

1 **DRAFT SCIENTIFIC OPINION**

2 **Scientific Opinion on Dietary Reference Values for manganese¹**

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5 **ABSTRACT**

6 Following a request from the European Commission, the Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and
7 Allergies (NDA) derived Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for manganese. Manganese is an essential
8 dietary mineral, which is a component of a number of metalloenzymes involved in amino acid, lipid
9 and carbohydrate metabolism. A specific manganese deficiency syndrome has not been described in
10 humans. The body is able to adapt to a wide range of manganese intakes by regulating both efficiency
11 of absorption in the intestine and the quantity excreted via bile. There are no reliable and validated
12 biomarkers of manganese intake or status and data on manganese intakes versus health outcomes are
13 not available for the setting of DRVs for manganese. As there is insufficient evidence available to
14 derive an Average Requirement and a Population Reference Intake, an Adequate Intake (AI) is
15 proposed. Mean intakes of manganese in adults in the EU are typically around 3 mg/day. In addition,
16 null or positive balances have consistently been observed with intakes of manganese above
17 2.5 mg/day. An AI of 3 mg/day is proposed for adults, including pregnant and lactating women. The
18 AI proposed for older infants (7-11 months), children and adolescents is based on extrapolation from
19 the adult AI using isometric scaling and reference body weights of the respective age groups.

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21 **KEY WORDS**

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24 **SUMMARY**

25 Following a request from the European Commission, the EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition
26 and Allergies (NDA) was asked to deliver a scientific opinion on Dietary Reference Values for the
27 European population, including manganese.

28 In 1993, the Scientific Committee for Food set an “Acceptable Range of Intakes” for adults at 1-
29 10 mg/day, considering observed intakes of manganese in European countries and data from balance
30 studies. A few other authorities have set Adequate Intakes (AIs) for manganese, based on similar
31 considerations.

32 Manganese is an essential dietary element for mammals. It is a component of metalloenzymes such as
33 superoxide dismutase, arginase and pyruvate carboxylase, and is involved in amino acid, lipid and
34 carbohydrate metabolism. A specific manganese deficiency syndrome has not been described in
35 humans.

36 Absorption of manganese in the intestine is low (< 10 %). Regulation at the level of absorption
37 appears to be one of the adaptive responses to dietary manganese intake and such regulation allows
38 manganese homeostasis to be maintained over a wide range of intakes. A reduction in the biological
39 half-life of manganese has been observed with increased dietary manganese intakes; indicating the
40 role of whole body turnover rate in manganese homeostasis. Elimination of manganese is primarily via
41 the faeces.

42 The assessment of manganese intake or status using biological markers is difficult owing to the rapid
43 excretion of manganese into bile, to homeostatic mechanisms, and to the lack of sensitivity of
44 biomarkers over the normal range of intakes. Therefore, there are no reliable and validated biomarkers
45 of manganese intake or status.

46 Nuts, chocolate, cereal-based products, crustaceans and molluscs, pulses, fruits and fruit products are
47 rich sources of manganese. Main contributors to the manganese intake of adults are cereal-based
48 products, vegetables, fruits and fruit products and beverages. In the EU, estimated mean manganese
49 intakes of adults range from 2 to 6 mg/day, with a majority of values around 3 mg/day. Estimated
50 mean manganese intakes range from 1.5 to 3.5 mg/day in children, and from 2 to 6 mg/day in
51 adolescents.

52 Several balance studies have been undertaken to establish manganese requirements. These studies
53 demonstrate that the body adapts quickly to changes in manganese intake. Although balance may be
54 maintained at intakes below 2.5 mg/day, null or positive balances have consistently been observed
55 with manganese intakes above 2.5 mg/day. Manganese balance may be influenced by the overall diet,
56 variations in individual rates of absorption or excretion, differences in body contents, and adaptation to
57 varying dietary levels, which make comparisons between subjects and studies difficult.

58 No data on manganese intakes and health outcomes were identified for the setting of DRVs.

59 As the evidence to derive an Average Requirement (AR) and thus a Population Reference Intake is
60 considered insufficient, an Adequate Intake (AI) is proposed. Observed mean intakes of adults in the
61 EU are typically around 3 mg/day. In addition, null or positive balances have consistently been
62 observed with intakes of manganese above 2.5 mg/day. An AI of 3 mg/day for adults is therefore
63 proposed. The adult AI also applies to pregnant and lactating women. For infants from seven months,
64 children and adolescents, an AI is proposed and is based on extrapolation from the adult AI using
65 isometric scaling, i.e. extrapolation based on reference body weights of the respective age groups, and
66 rounding to the nearest 0.5. The respective AIs vary between 0.5 mg/day in infants aged 7-11 months
67 and 3.0 mg/day in adolescent boys and girls.

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119 **BACKGROUND AS PROVIDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

120 Scientific advice on nutrient intakes is important as the basis of Community action in the field of
121 nutrition, for example such advice has in the past been used as the basis of nutrition labelling. The
122 Scientific Committee for Food (SCF) report on nutrient and energy intakes for the European
123 Community dates from 1993. There is a need to review and if necessary to update these earlier
124 recommendations to ensure that the Community action in the area of nutrition is underpinned by the
125 latest scientific advice.

126 In 1993, the SCF adopted an opinion on the nutrient and energy intakes for the European Community⁴.
127 The report provided Reference Intakes for energy, certain macronutrients and micronutrients, but it did
128 not include certain substances of physiological importance, for example dietary fibre.

129 Since then new scientific data have become available for some of the nutrients, and scientific advisory
130 bodies in many European Union Member States and in the United States have reported on
131 recommended dietary intakes. For a number of nutrients these newly established (national)
132 recommendations differ from the reference intakes in the SCF (1993) report. Although there is
133 considerable consensus between these newly derived (national) recommendations, differing opinions
134 remain on some of the recommendations. Therefore, there is a need to review the existing EU
135 Reference Intakes in the light of new scientific evidence, and taking into account the more recently
136 reported national recommendations. There is also a need to include dietary components that were not
137 covered in the SCF opinion of 1993, such as dietary fibre, and to consider whether it might be
138 appropriate to establish reference intakes for other (essential) substances with a physiological effect.

139 In this context, EFSA is requested to consider the existing Population Reference Intakes for energy,
140 micro- and macronutrients and certain other dietary components, to review and complete the SCF
141 recommendations, in the light of new evidence, and in addition advise on a Population Reference
142 Intake for dietary fibre.

143 For communication of nutrition and healthy eating messages to the public it is generally more
144 appropriate to express recommendations for the intake of individual nutrients or substances in food-
145 based terms. In this context, EFSA is asked to provide assistance on the translation of nutrient based
146 recommendations for a healthy diet into food based recommendations intended for the population as a
147 whole.

148 **TERMS OF REFERENCE AS PROVIDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

149 In accordance with Article 29 (1)(a) and Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002, the Commission
150 requests EFSA to review the existing advice of the Scientific Committee for Food on population
151 reference intakes for energy, nutrients and other substances with a nutritional or physiological effect in
152 the context of a balanced diet which, when part of an overall healthy lifestyle, contribute to good
153 health through optimal nutrition.

154 In the first instance, EFSA is asked to provide advice on energy, macronutrients and dietary fibre.
155 Specifically, advice is requested on the following dietary components:

- 156 • Carbohydrates, including sugars;
- 157 • Fats, including saturated fatty acids, polyunsaturated fatty acids and monounsaturated fatty
158 acids, *trans* fatty acids;
- 159 • Protein;

⁴ Scientific Committee for Food, Nutrient and energy intakes for the European Community, Reports of the Scientific Committee for Food 31st series, Office for Official Publication of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 1993.

160 • Dietary fibre.

161 Following on from the first part of the task, EFSA is asked to advise on population reference intakes
162 of micronutrients in the diet and, if considered appropriate, other essential substances with a
163 nutritional or physiological effect in the context of a balanced diet which, when part of an overall
164 healthy lifestyle, contribute to good health through optimal nutrition.

165 Finally, EFSA is asked to provide guidance on the translation of nutrient based dietary advice into
166 guidance, intended for the European population as a whole, on the contribution of different foods or
167 categories of foods to an overall diet that would help to maintain good health through optimal nutrition
168 (food-based dietary guidelines).

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170 **ASSESSMENT**

171 **1. Introduction**

172 In 1993, the Scientific Committee for Food (SCF) adopted an opinion on nutrient and energy intakes
173 for the European Community (SCF, 1993). For manganese, the SCF set an “Acceptable Range of
174 Intakes” for adults at 1-10 mg/day.

175 **2. Definition/category**

176 **2.1. Chemistry**

177 Manganese (Mn) has an atomic mass of 54.93805 Da. It can exist in a number of oxidation states
178 ranging from -3 to +7; Mn(II) and Mn(III) are the predominant forms in biological systems (SCF,
179 2000; Roth, 2006).

180 **2.2. Functions of manganese**

181 **2.2.1. Biochemical functions**

182 Manganese is an essential dietary mineral for mammals; it is a component of metalloenzymes such as
183 superoxide dismutase, arginase and pyruvate carboxylase, and is involved in amino acid, lipid and
184 carbohydrate metabolism (SCF, 1993; IoM, 2001; NHMRC, 2006). Glycosyltransferases and
185 xylosyltransferases, which are involved in proteoglycan synthesis (e.g. for bone formation), are
186 sensitive to manganese status in animals (Nielsen, 1999).

