

August 30, 2022

David Brown Chinova Bioworks Inc. 50 Crowther Lane Suite 100 Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Re: Docket Number FDA-2022-P-0293

Dear Mr. Brown:

This responds to your citizen petition dated March 4, 2022, under docket number (FDA-2022-P-0293), requesting that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) amend our Guidance for Industry: Scientific Evaluation of the Evidence on the Beneficial Physiological Effects of Isolated or Synthetic Non-Digestible Carbohydrates, to consider meta-analyses in our evaluations, to support the physiological benefits of dietary fiber, provided that the meta-analysis includes all studies from which scientific conclusions can be drawn, and sufficient detail on each individual study included in the meta-analysis is provided as part of the submission.

We are advising you, in accordance with Title 21 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, section 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of its receipt, nor as of the date of this letter, because of other agency priorities and limited availability of resources. When we complete our review of your petition, we will notify you of our decision. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Claudine Kavanaugh, PhD, MPH, RD Director Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition