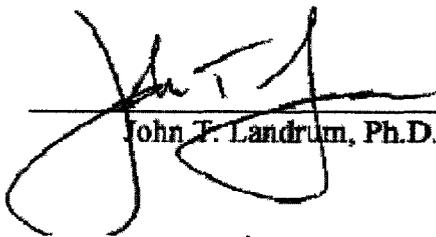


G) EXPERT PANEL CONSENSUS STATEMENT

The undersigned, an independent panel of recognized experts qualified by their scientific training and relevant national and international experience to evaluate the safety of food and nutritional ingredients, was requested by Cognis Corporation to review its qualified health claim petition and determine if the proposed qualified health claim is supported by the scientific evidence and that the scientific evaluation represents a reasonable and balanced representation and interpretation of the pertinent scientific literature. The Scientific Panel independently evaluated the petition and other materials deemed appropriate or necessary. Following independent, critical evaluation, the Scientific Panel conferred and unanimously agreed to the decision described below.

Based upon a critical review and analysis of the information summarized herein, the Expert Panel determined that the scientific evidence in the published literature supports the qualified health claim requested for lutein esters as a source of lutein and reduction of the risk of two specific eye diseases. Further, the Expert Panel considers that the petition presents a reasonable and balanced representation and interpretation of the pertinent scientific literature with regard to potential health benefits of increased intake of lutein from lutein esters in the diet and reduction of the chronic age-related eye diseases of macular degeneration and cataract development.



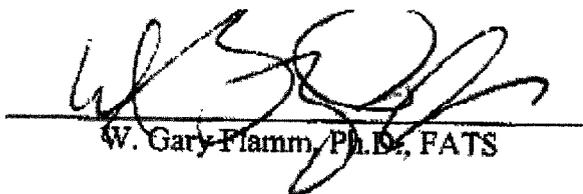
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