187 **2.2.2. Health consequences of deficiency and excess**

188 2.2.2.1. Deficiency

189 Manganese-deficient animals exhibit impaired growth, skeletal abnormalities, reproductive deficits,
190 ataxia of the newborn, and defects in lipid and carbohydrate metabolism. In contrast, evidence of
191 manganese deficiency in man is poor. A specific deficiency syndrome has not been described in
192 humans (SCF, 1993; WHO, 1996; SCF, 2000; IoM, 2001). In a depletion-repletion study, seven male
193 subjects were fed a conventional diet providing 2.59 mg manganese/day for three weeks (baseline),
194 followed by a purified diet containing 0.11 mg manganese/day for 39 days. A fleeting dermatitis,
195 miliaria crystallina, developed in five of the seven subjects at the end of the depletion period and
196 disappeared as repletion began (Friedman et al., 1987).

197 2.2.2.2. Excess

198 Reports of adverse effects resulting from manganese exposure in humans are associated primarily with
199 inhalation in occupational settings. The symptoms of manganese toxicity can result in a permanent
200 neurological disorder known as manganism (ATSDR, 2012). Oral exposure to manganese, especially
201 from contaminated water sources, can also cause adverse health effects, which are similar to those
202 observed from inhalation exposure. An actual threshold level at which exposure to manganese
203 produces neurological effects in humans has not been established (ATSDR, 2012).

204 For the derivation of a Tolerable Upper Intake Level (UL), the SCF (2000) noted that exposure to high
205 levels of manganese by inhalation or oral intake of manganese may be neurotoxic. Assuming a
206 consumption of 2 L of drinking water/day, the cohorts showing the neurological effects were exposed
207 to estimated manganese intakes from drinking water ranging from 0.16 mg to 28 mg/day (Kawamura
208 et al., 1941; Kondakis et al., 1989; He et al., 1994). However, the SCF noted the limitations of these
209 studies including the uncertainty of the contribution from food and the lack of information on possible
210 confounding variables which make firm conclusions difficult. As a No Observed Adverse Effect Level
211 (NOAEL) for critical endpoints from animal studies was not available, and because of the limitations
212 of the data in humans, a UL could not be set (SCF, 2000).

213 The US Institute of Medicine (IoM, 2001) established a NOAEL and a UL of 11 mg/day for adults
214 based on the fact that adverse effects in subjects ingesting up to 10.9 mg/day with Western diets have
215 not been reported. Recently, ATSDR (2012) in its extensive report on environmental exposure to
216 manganese indicated that no oral minimal risk levels (MRLs) could be derived for acute-,
217 intermediate-, or chronic-duration exposure to excess inorganic manganese because of inconsistencies
218 in the dose-response relationship information across studies, a lack of information concerning all
219 intakes of manganese (e.g. dietary intakes plus administered doses), and uncertainties about other
220 possible confounding exposures to neurotoxic agents in the drinking water or via food.

221 **2.3. Physiology and metabolism**

222 **2.3.1. Intestinal absorption**

223 The amount of manganese absorbed is influenced by the concentration of manganese in the diet, with
224 low dietary manganese intake resulting in increased manganese absorption relative to intake (Finley,
225 1999; Finley et al., 2003). Regulation at the level of absorption seems part of the adaptive changes to
226 the amount of dietary manganese intake allowing the maintenance of manganese homeostasis over a
227 wide range of intakes. Sex differences for manganese absorption have been noted in healthy men and
228 women (18-40 years), with women absorbing significantly more manganese than men. It has been
229 hypothesised that sex differences may be related to iron status, as an inverse correlation between
230 plasma ferritin and manganese absorption has been observed (Finley et al., 1994; Finley, 1999). The
231 interaction between iron and manganese is further discussed in Section 2.3.7.

232 Absorption of radioisotopically (extrinsically or intrinsically) labelled manganese from vegetable
233 sources (lettuce, spinach, wheat, sunflower seeds) was shown to range from 1.7 % to 5.2 % compared
234 to 7.7-10.2 % from a manganese chloride solution with a comparable manganese content (Johnson et
235 al., 1991). Similarly, a mean manganese absorption of 6.0-6.2 % was observed from chard (Davidsson
236 et al., 1991a).

237 Absorption has been suggested to take place through active transport mechanism (Garcia-Aranda et
238 al., 1983) and passive diffusion (Bell et al., 1989). Some evidence indicates that manganese uptake in
239 the intestine is mediated by high affinity metal transporters, such as divalent metal transporter-1
240 (DMT1, also called DCT1), which is also involved in the transport of other metals (Chua and Morgan,
241 1997; Gunshin et al., 1997; Garrick et al., 2003). Manganese is mainly absorbed as Mn(II).

242 High amounts of calcium, phosphorus and phytates have been reported to impair manganese
243 absorption (SCF, 1993; IoM, 2001; ATSDR, 2012), although this is probably of limited nutritional
244 significance in the context of whole diets as specific clinical symptoms of manganese deficiency in
245 humans have not been reported (SCF, 1993).

246 The Panel notes that the absorption of manganese in the intestine is below 10 %.

247 **2.3.2. Transport in blood**

248 Manganese is taken up from the blood by the liver and is transported to extrahepatic tissues bound
249 primarily to transferrin, alpha2-macroglobulin and albumin (IoM, 2001; Buchman, 2006; Roth, 2006).

250 The manganese concentration in the blood of healthy adults is reported to range from 4 to 15 µg/L
251 (Barceloux, 1999; ATSDR, 2012). Almost all manganese in blood is associated with cells: circulating
252 manganese is mainly found in erythrocytes (ca. 66 %), a smaller fraction is contained in leukocytes
253 and platelets (ca. 30 %), and plasma contains about 4 % (Milne et al., 1990). Typically, manganese
254 concentrations in whole blood have been reported to be 5-10 times higher than in serum (Pleban and
255 Pearson, 1979).

256 2.3.3. Distribution to tissues

257 In the Mn(II) state, manganese has been described to enter cells via a number of metal transport
258 mechanisms, including DCT1, ZIP8 and ZIP14 transporters (Gunshin et al., 1997; Himeno et al.,
259 2002; Garrick et al., 2003; Himeno et al., 2009; Jenkitkasemwong et al., 2012). In the Mn(III) state,
260 evidence suggests that manganese is transported via transferrin (Aschner and Aschner, 1990; Aschner
261 and Gannon, 1994). Thus, manganese uptake into a specific cell type seems to be mediated by the
262 uptake mechanisms expressed in that cell type and the oxidation state of manganese. There can be
263 competition between metals using the same transport mechanisms.

264 In cells, manganese is mainly found in the mitochondrial and nuclear fractions (Maynard and Cotzias,
265 1955). Typically, the liver, pancreas and kidneys have high manganese concentrations (Aschner and
266 Aschner, 2005). Tissues with high energy demand (e.g. brain) and high pigment content (e.g. retina,
267 dark skin) seem to have the highest manganese concentrations, although this is not supported by all
268 studies (ATSDR, 2012).

269 Average tissue concentrations are typically between 0.1 and 1 µg manganese/g wet weight (Tipton and
270 Cook, 1963; Sumino et al., 1975). The concentration in the liver is slightly higher (1.2-1.7 µg
271 manganese/g wet weight), and lowest concentrations are found in bone and fat (around 0.1 µg
272 manganese/g wet weight) (ATSDR, 2012). Mean concentrations of manganese in scalp hair are in the
273 range 1-10 µg/g (Afridi et al., 2011).

274 Published data on maternal blood concentrations of manganese during pregnancy indicate higher
275 concentrations (means range: ca. 15-20 µg/L) than the values observed in blood of the general adult
276 population (4 to 15 µg/L; Section 2.3.2.) (Takser et al., 2004; Rudge et al., 2009; Zota et al., 2009;
277 Kopp et al., 2012). Studies in mother/child pairs report manganese concentrations in cord blood which
278 are two- to three-fold higher (mean range: ~30-40 µg/L) than in maternal blood (Takser et al., 2003;
279 Takser et al., 2004; Vigeh et al., 2008; Zota et al., 2009; Kopp et al., 2012).

280 2.3.4. Storage

281 No specific storage organs or storage forms for manganese have been identified. The liver, pancreas
282 and kidneys have been reported to contain the highest manganese concentrations (Aschner and
283 Aschner, 2005; ATSDR, 2012).

284 2.3.5. Metabolism

285 Over time, Mn(II) in plasma is presumed to be oxidised to Mn(III) (ATSDR, 2012), although the
286 mechanisms involved in this conversion are not fully elucidated (Roth, 2006).

287 This is supported by the observation that the oxidation state of the manganese ion in several enzymes
288 appears to be Mn(III) (Utter, 1976; Leach and Lilburn, 1978), while most manganese intake is either
289 as Mn(II) or Mn(IV) (ATSDR, 2012).

290 2.3.6. Elimination

291 Elimination of manganese from the body is reported to vary, with a half-life between 13 and 37 days
292 (ATSDR, 2012). There are large inter-individual variations (Davidsson et al., 1989). Manganese has a
293 longer half-life in men than in women (Finley et al., 1994), which has been suggested to be related to
294 sex-related differences in iron status (Finley et al., 1994; Finley, 1999) (Section 2.3.7.). A reduction in
295 biological half-life has been observed with increased dietary manganese intakes (Finley et al., 2003),
296 indicating a role of whole-body manganese turnover rate in homeostatic response to dietary
297 manganese levels.

298 Manganese is excreted into the small intestine via bile (Buchman, 2006; ATSDR, 2012). The main
299 route of elimination is via the faeces, while very little (around 1 % of dietary intake) is excreted in the
300 urine. Typical ranges of manganese concentrations in urine are 1-8 µg/L (ATSDR, 2012). Mean

301 urinary excretion of manganese was shown to be 0.4 µg (7.0 nmol)/g creatinine in 10 healthy men, and
302 0.5 µg (9.3 nmol)/g creatinine in 47 healthy women, and was not related to oral intake of manganese
303 (Greger et al., 1990; Davis and Greger, 1992).

