

## Committee on Protein Quality and Growth Monitoring Studies to Satisfy Quality Factor Requirements for Infant Formula

## **Questions for Open Session with Brian Kineman and Robert Di Gregorio:**

- What types of data and information on protein quality and normal physical growth have been found acceptable to member states in the registration of a new infant formula in Europe.
  - a. For normal physical growth what is acceptable for the following study characteristics:
    - i. age of enrollment,
    - ii. duration of observation,
    - iii. number of observations,
  - b. Are the following required for normal physical growth studies:
    - i. exclusivity of feeding formula
    - ii. enrolment of a concurrent control group
    - iii. statistical analysis of the power, before and upon completion of the study
    - iv. plotting of individual subjects data on WHO growth charts
    - v. adverse events with health assessments of each instance of an adverse event
    - vi. formula intake data, with comparison to an authoritative reference,
    - vii. report on attrition, with reasons for loss from study.
- 2. Do you have experience in using INFOGEST data in your assessment of protein quality?
  - a. Are you aware of such data being accepted by EU member states?