



Evaluation Summary Report

Working Group: Models of Produce Contamination Meeting 1

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Figure 1. Responses for ‘As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of...’

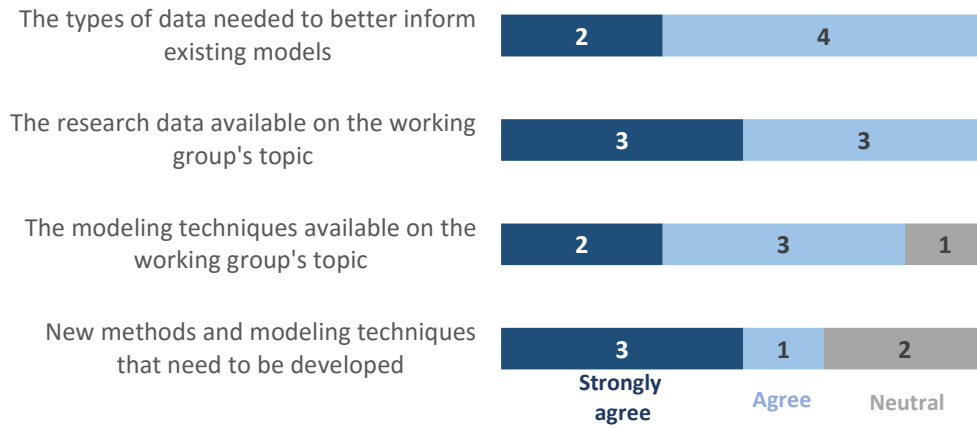


Figure 2. Satisfaction agreement for working group meeting one



6 participants found the working group had an effective format or achieving its goals.

0 participants found it not effective.

Figure 3. Frequencies of yes/no responses to survey questions with open-ended feedback

