 /Abstain-2  Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HPLC method</li> <li>▪ No data on LOQ</li> <li>▪ Significant gaps that need to be addressed</li> <li>▪ Direct quantification of the Gos</li> <li>▪ Current AOAC SPIFAN matrices may not be the best to use</li> </ul>
	<i>Gos-02 - Determination of trans-Galacto-oligosaccharides (TGOS) in Infant Milk Formula (Ion-Exchange Chromatography)</i>	Sean Austin Maria Ofitserova	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specific for Gos</li> <li>▪ Sample prep not written clearly</li> <li>▪ Lengthy sample prep, but improves the existing method</li> <li>▪ Send SLV data to ERP</li> <li>▪ Lactose from Gos is confusing</li> <li>▪ With the clean up, how specific is the removal of lactose or other disaccharides?</li> <li>▪ Need additional data</li> </ul>

<b>Minerals &amp; Trace Elements</b>	<i>MTE-01 - 2013 AOAC INTERNATIONAL AOAC Official Method 2011.14 Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, Potassium, Phosphorus, Sodium, and Zinc in Fortified Food Products</i>	Bill Mindak Jinchuan Yang	*Method retains First Action <i>Official Method<sup>SM</sup></i> status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good method; great update</li> <li>▪ SLV used pertinent samples</li> <li>▪ Method meets most of the SMPR</li> <li>▪ LOQ meets SMPR</li> <li>▪ Spiked recovery meeting SMPR (90-110%)</li> <li>▪ Analytical range recovered higher</li> <li>▪ Did not use AOAC SPIFAN samples</li> </ul>
	<i>MTE-02 - Determination of Na, Mg, P, K, Ca, Cr, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn, Se, and Mo by ICP-MS</i>	Bill Mindak Jinchuan Yang	Moved second  *Motion: move to First Action Yes- 9/ No-2 /Abstain-1  Second vote Yes- 10/ No-2 /Abstain-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Too much instrument details</li> <li>▪ Internal standard added before</li> <li>▪ Meets most of the SMPR</li> <li>▪ Carbon buffer</li> <li>▪ Used AOAC SPIFAN samples</li> <li>▪ No scope applicability</li> <li>▪ SRM too high</li> <li>▪ Written for only one model</li> <li>▪ Potassium has high RSD</li> <li>▪ Need to see modified write up/data</li> </ul>
	<i>MTE-03 - Milk and milk products Determination of calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium, sodium and zinc contents - Inductive coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometric method (ICP-AES)</i>	Bill Mindak Jinchuan Yang	Bill Mindak moved Jinchuan Yang second  Method withdrawn/tabled until data can be reviewed by ERP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No internal standard</li> <li>▪ Copper did not meet the low range</li> <li>▪ Remove the “dry ash” from the method</li> <li>▪ Microwave digestion with internal standard</li> </ul>
<b>Vitamin K</b>	<i>VitK-01 - Validation of A LC-MS/MS Method for Vitamin K Analysis in Infant Formula and Adult Nutritional Samples</i>	Esther Campos-Gimenez Scott Christiansen	Method not recommended for First Action at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peak in the chromatograms are not labeled correctly</li> <li>▪ Extraction procedure; separation of the cis/trans could be compromised</li> <li>▪ Method seems promising; has potential</li> <li>▪ LOQ/accuracy meets the SMPR</li> <li>▪ No primary stock standard used</li> <li>▪ Variability &amp; precision is a concern</li> <li>▪ No purity check on the standard</li> </ul>
	<i>VitK-02 - Determination of Trans Vitamin K1 by HPLC and Fluorescence Detection</i>	Scott Christiansen Esther Campos-Gimenez	Scott Christiansen moved Esther Campos-Gimenez second  *Motion: move to First Action Yes- 10/ No-0 /Abstain-1	

**IV. REVIEW OF METHODS BY EXPERT REVIEW PANEL (ERP) FOR FINAL ACTION *OFFICIAL METHOD*<sup>SM</sup> STATUS**

The Expert Review Panel (ERP) reviewed four (4) methods for Final Action *Official Methods*<sup>SM</sup> status. Two (2) were recommended to the Official Methods Board (OMB) for Final Action *Official Method*<sup>SM</sup> consideration.

Method	Method Title	Reviewer(s)	Vote	Comments
<b>Iodine</b>	2012.15 - Determination of Total Iodine in Infant Formula and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formula by Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)	Esther Campos-Gimenez	Esther Campos-Gimenez moved Jon DeVries second  *Motion: move to Final Action Yes-11/ No-0 /Abstain-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fourteen (14) labs participated; only thirteen (13) submitted data</li> <li>▪ Used red dye #3 (strawberry drink mix)</li> <li>▪ Six (6) matrices/one (1) SRM</li> <li>▪ Used three (3) different suppliers</li> <li>▪ Three (3) labs used microwave digestion</li> <li>▪ Complete method</li> <li>▪ May need maintenance</li> <li>▪ Add precautions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lens stack                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Replace or have a dedicated set for iodine only</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Pantothenic Acid</b>	2012.16 - AOAC Official Method 2012.16 Pantothenic Acid (Vitamin B5) in Infant Formula and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formula	John Austad  Don Gilliland/ Karen Schimpf	John Austad moved Karen Schimpf second  *Motion: move to Final Action Yes- 12/ No-0 /Abstain-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sixteen (16) labs participated               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One (1) lab dropped out</li> <li>○ One (1) lab did not qualify</li> <li>○ Fourteen (14) labs provided data                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Two (2) labs provided data as one (1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Consider a way to dry               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need moisture content addressed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Vitamin C</b>	2012.22 - Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) in Infant Formula and Adult/Pediatric Nutritional Formula by UHPLC-UV	Jon DeVries  Brendon Gill/ Harvey Indyk	Jon DeVries moved Scott Christiansen second  Motion: move to Final Action Yes- 4/ No-4 /Abstain-4  *Method retains First Action <i>Official Method</i> <sup>SM</sup> status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Twenty-six (26) labs originally participated               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two (2) labs failed</li> <li>○ Twenty- four (24) labs provided data                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Fourteen (14) labs provided data using UPLC</li> <li>▲ Nine (9) labs provided data using HPLC</li> <li>▲ Due to customs restrictions, one (1) lab used known samples</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Two (2) labs slightly passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Method needs more guidance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stability</li> <li>○ Timing</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ May be oxidized</li> <li>▪ Samples should be in sealed containers with the same lot number</li> <li>▪ System suitability included</li> <li>▪ Precision data from the two (2) sample types</li> <li>▪ Add a control</li> </ul>

<b>Vitamin D</b>	2011.11 - Vitamin D - Determination of Vitamin D2 and D3 in Infant and Adult/Pediatric Nutritionals and Utilizing Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry (UHPLC-MS/MS)	Sneh Bhandari (via review form)  Brendon Gill/ Harvey Indyk	Method not recommended for Final Action  *Method retains First Action <i>Official Method</i> <sup>SM</sup> status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Method author needs to publish two (2) sets of data           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Second set of data should stand alone</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Clearly identify which data was previously used and which in new           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Do not exclude data</li> <li>▲ Need outliers in the report</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Clarify labs that participated in the study Remediation           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clean up data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ UPLC</li> <li>▲ HPLC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**V. NEXT STEPS/FEEDBACK FROM ERP**

Darryl Sullivan provided next steps.