304 Manganese secretion into breast milk was reported to be below 1 % of intake in one balance study
305 (Schäfer et al., 2004). There is no correlation between maternal dietary intake and human milk
306 manganese concentrations (Wünschmann et al., 2003; Leotsinidis et al., 2005; Qian et al., 2010). Data
307 from studies published since 1990 showed that mean manganese concentrations varied from
308 0.8 to 30 µg/L (3-30 µg/L in Europe) (Mullee et al., 2012) (Appendix A). The concentration is
309 substantially higher in colostrum compared to mature milk (Arnaud and Favier, 1995; Krachler et al.,
310 1998; Leotsinidis et al., 2005). In mature milk, the manganese concentration appears relatively
311 constant in the first half year of breastfeeding (Arnaud and Favier, 1995; Aquilio et al., 1996; Krachler
312 et al., 1998; Friel et al., 1999; Yamawaki et al., 2005), but may decrease after six months of lactation
313 (Al-Awadi and Srikumar, 2000).

314 **2.3.7. Interaction with iron**

315 Some evidence suggests that iron and manganese can share common absorption and transport
316 mechanisms, including protein transporters such as the divalent metal transporter-1 (DMT-1) or the
317 Tf/TfR system (Fitsanakis et al., 2010). Rossander-Hulten et al. (1991) found a significant reduction of
318 iron absorption when adding manganese to a hamburger meal and to an iron-rich solution. Davidsson
319 et al. (1991b) found that adding iron to wheat bread did not significantly affect manganese absorption
320 compared to wheat bread alone. Davis et al. (1992) observed that high intakes of non-haem iron, but
321 not of haem iron, were associated with lower serum manganese concentrations and higher urinary
322 manganese concentrations. Iron supplementation (60 mg/day as ferrous fumarate for four months)
323 tended to decrease serum manganese concentrations and MnSOD activity in white blood cells, but
324 changes were statistically significant only at days 60 and 124, respectively (Davis and Greger, 1992).

325 Iron status may affect manganese absorption. Intestinal absorption of manganese was observed to be
326 increased in individuals with iron deficiency anaemia (Mena et al., 1969; Thomson et al., 1971;
327 Sandström et al., 1986). Conversely, a higher iron status (i.e. higher ferritin concentrations) has been
328 shown to be associated with significantly lower manganese absorption (Finley, 1999) and retention
329 (Momcilovic et al., 2009). In addition, absorption of manganese has been observed to be lower in men
330 as compared to women (18-40 years), which may be related to the fact that men usually have higher
331 iron stores than women (Finley et al., 1994). On a low manganese diet, Finley (1999) found that the
332 biological half-life of manganese was longer in women with low serum ferritin compared to women
333 with high serum ferritin concentrations.

334 **2.4. Biomarkers of intake and status**

335 The IoM (2001) concluded that serum/plasma or urinary manganese concentrations may be sensitive
336 to large variations in intake (i.e. very low or high intakes), but that they are not sensitive markers when
337 habitual amounts of manganese are consumed. Whole blood concentration of manganese appears to be
338 extremely variable and of limited value as a marker of intake or status (IoM, 2001). In humans,
339 MnSOD activity has been observed to increase with high intakes of manganese (15 mg/day) (Davis
340 and Greger, 1992), but is also influenced by other factors (Greger, 1999; IoM, 2001; NHMRC, 2006)
341 and therefore lacks specificity. Greger (1999) suggested that the best measurements for detecting
342 inadequate supply of manganese could be a combination of serum manganese concentration and
343 MnSOD activity, and perhaps blood arginase activity. However, no evidence is available on the effects
344 of manganese depletion on the activity of manganese-dependent enzymes in humans.

345 Hope et al. (2006) determined the influence of tea drinking on manganese intake, fasting manganese
346 concentrations in plasma and whole blood, and leukocyte expression of MnSOD and
347 aminopeptidase P, in 24 tea drinkers and 28 controls. Mean manganese intake as assessed by food
348 frequency questionnaire (FFQ) was significantly lower in non-tea drinkers (3.2 mg/day) than in tea
349 drinkers (5.5 or 10 mg/day, depending on the value used for manganese content of black tea). There

350 was no correlation between manganese intake and any of the parameters measured and no differences
351 between groups were observed, which confirms that these are not sensitive and reliable markers of
352 intake or status at usual levels of manganese intake.

353 As the faeces is the major route of excretion and less than 10 % of dietary manganese is absorbed
354 (Section 2.3.1.), faecal manganese could in theory provide a useful marker of recent dietary intake
355 (Hambidge, 2003). Faecal manganese concentration has been observed to be sensitive to various levels
356 of intake under controlled conditions (Freeland-Graves et al., 1988). However, because faecal
357 manganese is composed of unabsorbed dietary manganese and manganese excreted in bile, it is
358 influenced by a variety of factors (e.g. diet composition, previous intake) and may thus be of limited
359 use in practice.

360 No correlation has been observed between manganese intake and the manganese concentration of
361 breast milk (Wünschmann et al., 2003; Leotsinidis et al., 2005; Ljung et al., 2009; Qian et al., 2010).

362 The manganese concentration of hair and toenails, as well as magnetic resonance imaging
363 measurements to detect the presence of increased amounts of manganese in the brain, have also been
364 investigated as potential markers of chronic manganese exposure (Laohaudomchok et al., 2011;
365 ATSDR, 2012). This was mainly in the context of studies assessing occupational or environmental
366 exposure, and there is a lack of data on the association between usual dietary manganese intake and
367 these measurements.

368 Overall, the assessment of manganese intake or status using biological markers is difficult owing to
369 rapid excretion of manganese into bile, to homeostatic control, and to the lack of sensitivity of
370 biomarkers over the normal range of intakes.

371 The Panel concludes that there are no reliable and validated biomarkers of manganese intake or status.

372 **3. Dietary sources and intake data**

373 **3.1. Dietary sources**

374 Nuts, chocolate, cereal-based products, crustaceans and molluscs, pulses, fruits and fruit products are
375 rich sources of manganese (Rose et al., 2010; Anses, 2011) (Table 1).

376 Main food contributors (> 5 %) to manganese intake are cereal-based products, vegetables, fruits/fruit
377 products and beverages (coffee, tea, alcoholic beverages) (Rose et al., 2010; Anses, 2011) (Appendix
378 B). The EU legislation sets a parametric value of 50 µg/L for manganese in drinking water⁵.

379 Manganese salts permitted for use in foods⁶ and food supplements⁷ are manganese carbonate,
380 manganese chloride, manganese citrate, manganese gluconate, manganese glycerophosphate, and
381 manganese sulphate (all as Mn(II)); in addition, manganese ascorbate, manganese L-aspartate,
382 manganese bisglycinate, and manganese pidolate (all as Mn(II)) are permitted for use in food
383 supplements⁶.

384 In the EU, manganese in infant formula and follow-on formula is regulated by Directive
385 2006/141/EC⁸.

⁵ Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption, OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 23.

⁶ Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods, OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 26.

⁷ Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements, OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 51.

⁸ Commission Directive 2006/141/EC of 22 December 2006 on infant formulae and follow-on formulae and amending Directive 1999/21/EC, OJ L 401, 30.12.2006, p.1.

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387 **Table 1:** Rich sources of manganese in the French and British Total Diet Studies (Rose et al., 2010;
388 Anses, 2011)

	Mean manganese content (mg/kg)	Country
Nuts	24.9	UK
Dried fruits, nuts and seeds	11.9	France
Chocolate	8.9	France
Bread	8.0	UK
Miscellaneous cereals	8.0	UK
Bread and dried bread products	7.2	France
Sweet and savoury biscuits and bars	4.3	France
Crustaceans and molluscs	4.9	France
Pulses	4.7	France
Fruit products	4.6	UK

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390 3.2. Dietary intake

391 Data from national dietary surveys, as well as results from duplicate diet studies⁹, total diet studies¹⁰
392 (TDSs) and market basket studies¹¹ provide information on manganese intake in European countries.

393 National dietary surveys combine individual consumption data collected from dietary records, diet
394 history, 24-hour recall, or FFQs with analytical data from food composition tables (EFSA, 2009).
395 Duplicate diet studies, TDSs and market basket studies involve analysis of manganese content in
396 foods. Total Diet Studies and market basket studies are usually used to estimate average intake among
397 the general population (EFSA/FAO/WHO, 2011), while duplicate diet studies allow individual intakes
398 in selected (small) sub-groups of the population to be estimated.

399 Data on manganese intakes of infants, children and adolescents are presented in Appendix C (10
400 studies from eight EU countries), and data for adults are presented in Appendix D (17 studies from 12
401 EU countries).

402 3.2.1. Infants, children and adolescents

403 A Finnish study undertaken in infants aged 1-3 months showed mean intakes ranging from 0.5 to
404 0.9 µg/kg body weight per day, i.e. 3 to 4 µg/day (Vuori, 1979). In seven studies analysing the breast
405 milk of women residing in the EU, mean manganese concentrations in milk varied from 3 to 30 µg/L
406 (Parr et al., 1991; Arnaud and Favier, 1995; Aquilio et al., 1996; Krachler et al., 1998; Bocca et al.,
407 2000; Wünschmann et al., 2003; Leotsinidis et al., 2005). Based on this information and assuming an
408 average milk intake of 0.8 L/day (Butte et al., 2002; FAO/WHO/UNU, 2004; EFSA NDA Panel,
409 2009), the estimated mean intake of infants fed human milk as the principal food during the first six
410 months of life ranges from 2.4 to 24 µg/day.

⁹ Duplicate diet studies require the provision, for subsequent analyses, of an exact duplicate of a 24-hour food intake by an individual. It is usually done in a home setting, over a period of time (usually 3-7 days). Foods are provided as consumed, homogenised and analysed.

¹⁰ Total Diet Studies (TDSs) consist of selecting, collecting and analysing commonly consumed food purchased at retail level, processing the food as for consumption, pooling the prepared food items into representative food groups, and analysing them for substances of interest. They are designed to cover the whole diet and to measure the amount of each substance ingested by the population living in a country over their lifetime, using representative consumption data such as data from national consumption surveys (chronic dietary intake) (EFSA/FAO/WHO, 2011).