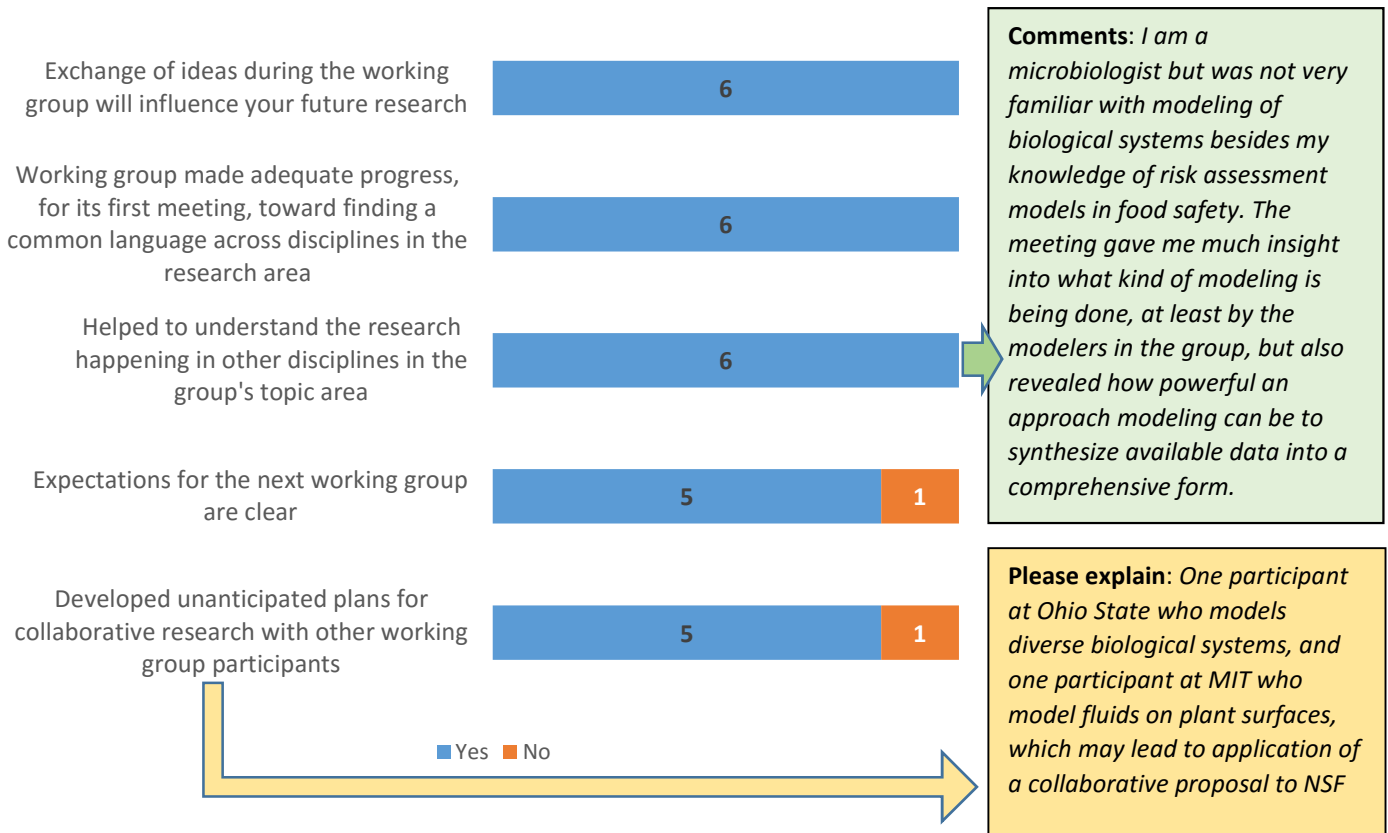
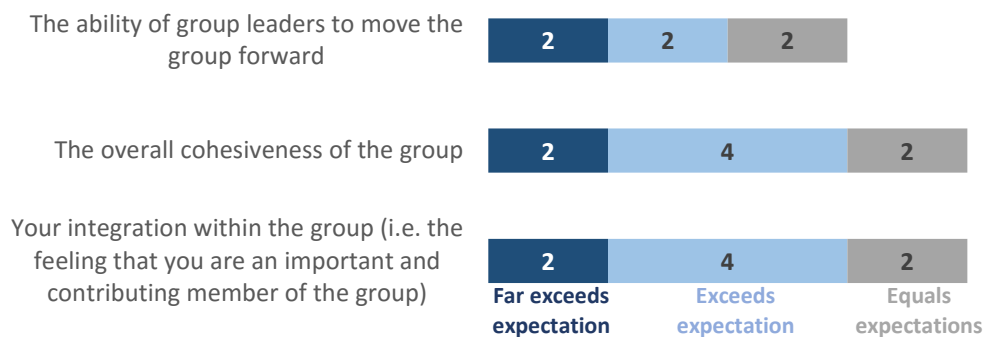


Figure 4. Agreement ratings, using a scale of Far short of expectations to Far exceeds expectations, to how the following aspects of your working group compared to your expectations before becoming a member of the group



Open-ended feedback: “What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?”

I really like the different background of this workgroup. Different person has different knowledge scope. First, it is challenge to find a common language to communicate, but after we understand each other, it will be very productive to go.

It very effectively brought together a very diverse group of people.

The realization that we can do much more by pooling our individual expertise and data than the sum of them.

Diversity of experience. Theoretical, practical

Each participant share their experience and target research questions for modelling were identified learning from different members of the group about the main ideas that may move the field forward.

Open-ended feedback: “Additional comments:”

I was saddened to learn that NIMBioS is coming to a close of its funding by NSF. I see the working groups as a very effective way of bringing together mathematicians and biologists. I would never have had the opportunity to meet or collaborate with modelers had it not be of my participation in this working group. Nor would they have worked closely with me to make good use of data. I really felt at the meeting that the NIMBioS working group was a unique opportunity to bring us all together, and not just to exchange ideas but to produce a tool from it.

There is so much potential for creative application of theory to solving practical problems.

Thanks to the staff for helping make the meeting a success.