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6. Pathology and Hygiene

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 2 invited presentations

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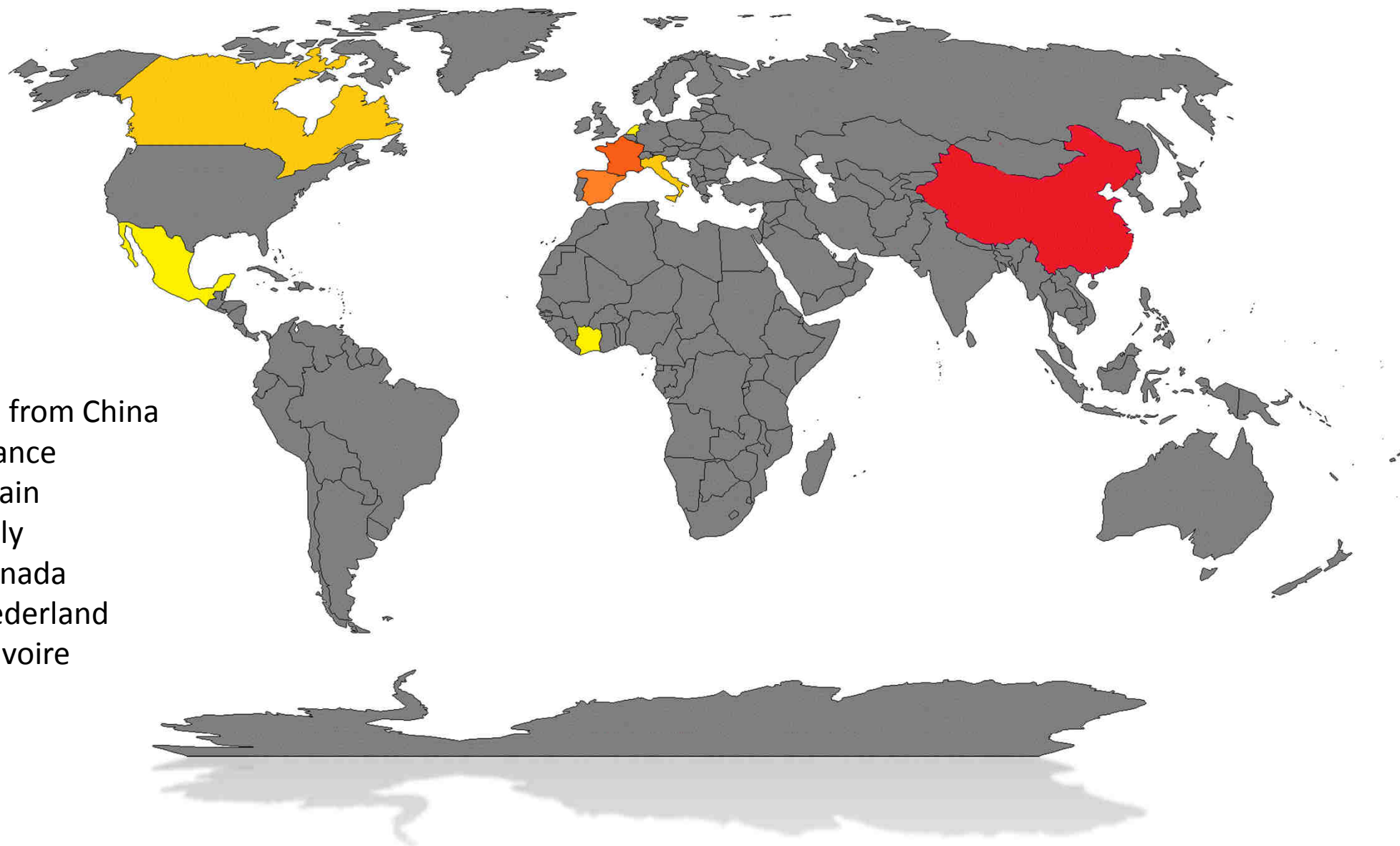
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6.1 Pathology and Hygiene

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Country of the scientific papers