¹¹ Market basket studies are TDS-like studies where the foods are not or minimally processed before analysis. They are restricted to a predetermined set of foods.

411 National dietary surveys in children (3-14 years) showed that average daily manganese intakes vary
412 between 1.4 and 3.4 mg/day in boys and between 1.3 and 3.3 mg/day in girls. In adolescents (older
413 than 14 years), average manganese intakes were between 2.4 and 6.2 mg/day in males and between 1.9
414 and 5.4 mg/day in females (Mensink et al., 2007; Afssa, 2009; Elmadfa et al., 2009b).

415 Data from the French and British TDSs (Rose et al., 2010; Anses, 2011) indicate that French children
416 aged 3-17 years had a mean manganese intake of 1.5 mg/day, while the British data showed mean
417 intakes of 0.168 and 0.106 mg/kg body weight per day for children aged 1.5-4.5 years and 4-18 years,
418 respectively.

419 Overall, the Panel notes that mean manganese intakes in various EU countries range from around 1.5
420 to 3.5 mg/day in children, and from 2 to 6 mg/day in adolescents.

421 **3.2.2. Adults**

422 National dietary surveys from Austria (Elmadfa et al., 2009a), France (Afssa, 2009), Germany
423 (Mensink and Beitz, 2004), Hungary (Bíró et al., 2007), Ireland (IUNA, 2011) and the UK (Henderson
424 et al., 2003) reported mean daily intake estimates for manganese ranging from 2.5 to 6.6 mg in adult
425 men and from 2.0 to 5.5 mg in adult women, with most values around 3 mg/day.

426 Two national TDSs conducted in France (Anses, 2011) and the UK (Rose et al., 2010), which were
427 representative of the average diet of the population in these countries and covered most relevant
428 sources of manganese in the diet, estimated mean manganese intakes of 2.2 mg/day¹² for French adults
429 and 5.2 mg/day¹³ for British adults and children, respectively.

430 Small TDSs conducted in Finland (Vuori et al., 1980) and Italy (Turconi et al., 2009), and market
431 basket studies carried out in Spain (Marti-Cid et al., 2009; Rubio et al., 2009) and Sweden (NFA,
432 2012), provided mean manganese intakes between 1.4 and 5.5 mg/day. Because they involved specific
433 population groups (e.g. breastfeeding women), limited food sampling methods and/or sales statistics or
434 local surveys as source of consumption data, the Panel notes that these results may not be
435 representative of the average manganese intakes in these countries.

436 Mean manganese intakes estimated from duplicate diet studies in Belgium (Buchet et al., 1983),
437 Germany (Anke et al., 1991; Schäfer et al., 2004), Denmark (Bro et al., 1990) and the Netherlands
438 (Ellen et al., 1990) ranged from 2.0 mg (n = 104; Anke et al., 1991) to 2.8 mg/day (n = 28; Schäfer et
439 al., 2004) in women, and from 3.0 mg (n = 104; Anke et al., 1991) to 4.5 mg/day (n = 100; Bro et al.,
440 1990) in men.

441 Overall, the Panel notes that estimated mean manganese intakes of adults in the EU range from 2 to
442 6 mg/day, with a majority of values around 3 mg/day. Wide inter-individual variation may occur
443 depending on individual characteristics and dietary habits (e.g. vegetarian vs. mixed diet).

444 **4. Overview of Dietary Reference Values and recommendations**

445 **4.1. Adults**

446 The German-speaking countries (D-A-CH, 2012) estimated that a manganese intake of 2-5 mg/day is
447 associated with neither deficiency nor toxicity. Due to insufficient scientific evidence for deriving a
448 manganese requirement, an intake of 2-5 mg/day was derived as the Adequate Intake (AI).

449 The US Institute of Medicine (IoM, 2001) did not have sufficient data to set an Estimated Average
450 Requirement (EAR) for manganese. Because a wide range of manganese intakes can result in

¹² From the 41 food groups composing the diet, main contributors were bread and dried bread products (29 %), vegetables (including potatoes; 8 %), coffee (5 %), other hot beverages (5 %), pasta (5 %), fruit (5 %) and alcoholic beverages (5 %).

¹³ From the 20 food groups composing the diet, main contributors were beverages (41 %), miscellaneous cereals (20 %), bread (16 %) and fruit products (5 %).

451 manganese balance, balance data could not be used to set an EAR. In addition, IoM considered that
 452 because overt symptoms of manganese deficiency are not apparent in the North American population,
 453 a Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) based on balance data (Friedman et al., 1987; Freeland-
 454 Graves and Turnlund, 1996; Hunt et al., 1998) would most likely overestimate the requirement for
 455 most North American individuals. Based on the US TDS (1991-1997), the median dietary manganese
 456 intake was 2.1 to 2.3 mg/day for men and 1.6 to 1.8 mg/day for women. IoM considered that dietary
 457 intake assessment methods tend to underestimate the actual daily intake of foods, and therefore
 458 considered the highest intake value reported for the four adult age groups (19-30 years, 31-50 years,
 459 51-70 years, 71 years and over) to set the AI for each sex. The AI was set as 2.3 mg/day for men and
 460 1.8 mg/day for women.

461 Afssa (2001) stated that the requirement was estimated to be between 1 and 2.5 mg/day in adults
 462 (Freeland-Graves and Turnlund, 1996), and that dietary intakes were between 2 and 9 mg/day, but
 463 could be above 10 mg/day in vegetarians (Freeland-Graves and Turnlund, 1996; Nielsen, 1996). Afssa
 464 considered that setting a PRI for manganese for adults of all ages or for pregnant and lactating women
 465 was not justified as requirements were largely met by dietary intakes, although a reference value might
 466 be in the order of 2-3 mg/day for adults.

467 The SCF (1993) set an “Acceptable Range of Intakes” for adults at 1-10 mg/day, considering that most
 468 intakes were around 2-3 mg/day, that some reached 8.3 mg/day (Friedman et al., 1987; Hurley and
 469 Keen, 1987), that a basal average requirement of 0.74 mg/day had been derived from balance studies
 470 (Freeland-Graves et al., 1988), and that negative balances observed on dietary intakes between 1.21
 471 and 2.89 mg/day could represent homeostasis (Freeland-Graves et al., 1988).

472 The UK COMA (DoH, 1991) considered that observed population intakes were adequate
 473 (Anonymous, 1988), and derived safe intakes above 1.4 mg/day for adults.

474 The World Health Organization (WHO/FAO, 2004), the Nordic countries (NNR, 2012), and the
 475 Health Council of the Netherlands (2009) did not derive DRVs for manganese for adults.

476 **Table 2:** Overview of Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for manganese for adults

	D-A-CH (2012)	IoM (2001)	SCF (1993)	UK COMA (1991)
Type of DRV	AI ^(a) (mg/day)	AI ^(a) (mg/day)	ARI ^(b) (mg/day)	SI ^(c) (mg/day)
Age (years)	≥ 15	≥ 19	All	Adults
DRV	2-5	2.3 (men) 1.8 (women)	1-10	> 1.4

477 (a): AI, Adequate Intake

478 (b): ARI, Acceptable Range of Intakes

479 (c): SI, Safe intake; the safe intake was judged to be a level or range of intake at which there is no risk of deficiency, and
 480 below a level where there is a risk of undesirable effects.

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482 4.2. Infants and children

483 The German-speaking countries (D-A-CH, 2012) estimated AIs for infants aged 4-<12 months from
 484 observed intakes of 71 and 80 µg/kg body weight per day in Canadian infants aged six and 12 months,
 485 respectively (Gibson and DeWolfe, 1980). AIs for children and adolescents were extrapolated taking
 486 into account body weight and estimated food intake.

487 For infants, IoM (2001) derived an AI reflecting the observed mean manganese intake of infants
 488 principally fed human milk. For breast-fed infants from birth to six months, the AI was set at
 489 0.003 mg/day (after rounding), according to an average milk consumption of 0.78 L/day and an
 490 average manganese concentration in human milk of 3.5 µg/L (Casey et al., 1985; Casey et al., 1989;
 491 Aquilio et al., 1996). For older infants aged 7-12 months, two approaches were considered that

492 provided coherent results: the first one was based on the average manganese intake of infants aged 6-
 493 12 months (71-80 µg/kg body weight per day) (Gibson and DeWolfe, 1980) and the reference weights
 494 of 7 and 9 kg for these two populations; the second approach was based on extrapolation from the
 495 value for adults using reference body weights. The AI was set at 0.6 mg/day. For children, IoM (2001)
 496 considered that the few balance studies available could not be used to set an EAR. Therefore, for
 497 children aged 1-18 years, AIs were set using the median intake for each of the age groups from the US
 498 TDS: 1.22 mg/day (1-3 years), 1.48 mg/day (4-8 years), 1.57 mg/day (girls 9-13 years), 1.91 mg/day
 499 (boys 9-13 years), 1.55 mg/day (girls 14-18 years) and 2.17 mg/day (boys 14-18 years).

500 The UK COMA (DoH, 1991), the World Health Organization (WHO/FAO, 2004), the Nordic
 501 countries (NNR, 2012), the Scientific Committee for Food (SCF, 1993), Afssa (2001) and the Health
 502 Council of the Netherlands (2009) did not derive DRVs for manganese for infants and children.
 503 However, the UK COMA (DoH, 1991) considered that the observed population intakes were adequate,
 504 and that safe intakes would lie above 16 µg/kg body weight per day for infants and children.

505 **Table 3:** Overview of Dietary Reference Values (DRVs) for manganese for children

	D-A-CH (2012)	IoM (2001)
Age (months)	0-<4	0-6
AI^(a) (mg/day)	-	0.003
Age (months)	4-<12	7-12
AI (mg/day)	0.6-1.0	0.6
Age (years)	1-<4	1-3
AI (mg/day)	1.0-1.5	1.2
Age (years)	4-<7	4-8
AI (mg/day)	1.5-2.0	1.5
Age (years)	7-<10	9-13
AI (mg/day)	2-3	1.9 (boys) 1.6 (girls)
Age (years)	10-<15	14-18
AI (mg/day)	2-5	2.2 (boys) 1.6 (girls)
Age (years)	≥ 15	
AI (mg/day)	2-5	

506 (a): AI, Adequate Intake

507 **4.3. Pregnancy and lactation**

508 IoM (2001) derived an AI of 2 mg/day (after rounding) for pregnant adolescent girls aged 14-18 years
 509 and for pregnant women aged 19-50 years. The value was extrapolated from the AI of non-pregnant
 510 women considering a median weight gain of 16 kg during pregnancy (Carmichael et al., 1997), and
 511 was also coherent with intake data from the US TDS.

512 For lactating women, an AI of 2.6 mg/day (after rounding) was derived based on the median
 513 manganese intake of lactating women from the US TDS and considering that manganese deficiency
 514 has not been observed in North America. IoM also noted that approximately 3 µg manganese/day is
 515 secreted in human milk.

516 **5. Criteria (endpoints) on which to base Dietary Reference Values (DRVs)**

517 **5.1. Biomarkers as endpoints**

518 The Panel considers there are no suitable biomarkers of manganese status which can be used to
 519 estimate manganese requirements (Section 2.4.).

5.2. Balance studies on manganese

Balance studies are based on the assumption that a healthy subject on an adequate diet maintains an equilibrium or a null balance between nutrient intakes and nutrient losses: at this null balance, the intake matches the requirement determined by the given physiological state of the individual. When intakes exceed losses (positive balance), there is nutrient accretion that may be attributable to growth or to weight gain, anabolism or repletion of stores; when losses exceed intakes (negative balance), nutrient stores are progressively depleted resulting, in the long term, in clinical symptoms of deficiency. When performed at different levels of intakes, balance studies enable the quantification of obligatory losses by regression to zero. In addition to numerous methodological concerns about accuracy and precision in the determination of intakes and losses (Baer et al., 1999), the validity of balance studies for addressing requirements has been questioned: they might possibly reflect only adaptive changes before reaching a new steady-state (Young, 1986) or only the conditions for maintenance of nutrient stores in the context of a given diet, and consequently the relevance of the pool size for health still needs to be established for each nutrient (Mertz, 1987).

Two trials studied balances at various manganese intakes under controlled conditions and measured manganese balances over consecutive periods of time.

In a depletion-repletion study by Friedman et al. (1987), seven healthy males (aged 19-22 years) received a controlled purified diet containing 2.59 mg/day of manganese for three weeks, followed by a manganese-depleted purified diet containing 0.11 mg/day for 39 days, and repleted diets containing 1.53 and 2.55 mg/day, respectively, for two consecutive five-day periods. During depletion, mean balance was negative during the first two seven-day periods (-1.78 ± 1.12 and -0.16 ± 0.13 mg/day, respectively), while it became close to zero for the four following periods (0.01 ± 0.03 , 0.01 ± 0.02 , -0.01 ± 0.03 and -0.02 ± 0.03 mg/day). Mean balance was positive during the two repletion periods (0.84 ± 1.33 and 1.02 ± 0.63 mg/day, respectively). The authors observed alterations in concentrations of cholesterol, calcium, phosphorus and alkaline phosphatase in the blood, and the appearance of dermatitis in five out of the seven subjects at the end of the depletion period, which disappeared as repletion began.

Freeland-Graves et al. (1988) provided five healthy males (aged 19-20 years) with controlled diets of conventional foods supplemented with five levels of manganese. The study was divided into five periods of 21, 21, 38, 11 and 14 days, in which the mean daily intakes of manganese were 2.89, 2.06, 1.21, 3.79, and 2.65 mg, respectively. Mean balances were slightly negative during the first three periods (-0.08 ± 0.06 mg/day, 3 subjects in negative balance and 2 subjects in positive balance; -0.02 ± 0.03 mg/day, 2 subjects in negative balance and 3 subjects in positive balance; -0.09 ± 0.03 mg/day, all subjects in negative balance) and became positive during the two last periods (0.66 ± 0.05 and 0.14 ± 0.05 mg/day, all subjects in positive balance). During the initial dietary period, the two subjects who were in positive balance had the lowest pre-study dietary manganese intakes, whereas the subjects who had the greatest negative balance had the highest pre-study intakes, which indicates that initial body pools of manganese may have influenced the results of the first balance period.

Two cross-over studies were designed to measure balance at two levels of manganese intake. Hunt et al. (1998) reported mean balances to be positive in 21 women (20-42 years) consuming controlled lacto-ovo-vegetarian or omnivorous diets for eight weeks providing mean manganese intakes of 5.9 mg/day and 2.5 mg/day, respectively. In a study by Finley (1999), involving women with low ferritin (LF) or high ferritin (HF) status (LF group, $n = 11$ vs. HF group, $n = 16$) for two periods of 60 days, a low-manganese diet of ca. 0.7 mg/day resulted in slightly negative mean manganese balances (LF group: -0.01 ± 0.37 mg/day; HF group: -0.12 ± 0.49 mg/day), while mean balances were positive with a high-manganese diet of 9.5 mg/day (LF group: 1.53 ± 0.37 mg/day; HF group: 0.59 ± 0.49 mg/day). Dietary manganese intake was not significantly associated with other clinical measures (including platelet manganese, arginase activity, GSH-Px activity in erythrocytes).

569 Positive balances were observed in two women with respective mean manganese intakes of
570 2.48 mg/day and 2.62 mg/day for 27 days (McLoed and Robinson, 1978). In another study with 20
571 men and 20 women, balances did not differ significantly from zero (0.27 ± 1.07 mg/day in men vs.
572 -0.12 ± 0.49 mg/day in women, not statistically different) when subjects consumed a controlled diet
573 providing 3.51 mg/day manganese (at an energy intake of 2 000 kcal/day) for four weeks (Finley et al.,
574 1994).

575 Two seven-day balance studies by Patterson et al. (1984) and Schäfer et al. (2004) using duplicate diet
576 techniques to estimate subjects' manganese intake through self-selected diets reported negative
577 balances with manganese intakes ranging from 2.4 to 5.9 mg/day. The Panel notes that subjects' usual
578 diet was modified during the collection period in the study by Patterson et al. (1984) and that time was
579 likely too short for a new equilibrium to be reached given the half-life of manganese (13 to 37 days;
580 Section 2.3.6.).

581 A number of other balance studies rather investigated the influence of different dietary factors (e.g.
582 other minerals and various types of fibre or macronutrient sources) on manganese balance (Greger et
583 al., 1978; Spencer et al., 1979; Johnson et al., 1982; Behall et al., 1987; Hallfrisch et al., 1987;
584 Holbrook et al., 1989; Johnson and Lykken, 1991; Ivaturi and Kies, 1992; Randhawa and Kawatra,
585 1993; Hunt et al., 1995; Finley et al., 2003; Nielsen, 2004). Some of these studies used relatively low
586 amounts of manganese (around 1 mg/day) for 5-6 weeks and found mean balances to be close to zero
587 when manganese was provided in combination with high or low levels of calcium (Johnson and
588 Lykken, 1991) and high or low levels of magnesium and boron (Nielsen, 2004).

589 Overall, the Panel notes that these studies indicate that the body rather quickly adapts to varying
590 manganese intakes and that balance can be achieved across a range of intakes. Whereas intakes below
591 2.5 mg/day may also be associated with null manganese balance, null or positive balances have
592 consistently been observed with manganese intakes over 2.5 mg/day in balance studies lasting 11 to 60
593 days.

594 The Panel concludes that there are large variations in manganese intakes that result in null manganese
595 balance. Manganese balance may be influenced by the overall diet, variation in individual rates of
596 absorption or excretion, differences in body contents and adaptation to varying levels of dietary
597 manganese intake, which make comparisons between subjects and studies difficult.

598 **5.3. Manganese intake and health consequences**

599 Other criteria based on functional and health consequences of manganese intake may also be
600 considered in order to derive DRVs for manganese.

601 The relationship between manganese blood/serum concentrations, manganese content of toenails or
602 hair, and health outcomes has been examined in observational studies, where associations might be
603 confounded by the effect of dietary, lifestyle, environmental or other factors on the outcomes
604 investigated. The Panel notes that in none of these studies (e.g. Takser et al. (2004), Vigeh et al.
605 (2008), Zota et al. (2009), Henn et al. (2010) and Mordukhovich et al. (2012)) was manganese intake
606 estimated, and that manganese blood/serum concentrations and manganese content of toenails or hair
607 are not reliable and validated markers of manganese intake or status.

608 The Panel considers that the data available from these studies cannot be used to derive DRVs for
609 manganese.

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611 **6. Data on which to base Dietary Reference Values**

612 The Panel considers that the available data are insufficient to derive an AR and a PRI for manganese,
613 and therefore the Panel proposes to set an AI for all population groups. There is no indication that the
614 AI should be different according to sex.

615 **6.1. Adults**

616 The setting of an AI for manganese is based on observed manganese intakes with a mixed diet and the
617 apparent absence of signs of deficiency in Europe, suggesting that current intake levels are adequate.

618 Intake data from national dietary surveys, total diet and duplicate diet studies have shown that mean
619 intakes of adult men and women range from 2 to 6 mg/day in the EU, with a majority of values around
620 3 mg/day (Section 3.2.2.).

621 In addition, the Panel notes that null or positive balances have consistently been observed with intakes
622 of manganese above 2.5 mg/day (Section 5.2.).

