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BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA COMMISSION

Expert Advisory Group HCM: Herbal and Complementary Medicines (HCM)

SUMMARY MINUTES

A meeting of this Expert Advisory Group was held at 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SZ on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

**Present:** Professor M Simmonds (*Chair*), Dr R Middleton (*Vice Chair*), Dr L Anderson, Mr P Anderson, Dr A Booker, Dr C Leon, Dr M Pires, Dr E Reich, Dr M Rowan, Professor A Slater (*Chair of Panel DNA*), Dr K Strohfeldt-Venables, Mr J Sumal, Mr C Welham, Professor. E Williamson and Dr K Zhao.

**In attendance:** Ms K Busuttil, Mr L Gibson, Ms C Gkouva, Dr C Howard, Dr C Lenihan, Ms C Lockie Williams, Mr H Makwana, Ms M Nanasi and Ms M Wall.

**Apologies:** Mr B Moore

**I GENERAL MATTERS**

598 **Opening Remarks** HCM(18)01

598.1 **Welcome** The Chair welcomed members and briefly introduced new members to the Expert Advisory Group, BP Laboratory and Secretariat members.

598.2 **Confidentiality and declaration of interests** Members were reminded that all papers and minutes were confidential and should not be disclosed. A guidance document had previously been provided.

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare interests throughout the meeting and to keep the Secretariat informed of any changes to their interests.

598.3 **Expenses** Members were reminded to complete an expenses form and submit this in a timely manner

**II MINUTES**

599 The minutes of the meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 were confirmed subject to an amendment.

**III MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** HCM(18)02

600 A list of matters arising from the minutes of the November 2017 meeting were provided. There were no further comments.

**IV REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

601 **Herbal Strategy** HCM(18)03

**Strategy** A draft strategy was presented to members for comment.

602 **Work Programme** HCM(18)04

The Herbal Team updated members on the work programme from the previous meeting.

603 **Standardising BP Herbal Monographs** HCM(18)05

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The Secretariat presented an herbal monograph template for comment, which would form the basis for all future monographs.

**V MONOGRAPHS IN PROGRESS**

604 **Cyperus Rotundus** HCM(18)06  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

605 **Clivers** HCM(18)07  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

606 **Spearmint** HCM(18)08  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

607 **Indian Sandalwood Oil** HCM(18)09  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

608 **Alisma Plantago-aquatica** HCM(18)10  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

**VI NEW MONOGRAPHS**

609 **Adenophora** HCM(18)11  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

610 **Saffron** HCM(18)12  
It was agreed that there was no benefit to BP users in developing a monograph for Saffron and that it should be deprioritised from the work programme.

611 **Apium Graveolens Seed** HCM(18)13  
The draft monograph would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

612 **Asparagus** HCM(18)14

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New monographs for *A. racemosus*, *A. officinalis*, *A. cochinchinensis* and *A. adscendens* would be elaborated. The draft monographs would be included in a future publication, subject to resolution of any outstanding points.

**VII REVISION OF MONOGRAPHS**

613 **Squill** HCM(18)15

**Identification** An HPTLC identification method will be investigated.

**Physical Tests** The Herbal Team would review whether these needed to be revised.

**VIII EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA** HCM(18)16

614 **31<sup>st</sup> Meeting TCM Working Party**

Members were presented with an informal report of the TCM Working Party . No comments were received.

615 **HOM Working Party Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**

Members were provided with a verbal update on the recent Homoeopathic Working Party (HOM WP) organised by EDQM.

**IX ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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An update on future conference attendance was provided.

**X NEXT MEETINGS**

617 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

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List of Acronyms/Synonyms

<b>Acronym/Synonym</b>	<b>Name</b>
APl	Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India
ATA	Ayurvedic Trade Association
BP	British Pharmacopoeia
BP Commission	British Pharmacopoeia Commission
ChP	Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China
EAG	Expert Advisory Group
EPC	European Pharmacopoeia Commission
GC	Gas chromatography
HKCMMS	Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards
HPTLC	High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography
ITS	Internal Transcribed Spacer
IR	Infrared
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
JP	Japanese Pharmacopoeia
LGC	Laboratory of the Government Chemist, Teddington
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MPNS	Medicinal Plant Names Services - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
NIBSC	National Institute for Biological Standards and Control
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
Ph Eur	European Pharmacopoeia
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
SST	System Suitability Test
THR	Traditional Herbal Register
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine
UK	United Kingdom
UV	Ultraviolet