14 papers from China

6 from France

4 from Spain

3 from Italy

2 from Canada

1 from Nederland

1 Cote d'ivoire

1 Mexico

Invited paper: **Recent advances in ERE growing rabbits**

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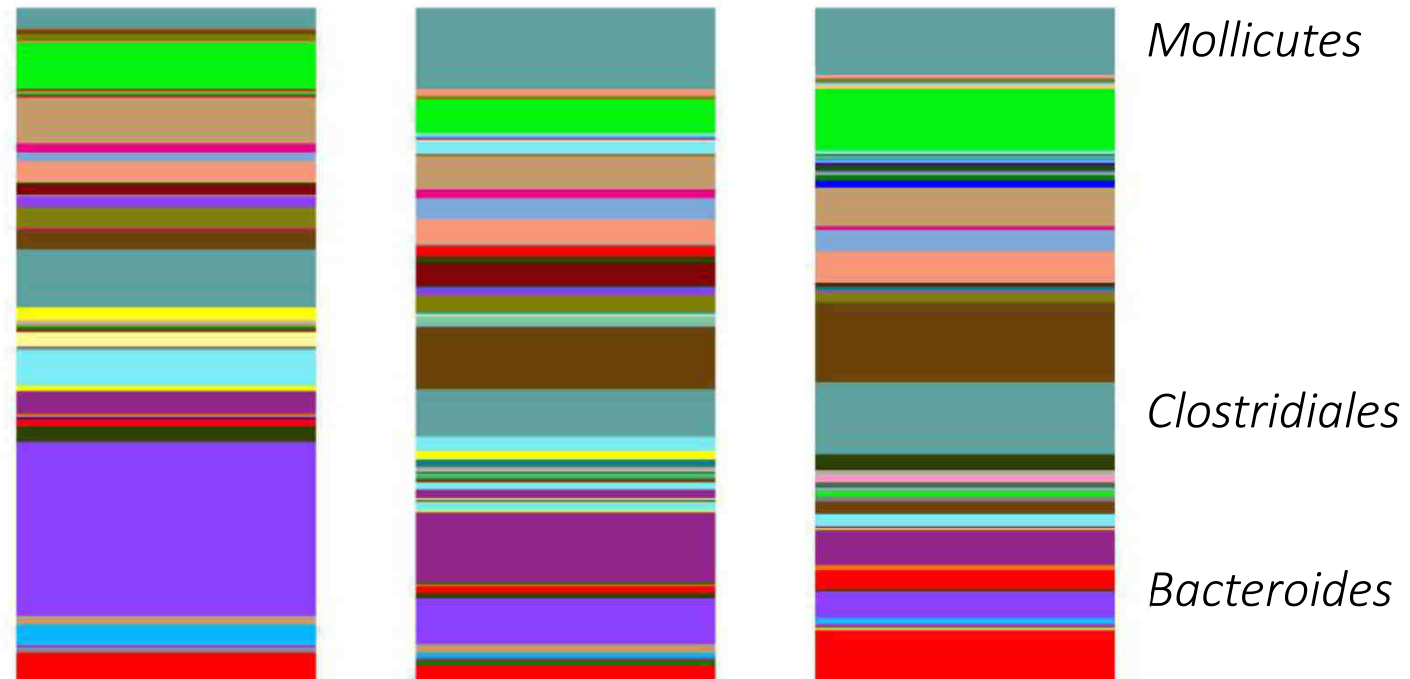
AIM

- Microbiota profile in rabbit of different ages
- Comparative analysis of the ERE-related and ERE- non related *Cl. perfringens*
- A new way to control negative effects of ERE, inoculating different strains of *Bacteroides* spp.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

- Sampling cecal microbiota in rabbit with/without ERE, fed different diets
- QRT-PCR of 10 young rabbit/doe to analyze the *in vivo* effect of some *Bacteroides* spp. strains (*B. dorei*, *B. fragilis* CV-0293, *B. fragilis* CV-0315, *B. acidifaciens*, control)

RESULTS



Microbiota profile of rabbit with 25, 39 or 70 d

- *Bacteroides* was the most frequent Operational Taxonomic Unit at 25d, and then it decreases
- *Mollicutes* was present at low level at 25 d and then it increases
- *Clostridiales* were similar in all the ages

Rabbits with ERE showed **dysbiosis**,

correlation between ERE – microbiota different/genus species isn't sufficient to confirm the pathogenesis of ERE.

RESULTS

The electrophoretic profile of the of different *C. perfringens* strains associated with the ERE symptomatology showed proteins that are not present in *C. perfringens* strains without ERE association.

Bacteroides dorei CV-0183, *Bacteroides fragilis* CV-0293, *Bacteroides fragilis* CV-0315 reduced the pro-inflammatory cytokines and increased the expression of the MHC II gene.

The reduction of inflammation and the activation of macrophages and dendritic cells could < ERE

The use of the *Bacteroides dorei* and *fragilis* (CV-293 e CV-315) for their probiotic effect on rabbit with ERE is still studying.

CONCLUDING

- ERE is a high mortality disease in rabbit characterized by a specific intestinal dysbiosis.
- Specific strains could play a principal role in the pathogenesis or in the control of negative effects of ERE
- This group continue its research on *C. perfringens* and *Bacteroides fragilis* or *dorei*, to evaluate a vaccine against ERE and to develop a probiotic that could help to the control of ERE.

Coccidiosis in rabbit

↗ Prevalence of coccidiosis in domestic rabbits in the three gorges reservoir area of China.

Yang R., Cao L.T., Fu L.Z., Wang Y.K., Tan Q.H., Li C.X., Zhang Y.F., Xu D.F., Wang X.Y.
(China)

↗ Rabbit's coccidian species in a tropical endemic area.

Kimsé M., Dakouri S.A., Koné M.W., Komoin O. C., Coulibaly M. , Yapi Y.M., Fantodji
A.T., Otchoumou A. (Côte d'Ivoire)

Coccidiosis in rabbit

↗ Prophylactic and therapeutic efficacy of ponazuril against rabbit coccidiosis.

Li Y., Wang Y., Tao G., Cui Y., Suo X., Liu X..(China)

↗ *Eimeria media*: selection and characterization of a precocious line.

Gu X., Wang Y., Fang S., Li C., Tao G., Cui P., Suo X., Liu X. (China)

↗ Attenuation of *Eimeria intestinalis* through selection of a precocious line.

Li C., Wang Y., Tao G., Gu X., Suo X., Liu X. (China)

↗ Cloning and characterizing profilin gene from rabbit coccidia *Eimeria magna*.

Tao G., Wang Y., Li C., Gu X, Liu X., Suo X. (China)

↗ Transgenic *Eimeria magna* expresses eYFP throughout the entire life cycle.

Tao G., Wang Y., Li C, Liu X., Suo X. (China)

↗ Stable transfection of *Eimeria intestinalis* and investigation of its life cycle, reproduction and immunogenicity.

Shi T., Tao G., Bao G., Suo J., Fu Y., Hao L., Suo X. (China)

↗ Protection of rabbits against coccidiosis by co-infection with *Eimeria magna*, *E. intestinalis* and *E. media*.

Wang Y., Tao G., Li C., Gu X., Suo X., Liu X. (China)

Other parasites in rabbit

↗ Antifungal activity of ethanol extract of *Phellodendron amurense* and *Cochinchina mormodica* against *Microsporum canis*-induced dermatitis in rabbits.