623 On the basis of the available evidence, the Panel concludes that an AI can be set at 3 mg/day for
624 adults.

625 **6.2. Infants**

626 The bases for setting an AI are observed intakes of manganese together with absence of evidence of
627 signs of deficiency.

628 Gibson and DeWolfe (1980) reported an average daily manganese intake of 71 and 80 µg/kg body
629 weight at 6 and 12 months, respectively, in Canadian infants. Friel et al. (1984) reported estimated
630 mean intakes of 110 and 140 µg/kg body weight per day (0.89 and 1.46 mg/day) at 6 and 12 months,
631 respectively, in Canadian infants. The Panel notes that these estimations include the use of infant milk
632 formulae, which may have been fortified with manganese.

633 Considering a mean of 75 µg/kg body weight per day derived from the values reported by Gibson and
634 DeWolfe (1980), an intake of 0.65 mg/day is calculated for infants aged 7 to 11 months, using
635 reference body weights of infants aged 9 months (WHO Multicentre Growth Reference Study Group
636 (2006)). This is slightly higher than, but in line with, the value estimated from extrapolation of the
637 adult AI by isometric scaling, which results in 0.4 mg/day.

638 The Panel sets an AI for infants aged 7 to 11 months at the intermediate level of 0.5 mg/day.

639 **6.3. Children and adolescents**

640 The AI for children and adolescents is extrapolated from the AI for adults using isometric scaling,
641 rounded to the nearest 0.5 (Table 4).

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643 **Table 4:** Summary of Adequate Intakes for manganese for infants and children

Age	Reference weight (kg)	Adequate Intake (mg/day) ^(a)
7-11 months	8.6 ^(b)	0.5
1-3 years	11.9 ^(c)	0.5
4-6 years	19.0 ^(d)	1.0
7-10 years	28.7 ^(e)	1.5
11-14 years	44.6 ^(f)	2.0
15-17 years	60.3 ^(g)	3.0

644 (a): Calculated using isometric scaling : $AI_{child} = AI_{adult} * (\text{weight of child/weight of adult})$, where weight for adult is the
 645 average of the median body weight of 18 to 79-year-old men and women based on measured body heights of 16 500
 646 men and 19 969 women in 13 EU Member States and assuming a BMI of 22 kg/m² (see Appendix 11 in EFSA
 647 NDAPanel (2013)). Rounded to the nearest 0.5.

648 (b): Mean of body weight-for-age at 50th percentile of male and female infants aged 9 months, according to the WHO
 649 Multicentre Growth Reference Study Group (2006)

650 (c): Mean of body weight-for-age at 50th percentile of boys and girls aged 24 months, according to the WHO Multicentre
 651 Growth Reference Study Group (2006)

652 (d): Mean of body weight at 50th percentile of boys and girls aged 5 years, according to van Buuren et al. (2012)

653 (e): Mean of body weight at 50th percentile of boys and girls aged 8.5 years, according to van Buuren et al. (2012)

654 (f): Mean of body weight at 50th percentile of boys and girls aged 12.5 years, according to van Buuren et al. (2012)

655 (g): Mean of body weight at 50th percentile of boys and girls aged 16 years, according to van Buuren et al. (2012)

656 **6.4. Pregnancy and lactation**

657 No data on observed manganese intakes in pregnant women are available to the Panel. The Panel
 658 considers that the gain in body weight during pregnancy does not need to be accounted for given the
 659 homeostatic control of manganese. For lactating women, data on mean manganese intakes from small
 660 samples of Finnish and German breastfeeding women were in the range of 2.3-5.5 mg/day (Vuori et
 661 al., 1980; Schäfer et al., 2004) and only small amounts of manganese have been shown to be secreted
 662 in breast milk (Section 2.3.7.).

663 Thus, for pregnant and lactating women, the Panel proposes an AI of 3 mg/day, i.e. the same as for
 664 non-pregnant and non-lactating women.

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666 **CONCLUSIONS**

667 The Panel concludes that there is insufficient evidence to derive an Average Requirement (AR) and a
 668 Population Reference Intake (PRI) for manganese. Data on manganese intake or status and health
 669 outcomes were not available for the setting of DRVs for manganese. Thus, the Panel proposes an
 670 Adequate Intake (AI) for adults based on observed mean manganese intakes from mixed diets in the
 671 EU. It was considered unnecessary to give sex-specific values. The Panel proposes that the adult AI
 672 also applies to pregnant and lactating women. An AI is also proposed for infants and children based on
 673 extrapolation from the adult AI using isometric scaling and body weights of the respective age groups.

674 **Table 5:** Summary of Adequate Intakes for manganese

Age	Adequate Intake (mg/day)
7-11 months	0.5
1-3 years	0.5
4-6 years	1.0
7-10 years	1.5
11-14 years	2.0
15-17 years	3.0
≥ 18 years ^(a)	3.0

(a): Including pregnancy and lactation

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1062 APPENDICES

1063 A. MANGANESE CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN MILK

Reference ¹⁴	n women (number of samples)	Country	Maternal intake (mg/day)	Stage of lactation	Manganese concentration (µg/L)		
					Mean ± SD	Median	Range
Abdulrazzaq et al. (2008)	209 (205)	United Arab Emirates	Not reported	Infants aged up to 80 wk	0.93 ± 1.20	0.29	0.002-9.1
Al-Awadi and Srikumar (2000)	34 (34)	Kuwait	Not reported	0-6 mo	Kuwaitis: 6.0 ± 0.04 Non-Kuwaitis: 5.7 ± 0.02		
				6-12 mo	Kuwaitis: 4.2 ± 0.2 Non-Kuwaitis: 3.7 ± 0.3		
				12-18 mo	Kuwaitis: 3.8 ± 0.2 Non-Kuwaitis: 3.1 ± 0.1		
Anderson (1992)	7 (84)	USA	Not reported	Up to 5 mo	7.0		
Aquilio et al. (1996)	8	Italy	Not reported	2-6 d	3.9 ± 0.1		
				12-16 d	3.9 ± 0.3		
				21 d	4.1 ± 0.1		
Arnaud and Favier (1995)	82 (143)	France	Not reported	d 1	6.04 ± 3.29		
				d 2	11.81 ± 5.77		
				d 3	7.14 ± 4.12		
				d 4	5.49 ± 2.75		
				d 5	3.29 ± 1.10		
				d 6	3.02 ± 1.65		
				d 7	4.12 ± 1.10		
Bocca et al. (2000)	60 (60)	Italy	Not reported	Not reported	30 ± 2	10	
Friel et al. (1999)	19 (136)	Canada	Not reported	Wk 1		median (absolute deviation)	10-17 (median values)
				Wk 2		17.00 (10.38)	
				Wk 3		13.00 (7.41)	
				Wk 4		11.50 (7.41)	
				Wk 4		14.00 (8.90)	

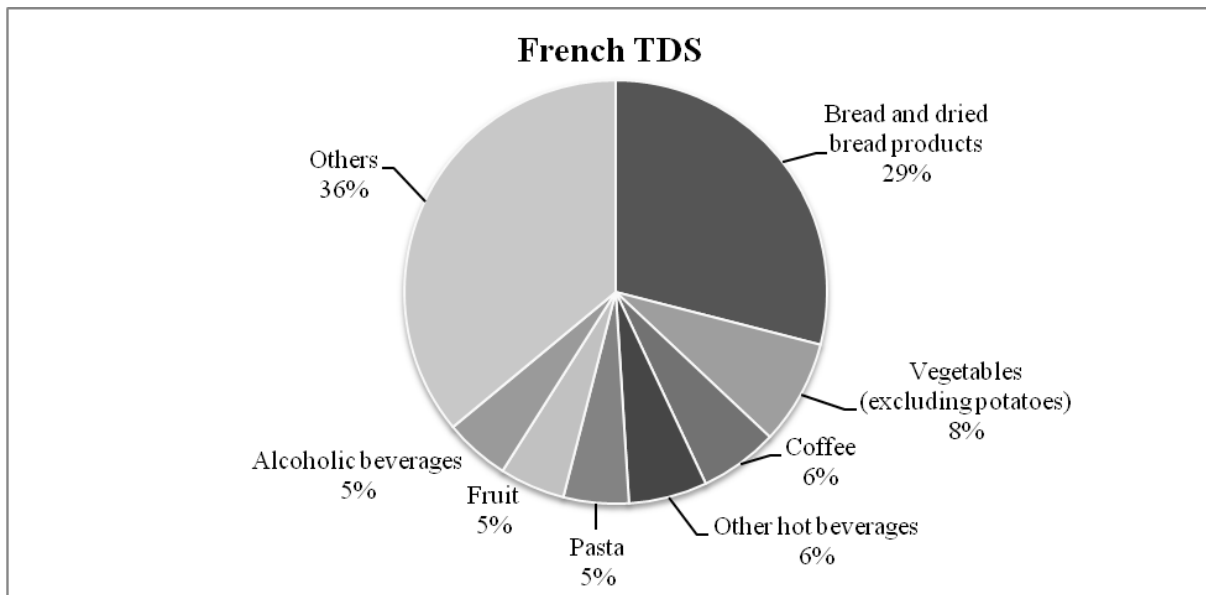
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Reference ¹⁴	n women (number of samples)	Country	Maternal intake (mg/day)	Stage of lactation	Manganese concentration (µg/L)			
					Mean ± SD	Median	Range	
				Wk 5		14.00 (7.41)		
				Wk 6		14.00 (16.31)		
				Wk 7		11.00 (10.38)		
				Wk 8		10.00 (10.38)		
				Wk 12		13.00 (13.34)		
Krachler et al. (1998)	46 (55)	Austria	Not reported	1-3 d	9.4	7.2	3.6-22	
				4-17 d	5.3	5.5	1.3-9.1	
				42-60 d	4.2	3.9	1.6-6.5	
				66-90 d	4.3	4.5	3.1-5.5	
				97-293 d	4.5	4.0	2.6-6.7	
				Overall	5.9	4.9	1.3-22	
Leotsinidis et al. (2005)	180 (275)	Greece	Non-significant correlation of Mn intake (FFQ) with breast milk levels (Nagelkere R ² value: 0.15)	d 3	4.79 ± 3.23	3.58	1.01-15.70	
				d 17	3.13 ± 2.00	2.56	0.17-9.89	
Ljung et al. (2009)	408 (67)	Bangladesh	mean of 720 µg Mn/L in water samples	2 mo	9.2	6.6	2.4-59	
Parr et al. (1991)	(84)	Guatemala	Not reported	3 mo		3.79 ± 0.29		
	(71)	Hungary				4.00 ± 0.45		
	(18)	Nigeria				15.84 ± 4.10		
	(63)	Philippines				39.55 ± 3.54		
	(31)	Sweden				3.23 ± 0.27		
	(68)	Zaire				11.21 ± 2.45		
Qian et al. (2010)	120 (120 samples)	China:	median (interquartile range)	8-10 d		median (interquartile range)		
		Yangpu				7.9 (7.0, 9.4)		19 (16, 21)
		Hongkou				7.2 (6.1, 7.9)		19 (17, 21)
		Jingan				8.8 (6.2, 12.9)		18 (16, 21)
		Chongming				8.5 (7.4, 9.0)		7 (5, 13)

Reference ¹⁴	n women (number of samples)	Country	Maternal intake (mg/day)	Stage of lactation	Manganese concentration (µg/L)		
					Mean ± SD	Median	Range
Sharma and Pervez (2005)	35 (35) maternal age: 20-25 y 25-30 y 30-35 y 35-40 y 40-45 y	India	Not reported	Up to 1 wk	below detection		
					below detection		
					below detection		
					0.8 ± 0.1		
					1.5 ± 0.8		
Tripathi et al. (2000)	(25)	India	2.21 (range: 0.67-4.99)	Not reported	1.0		0.69-1.8
Wünschmann et al. (2003)	(23)	Germany	3.5 ± 46 %	2-71.2 wk	4.6 ± 28 %		1.5-290
Yamawaki et al. (2005)	(1167)	Japan	Not reported	Summer	9 ± 16		
				Winter	12 ± 29		
				1-5 d	12 ± 8		
				6-10 d	18 ± 53		
				11-20 d	25 ± 66		
				21-89 d	8 ± 22		
				90-180 d	12 ± 11		
				181-365 d	9 ± 11		
Overall	11 ± 23						

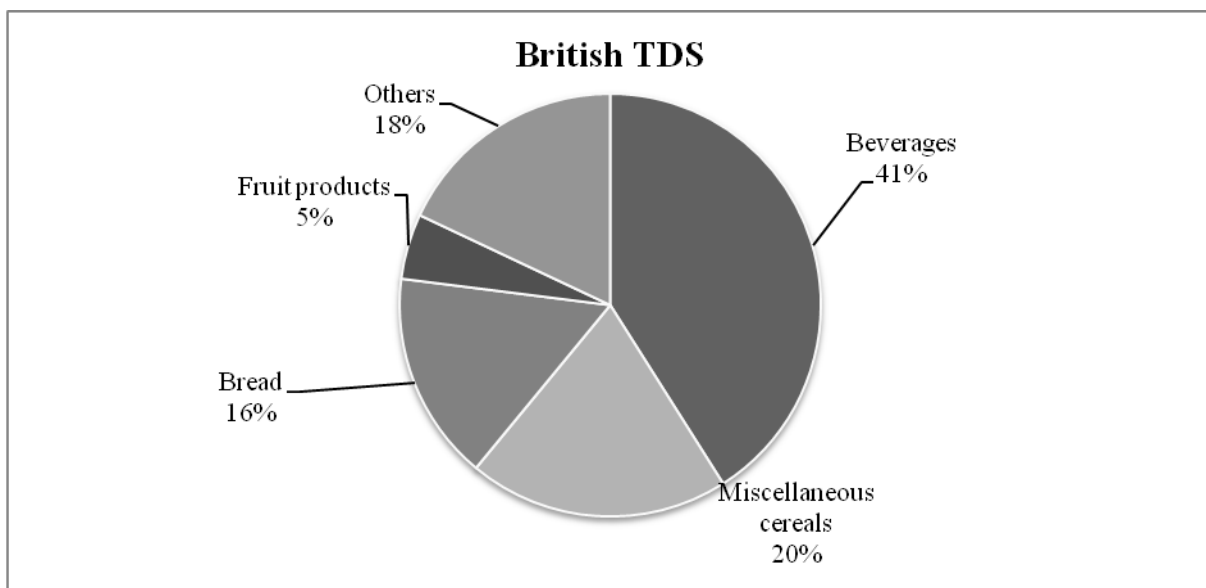
d: day; wk: week; mo: month; y: year

1064 **B. MAIN FOOD CONTRIBUTORS TO MANGANESE INTAKE IN THE FRENCH AND BRITISH TOTAL**
 1065 **DIET STUDIES**



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1067 Based on Anses (2011)



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1069 Based on Rose et al. (2010)

1070 **C. MANGANESE INTAKE AMONG CHILDREN IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

1071 **Table 6:** National Dietary Surveys (mg Mn/day)

Country	Data source	Method	Year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/day)	P5 (mg/day)	P95 (mg/day)
Austria	Elmadfa et al. (2009b)	3-d record	2007	7-9	Boys	146	3.0	1.3		
					Girls	146	2.9	1.2		
				10-14	Boys	248	3.2	1.5		
					Girls	248	2.8	1.1		
France	(Afssa, 2009)	7-d record	2006-2007	3-10	Boys	n.a.	1.8	0.7		
					Girls	n.a.	1.7	0.7		
				11-14	Boys	n.a.	2.3	0.7		
					Girls	n.a.	2.0	0.6		
				15-17	Boys	n.a.	2.4	0.8		
					Girls	n.a.	2.0	0.7		
Germany	Mensink et al. (2007)	Dietary history	1998	6-11	Boys	626	3.4		1.6	6.1
					Girls	608	3.3		1.7	5.9
				12-17	Boys	622	6.2		2.5	12.7
					Girls	650	5.4		2.2	11.9
Ireland	Elmadfa et al. (2009b)	7-d weighed record	2005-2008	5-6	Boys	72	1.4	0.5		
					Girls	72	1.3	0.5		
				7-9	Boys	110	1.7	0.8		
					Girls	110	1.6	0.6		
				10-12	Boys	109	1.8	0.8		
					Girls	109	1.7	0.6		
				13-17	Boys	224	2.5	1.5		
					Girls	217	1.9	0.8		
Portugal	Elmadfa et al. (2009b)	Food frequency questionnaire	n.a.	13	Boys	987	3.8	1.5		
					Girls	987	3.7	1.6		
Slovenia	Elmadfa et al. (2009b)	Food frequency questionnaire	n.a.	15-18	Boys	1 010	5.6	3.9		
					Girls	1 214	4.2	2.8		

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1074 **Table 7:** Duplicate diet studies, total diet studies, market basket studies (mg Mn/day)

Country	Data source	Method	Population	Age	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	P5 (mg/day)	P95 (mg/day)
Finland	Vuori (1979)	Concentration of breast milk samples multiplied by average intake of energy at 1, 2 and 3 mo: 464, 406, 393 kJ/kg bw per day for girls, 485, 418, 402 kJ/kg bw per day for boys	Full-term healthy infants (initially n=27), studied from birth, exclusively breast-fed apart from water, vitamin D concentrate and diluted fruit juice	1 mo	Boys and girls	23	0.004		
				2 mo	Boys and girls	18	0.003		
				3 mo	Boys and girls	14	0.003		
France	Anses (2011)	2 nd TDS. Analysed food samples. Food consumption data from INCA2.	Under-reporters excluded	3-17 y	Boys and girls	1 444	1.5	0.7	2.6

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bw, body weight; mo, month; y, year; TDS, Total Diet Study.

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1078 **Table 8:** Duplicate diet studies, total diet studies, market basket studies (mg Mn/kg bw per day)

Country	Data source	Method	Population	Age	Sex	n	Mean (mg/kg bw per day)	Median (mg/kg bw per day)	P97.5 (mg/kg bw per day)
Finland	Vuori (1979)	Concentration of breast milk samples multiplied by average intake of energy at 1, 2 and 3 mo: 464, 406, 393 kJ/kg bw per day for girls, 485, 418, 402 kJ/kg bw per day for boys	Full-term healthy infants (at birth, n=27, lower number afterwards), studied from birth,	1 mo	Boys	12		0.0009	
					Girls	11		0.0009	
			2 mo	Boys and girls	23	0.0009			
				Boys	9		0.0006		
			3 mo	Girls	9		0.0005		
				Boys and girls	18	0.0006			
				Boys	7		0.0006		
				Girls	7		0.0004		
	Boys and girls	14	0.0005						
United Kingdom	Rose et al. (2010)	2006 UK TDS. Composite samples: 20 food groups (combined from 119 food categories) collected from 24 randomly selected towns, prepared and analysed. Proportions of the foods within a group: representative of the average UK household diet. Consumption data: NDNS study.	Toddlers	1.5-4.5 y	Boys and girls	n.a.	0.168		0.305
			Older children	4-18 y	Boys and girls	n.a.	0.106		0.201

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bw, body weight; mo, month; y, year; TDS, Total Diet Study

1081 **D. MANGANESE INTAKE AMONG ADULTS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

1082 **Table 9:** National Dietary Surveys (mg Mn/day)