Xiao C., Liu Y., Ji Q., Wei Q., Li K., Pan L., Bao G. (China)

↗ Sainfoin in rabbit diet: impact on performances and on a nematode challenge.

Legendre H., Hoste H., Gidenne T. (France)





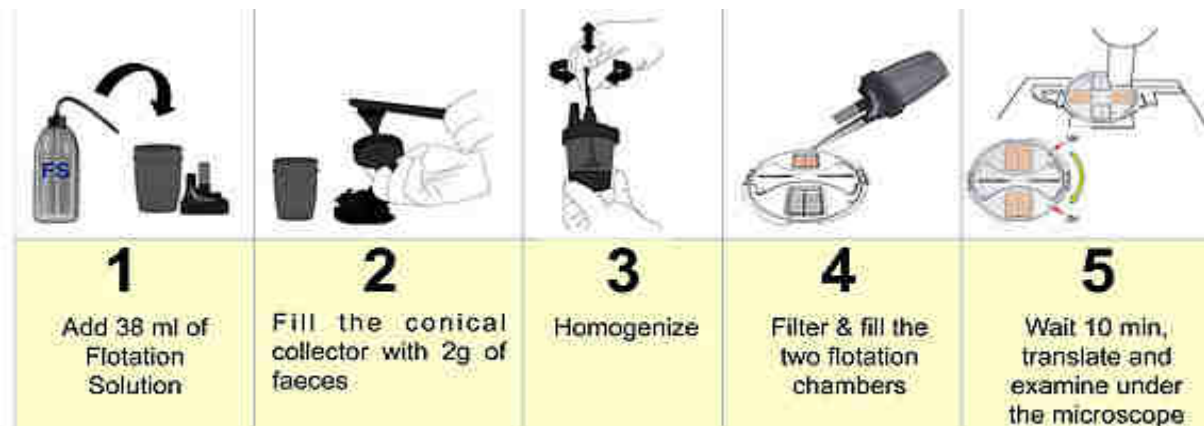
Natural *Passalurus ambiguus* infestation in a rabbit farm. Interest of the mini flotac method to assess helminth eggs and to ensure 1 year follow-up of animals after flubendazole based treatments.

Le Normand B., Chatellier S., Mercier P. (France)

AIM: to assess the helminth status of the farm and to ensure the follow up of animals after treatment by using copromicroscopic MINI-FLOTAC method

MATERIAL AND METHOD:

- Fecal samples collected at noon and at the end of the day at each season time for one year in a intensive breeding rabbit farm
- Mini FLOTAC method
- Treatment if eggs detected



Analytic sensitivity & multiplication factor =
10 EPG, LPG, OPG, CPG



RESULTS

- The most sensitive animals were young animals of 12 to 15 week old and non-pregnant does till the second cycle of production.
- Despite a first treatment in winter, positive fecal samples collected in the other period of the year showed new infestation in animals:
 - Sticky eggs of pinworms are laid by the worms in the perianal skin
 - Environment egg contamination?
 - Lack of efficacy?



CONCLUSION

Passalurus ambiguus is a parasite frequently encountered in rabbit farms.

The quantitative coprological diagnosis for assessing helminth eggs without using necropsy on rabbits should be recommended.

The Mini Flotac method met all the requirements for a simple sensitive test.

Targeted animals for sampling procedure and follow-up i.e., nulliparous, primiparous and inseminated but non-pregnant rabbits are the key success.



Antimicrobial consumption and antimicrobial resistance in rabbit

↗ Antimicrobial resistance and drug consumption in rabbit farming.

Agnoletti F, Brunetta R., Bonfanti L., Ferro T., Guolo A., Marcon B., Puiatti C., Bano L. (Italy)

↗ Evaluation of antimicrobial resistance in Ontario commercial meat rabbits.

Kylie J, Reid-Smith R., McEwen S., Weese J.S., Boerlin P., and Turner P.V. (Canada)

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6.2 Pathology and Hygiene

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Main paper

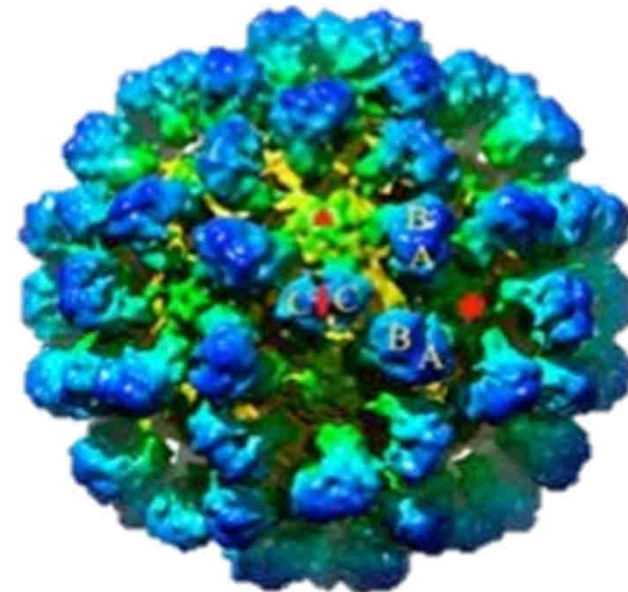
Pathology and Hygiene

CONTROL OF RABBIT COCCIDIOSIS AND RABBIT HAEMORRHAGIC DISEASE: IMPACT OF RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY

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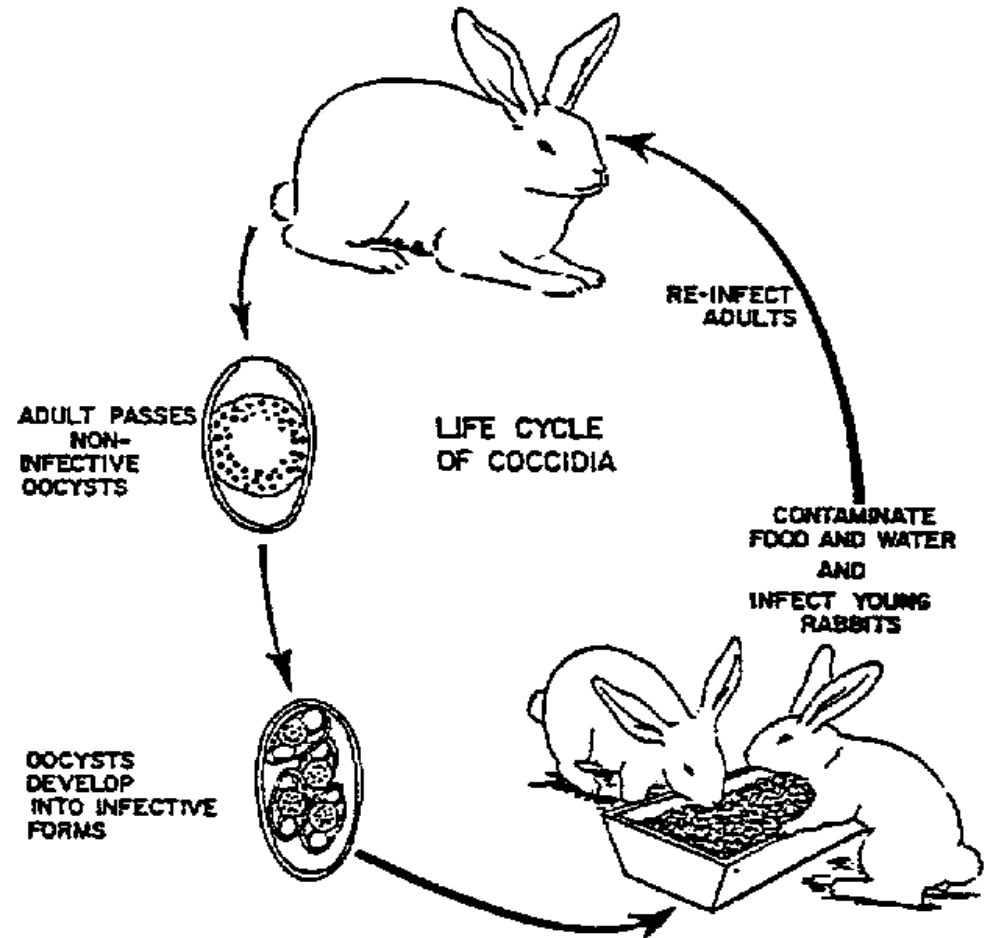
Coccidia



RHDV

Rabbit coccidiosis

| Species | Intestinal segment (except <i>E. stiedai</i>) |
|------------------------|---|
| <i>E. coecicola</i> | appendix, sacculus rotundus, Peyer's patches |
| <i>E. exigua</i> | duodenum–ileum; successively moves from proximal to distal parts of the small intestine |
| <i>E. flavescens</i> | 1st AG small intestine, 2nd–5th AG caecum |
| <i>E. intestinalis</i> | lower jejunum and ileum |
| <i>E. irresidua</i> | jejunum and ileum |
| <i>E. magna</i> | jejunum and ileum, in a lesser extent duodenum |
| <i>E. media</i> | duodenum–jejunum, low concentration of the parasite in the ileum |
| <i>E. perforans</i> | maximal parasite concentration in the duodenum, but also in the jejunum and ileum |
| <i>E. piriformis</i> | colon |
| <i>E. vej dovskiyi</i> | ileum |
| <i>E. stiedai</i> | liver |



(Pakandl, 2009)

Control of rabbit coccidiosis by medication

« If there were no anticoccidial drugs, there would not have been modern intensive rabbitries. »

Suo et al., 2016

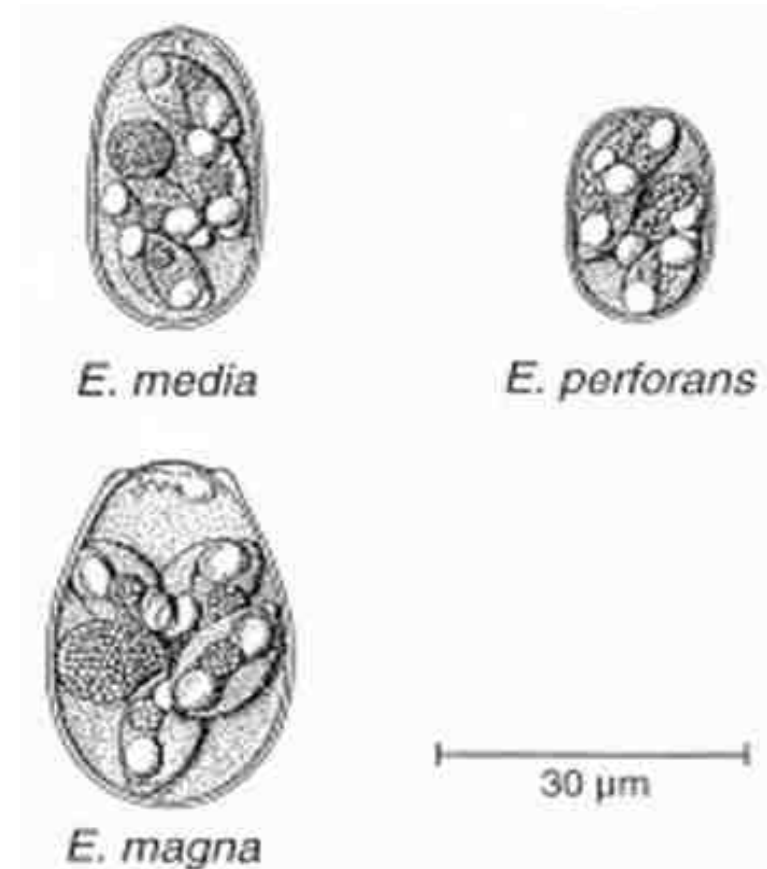
Limits:

Drugs resistance

Drug residue in the rabbit products

Drug toxicity (Higher dosage of narasin)

Few drugs available for rabbits



Vaccination as an alternative strategy for the control of rabbit coccidiosis

Rabbits recovered from coccidiosis are resistant to re-infection



Vaccination by wild-type strains

Vaccination by attenuated strains

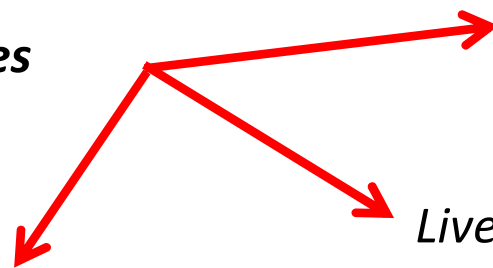
Subunit vaccines

Live vector vaccines

Live viral vector vaccines

Live bacterial vector vaccine

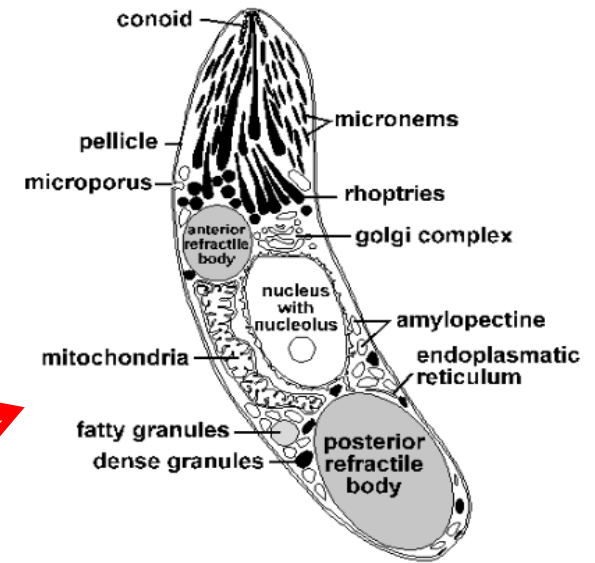
Live oocysts as a vaccine vector



Live vector vaccines

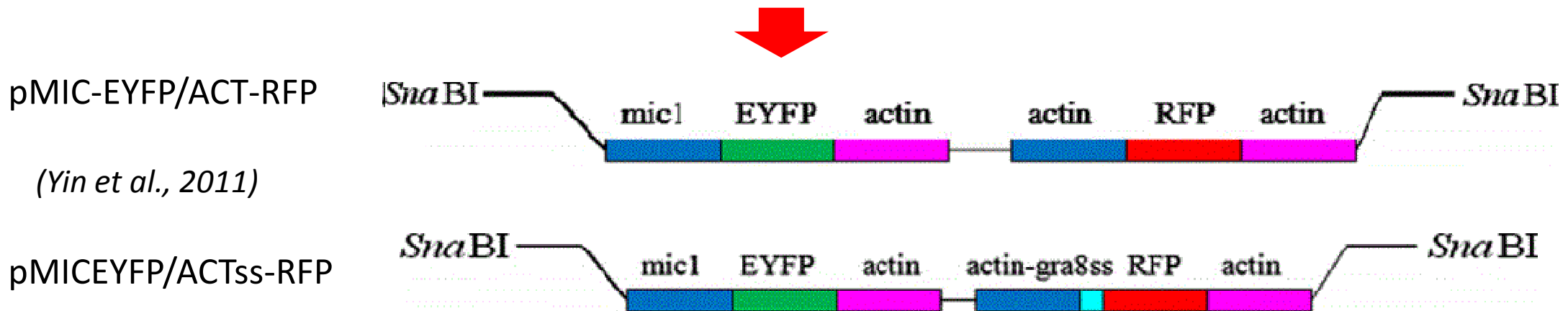
For a efficient expression of exogenous antigens:

- Use of strong regulatory sequences and the insertion of multiple copies
- Optimizing codon usage

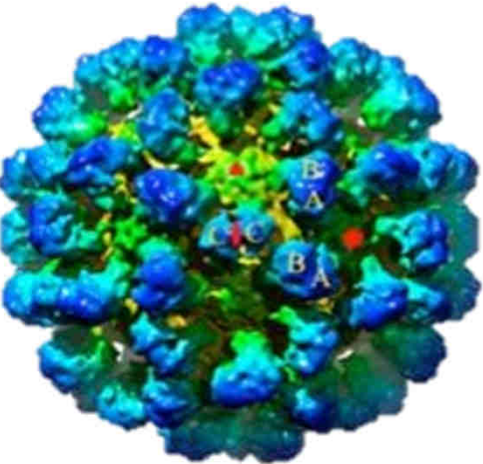


The stage for introducing DNA into *Eimeria* is the sporozoite stage

Development of transgenic *E. tenella* as a novel vaccine vector



Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV)