Country	Data source	Method	Year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/day)	P2.5 (mg/day)	P97.5 (mg/day)
Austria	Elmadfa et al. (2009a)	3-d record		≥ 65	Men	147	4.3	1.7		
					Women	202	4.4	2.0		
France	(Afssa, 2009)	7-d record	2006-2007	18-79	Men	776	3.1	1.2		
					Women	1 142	2.7	1.2		
Germany	Mensink and Beitz (2004)	Food frequency questionnaire	1998	18-79	Men (West Germany)	581	5.9		(95 % CI: 5.6-6.2)	
					Women (West Germany)	815	5.1		(95 % CI: 4.8-5.3)	
					Men (East Germany)	1 182	6.6		(95 % CI: 6.4-6.7)	
					Women (East Germany)	1 452	5.5		(95 % CI: 5.4-5.6)	
Hungary	Bíró et al. (2007)	3-d record	2003-2004	18-34	Men	136	2.6	5.7		
					Women	176	2.0	2.8		
				35-59	Men	199	3.8	11.2		
					Women	295	2.4	4.6		
				≥ 60	Men	138	2.1	0.8		
					Women	235	2.9	12.6		
Ireland	IUNA (2011)	4-d record	2008-2010	18-64	Men	634	3.6	1.7		
					Women	640	3.3	3.3		
				≥ 65	Men	106	4.0	1.6		
					Women	120	3.6	1.9		
United Kingdom	Henderson et al. (2003)	7-d weighed record	2000-2001	19-64	Men	833	3.32	1.42	1.33	6.83
					Women	891	2.69	1.10	0.95	5.31

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1086 **Table 10:** Duplicate diet studies, total diet studies, market basket studies (mg Mn/day)

Country	Data source	Method	Additional methodological information	Population/location/ year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/ day)	Median (mg/day)	P5 (mg/ day)	P95 (mg/ day)
Denmark	Bro et al. (1990)	Duplicate diet study	48-hour duplicate food portions (self-selected diets). Subjects were asked to record all food and beverages consumed in a four-day period including one week-end day, in March-May 1988. During two of the four days, they were asked to collect an exact duplicate of each item of food or beverage that had been consumed.	Random sample among men in one urban (Odense) and two rural areas	30-34	Men	100	4.5	2.2	3.9		
Finland	Vuori et al. (1980)	Total diet study	Primipara, volunteers from a maternity ward in Helsinki. Dietary data were obtained from two seven-day food records. The first record (1 st survey wk) was kept between 6 and 8 wk and the 2 nd record (2 nd survey wk) between 17 and 22 wks postpartum. A mixture representing the calculated average daily food consumption for both survey wks separately was prepared from the foodstuffs bought from supermarkets in the Helsinki area, and analysed.	1 st survey wk 2 nd survey wk	24-35 24-35	Women Women	15 15	4.45 5.49	1.13 1.75			

Country	Data source	Method	Additional methodological information	Population/location/ year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/ day)	Median (mg/day)	P5 (mg/ day)	P95 (mg/ day)
France	Anses (2011)	Total Diet Study	A total of 41 food groups, sub-divided in 212 different food items, were selected, covering around 90 % of dietary consumption in the adult and child populations. Approximately 20 000 foods were purchased in ~thirty towns across France, combined into 1 319 composite samples representative of French shopping baskets and consumer purchases. 'As consumed' food samples were analysed by ICP-MS. Analytical results were combined with food consumption data from INCA2.	Under-reporters excluded	18-79	Men and women	1 918	2.16			1.07	3.55
Germany	Anke et al. (1991)	Duplicate diet study	24-h duplicates of all meals and beverages, as well as fruit, sweets, beverages consumed outside meals, over seven consecutive days. Two areas in Brandenburg (Wusterhausen, Vetschau) and two in Thuringia (Jena, Bad Langensalza)	Bad Langensalza Jena Vetschau Wusterhausen	20-60 20-60 20-60 20-60	Men Women Men Women Men Women	28 28 28 28 28 28	2.9 2.1 2.8 2.0 2.5 2.3	0.94 0.74 0.98 0.53 0.98 1.1			
Germany	Schäfer et al. (2004)	Duplicate diet study	Subjects of 21 test groups (17 of which consisted of at least seven men and seven women) collected the exact 24-h duplicate portions of all foods and beverages including water consumed on seven consecutive days.	1988 1996 1992	20-69 20-69 20-69	Men Women Men Women Men Women	28 28 31 31 42 42	3.0 2.1 2.7 2.4 3.4 2.8	1.2 0.91 1.2 1.2 1.4 1.3			
Germany	Schäfer et al. (2004)	Duplicate diet study	Subjects of 21 test groups (17 of which consisted of at least seven men and seven women) collected the exact 24-h duplicate portions of all foods and beverages	Breast-feeding, without supplementation	21-25	Women	14	2.307	1.044			

Country	Data source	Method	Additional methodological information	Population/location/ year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/ day)	Median (mg/day)	P5 (mg/ day)	P95 (mg/ day)
				Non-breast-feeding, without supplementation	21-25	Women	14	2.955	1.342			
Italy	Turconi et al. (2009)	modified Total Diet Study	Choice of foods from the Italian Household National Survey (IHNS) 1994-1996. Foods aggregated into six main groups. Most samples collected in a university cafeteria (raw, cooked, ready-to-eat), over two consecutive wks in July 2004 (n=226 samples). Some traditional breakfast foods and a few foods included in the IHNS that were not served at the cafeteria were purchased at three local supermarkets (n=22 samples). Samples were pooled and analysed, and the content was multiplied by the average consumption by NW Italian adult population.	Pavia (Northern Italy)		Men and women		1.38				
Netherlands	Ellen et al. (1990)	Duplicate diet study	Duplicate portions of 24-hour diets. Two groups (n=56 each) in two periods of one wk each, in October 1984 and March 1985. On each day of these two wks, weekends included, eight persons collected a duplicate portion of all their foods and drinks as consumed.	Bilthoven	18-74	Men and women	110	3.3		3.2		
Spain	Martí-Cid et al. (2009)	Market basket study	In July 2006, food samples were randomly purchased from local markets, supermarkets and grocery stores from Tarragona county, Catalonia, near a waste incinerator. For each of the 24 kinds of food selected, 15 samples were collected and analyzed (360 samples). Food consumption data from regional nutritional survey (ENCAT) were used.	Estimated intake for a man (70 kg bw)		Men		2.23				

Country	Data source	Method	Additional methodological information	Population/location/ year of survey	Age (years)	Sex	n	Mean (mg/day)	SD (mg/ day)	Median (mg/day)	P5 (mg/ day)	P95 (mg/ day)
Spain	Rubio et al. (2009)	Market basket study	420 food and drink samples collected in local markets, supermarkets and grocery stores from January 2001 to June 2002. Several brands of each product, representing the most frequently consumed in the Canary Islands, were analysed. Food consumption data from regional nutritional survey (ENCA) were used, based on 24-h recall administered on two non-consecutive days, and a food frequency questionnaire of 77 food items.	Canary Islands	Adults and teenagers			2.37				
Sweden	NFA (2012)	Market basket study	Collection of food baskets, in Uppsala in May-June 2010 (and in autumn for fruits, vegetables and potatoes), from five Swedish major grocery chains, by using a shopping list based on per capita food consumption data derived from production and trade statistics; supplementary purchase statistics for fish and fats for 2009/2010). Market baskets divided into 12 food groups and analysed as purchased (n=123 samples).		Adults and children		4					
United Kingdom	Rose et al. (2010)	Total Diet Study	Composite samples for 20 food groups (combined from 119 food categories) collected from 24 randomly selected towns, prepared and analysed by ICP-MS. Relative proportion of each food within a group reflected its importance in the average UK household diet. Consumption data of the food groups from the NDNS study were used.		Adults and children			5.24				

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bw, body weight; d: day; wk: week; mo, month, y, year; TDS, Total Diet Study

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1090 **Table 11:** Duplicate diet studies, total diet studies, market basket studies (mg Mn/kg bw per day)

Country	Data source	Method	Additional methodological information	Population and other information	Age (years)	Sex/ Group	Mean (mg/kg bw per day)	P97.5 (mg/kg bw per day)
United Kingdom	(Rose et al., 2010)	Total Diet Study	Composite samples for 20 food groups (combined from 119 food categories) collected from 24 randomly selected towns, prepared and analysed by ICP-MS. Proportions of the foods within a group were representative of the average UK household diet. Consumption data from the NDNS study were used.		16-64	Adults	0.067	0.124
				Elderly, free living.	≥ 65	Adults	0.056	0.112
				Elderly, institutional.	≥ 65	Adults	0.05	0.121

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bw: body weight

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Afssa	Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments
AI	Adequate Intake
Anses	Agence nationale de la sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail
AR	Average Requirement
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
COMA	Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy
D-A-CH	Deutschland- Austria- Confoederatio Helvetica
DCT	Divalent Cation Transporter
DMT	Divalent Metal Transporter
DoH	Department of Health
DRV	Dietary Reference Value
EAR	Estimated Average Requirement
EC	European Commission
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
ENCAT	Evaluation of Nutritional Status in Catalonia
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FFQ	Food Frequency Questionnaire
INCA	Enquête Individuelle et Nationale sur les Consommations Alimentaires
ICP-MS	Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry
IoM	U.S. Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences
IUNA	Irish Universities Nutrition Alliance
HF	High Ferritin
LF	Low Ferritin
Mn	Manganese
MnSOD	Manganese Superoxide Dismutase

NDNS	National Diet and Nutrition Survey
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NNR	Nordic Nutrition Recommendations
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
PRI	Population Reference Intake
RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowance
SCF	Scientific Committee for Food
SI	Safe Intake
TDS	Total Diet Study
UK	United Kingdom
UL	Tolerable Upper Intake Level
WHO	World Health Organization
ZIP	Zrt/IRT-like Protein

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