RHDV

RNA virus

Positive-sense (+) single-stranded

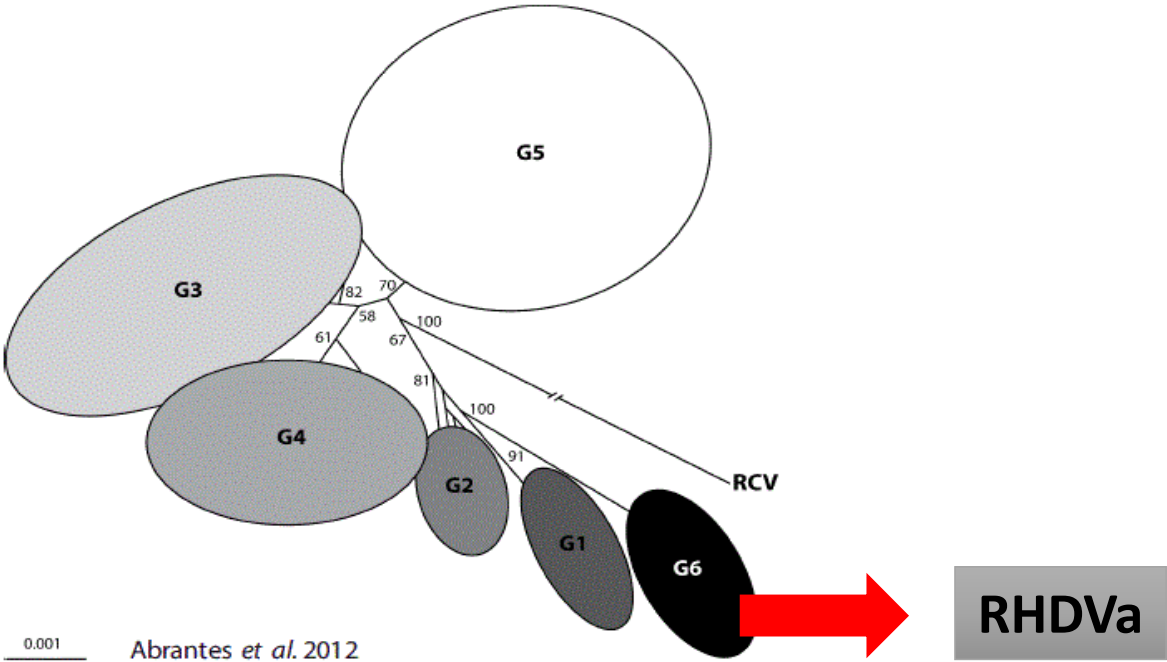
Genome size 7.5 kb



Mortality 70–90%

RHDV2
(2010)

Mortality 5–70%



Strategies for the control of Rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHD)

No drugs!

Traditional vaccine produced from tissue suspensions

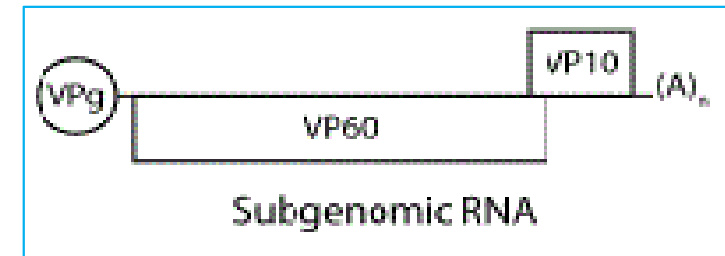
Recombinant DNA technology for the control of RHD

Recombinant DNA vaccines

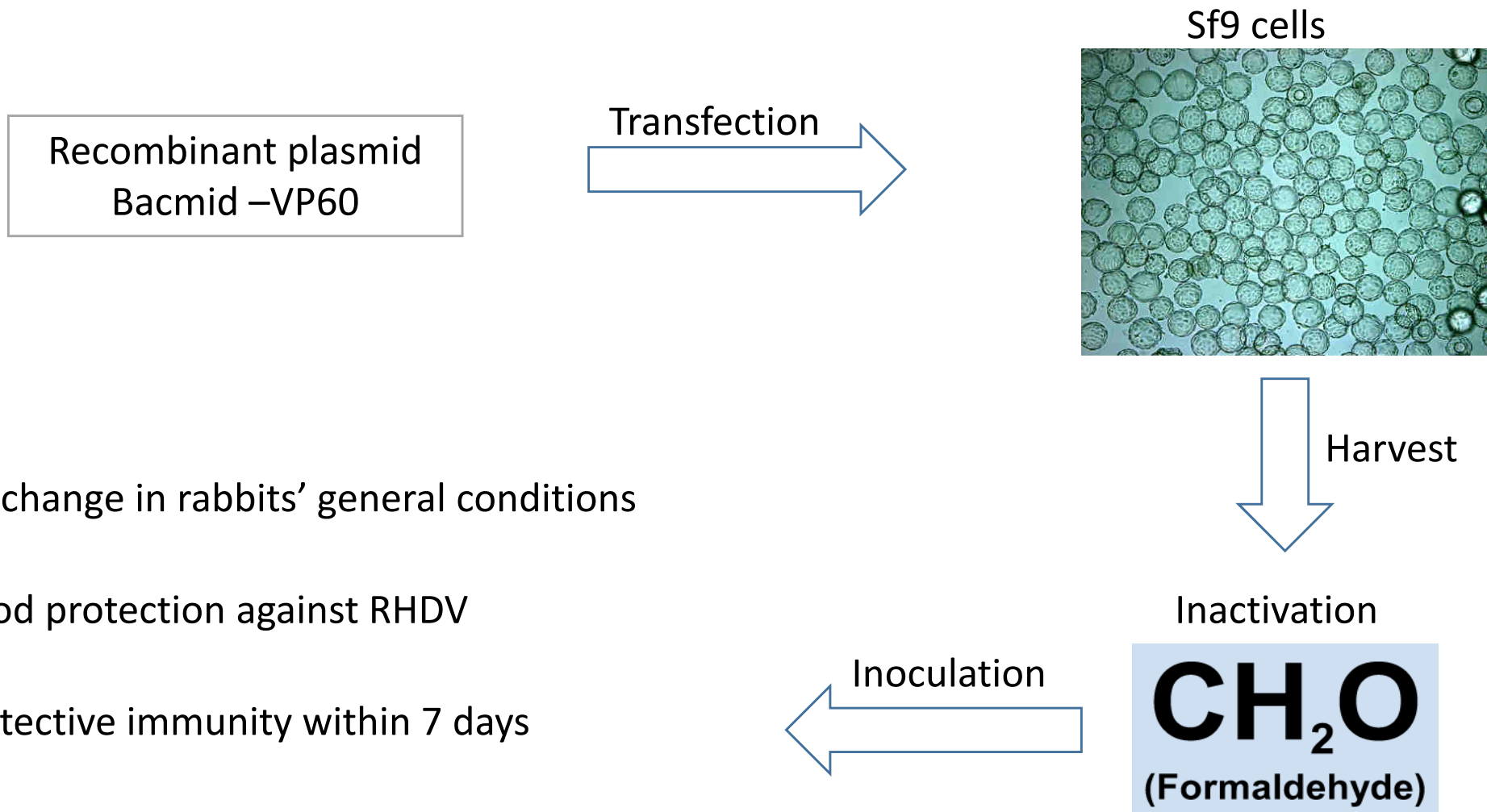
Recombinant myxomavirus

PPV-NK VP60 chimera

BAC-VP60 (*Suo et al., 2016*)



Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus Baculovirus Vector Vaccine (BAC-VP60)



- No change in rabbits' general conditions
- Good protection against RHDV
- Protective immunity within 7 days
- Protection up to 7 months

Oral presentation

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CIRCULATION OF DIFFERENT STRAINS OF RABBIT HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS (RHDV) IN SOUTHERN ITALY: CLINICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FINDINGS

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A THREE-YEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDY SHOWS CLONAL SPREADING OF t5210 ST398 MRSA IN RABBITS AND FARM WORKERS OF ONE INDUSTRIAL FARM

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EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF A NEW INACTIVATED VACCINE AGAINST THE RABBIT HAEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS 2-LIKE VARIANT (RHDV-2)

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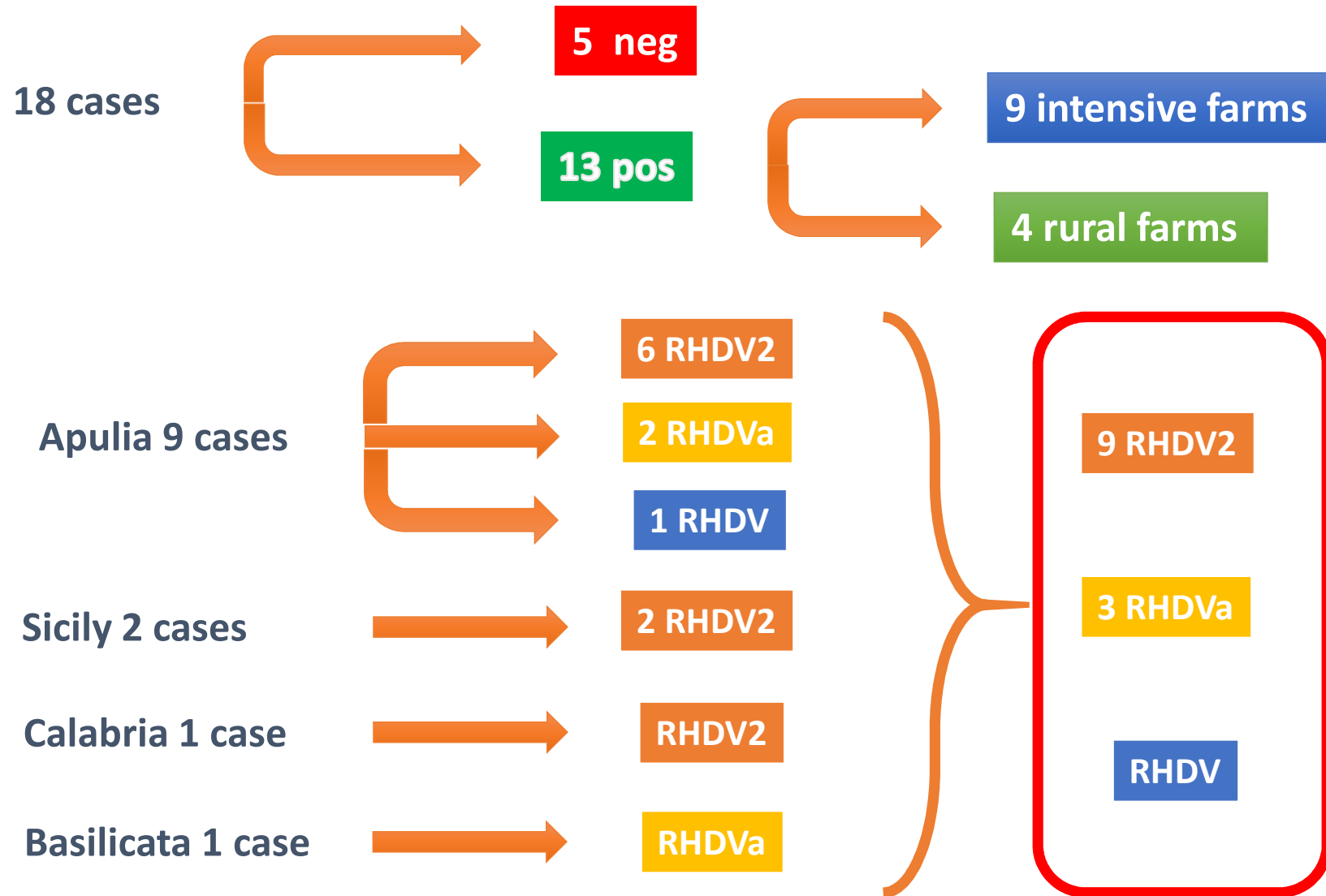
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Marino et al., 2016

The aim: Evaluate the spread of RHDV2 in South Italy, in three years period (2013-2015) and genetic characterization RHDV strains



Marino et al., 2016



**Rapid diffusion of RHDV2
in rabbit farms**



Presence of the
infection in wild
animals



Wild rabbits could
play a role of
reservoir

**Vaccine RHDV2 strains should be based on
strains very similar to the field isolates**

Brunetta et al., 2016

The aim: The study the within-herd epidemiology and the exposure of farm workers and their families to MRSA by this food-producing animal

| Sampling month | Rabbits tested (N.) | Rabbits <i>S. aureus</i> carriage (%) | MRSA carrier rabbits (N.) | MRSA rabbit carrier among <i>S. aureus</i> carriage | MRSA molecular typing results | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | | | | MRSA isolates typed | N. | <i>Spa</i> type | MLST type (ST) | LA-MRSA (%) |
| 0 | 25 | 23 (92%) | 12 | 52% | 3 | 1 | t5210 | 398 | 66% |
| | | | | | | 1 | t034 | 398 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | t121 | 159 | |
| 5 th | 60 | 59 (98%) | 15 | 25% | 15 | 7 | t034 | 398 | 66% |
| | | | | | | 3 | t5210 | 398 | |
| | | | | | | 2 | t1190 | Not found | |
| | | | | | | 2 | t2970 | Not found | |
| 12 th | 60 | 32 (53%) | 32 | 100% | 23 | 1 | t159 | 121 | 100% |
| | | | | | | 16 | t5210 | 398 | |
| | | | | | | 7 | t13617 | 398 | |
| 33 rd | 60 | 56 (93%) | 56 | 100% | 28 | 25 | t5210 | 398 | 100% |
| | | | | | | 1 | t011 | 398 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | t034 | 398 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | t15492 | 398 | |

MRSA = *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) methicillin resistant

LA-MRSA = livestock associated MRSA

MLST = multi locus sequence typing

Brunetta et al., 2016

MRSA was detected in all six farm workers

The rabbit intensivesystem may be considered among the herds that increase the burden of exposure of humans to LA - MRSA

t5210

High capability to contaminate humans directly exposed, by the holding environment and animals, and indirectly by means of family connections



Posters

RHD

4 Posters

China 3 – 1 Spain



Epidemiology

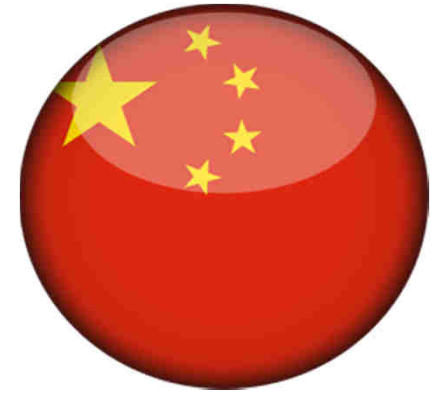


Temporal evolution of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV) and impact of vaccination during the RHD epidemic in Spain 2013-2015. *Valls L., Sánchez-Matamoros A., Padrell M.1, Maldonado J.*



Prevalence of pathogenic viruses within Ontario commercial meat rabbits. *X.T. Xie, J. Bil, E. Shantz, J. Hammermueller, P.V. Turner.*

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Vaccines implementation

Identification of two new immun-protective candidates proteins for the development of *Bordetella bronchiseptica* subunit vaccine. *Liu Y., Chen H., Qin FY., Wei Q., Xiao CW., Ji QA, Bao GL.*

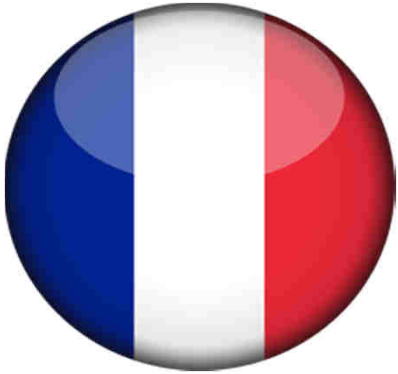
Protection of rabbits against coccidiosis by co-infection with *Eimeria magna*, *E. intestinalis* and *E. media*. *Wang Y., Tao G., Li C., Gu X., Suo X., Liu X.*

Production, characterization, and epitope mapping of monoclonal antibodies against different subtypes of rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV). *Liu J., Kong D., Jiang Q., Yu Z., Hu X., Guo D., Huang Q., Jiao M., Qu L.*

Interaction of novel RHDV B-cell epitopes with HBGA. *Song Y., Wang F., Fan Z., Hu B., Liu X., Wei H., Xue J., Qiu R.*

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Therapies



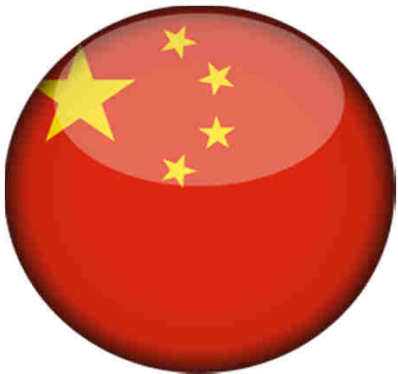
Interest and limits of adding exogenous hard feces in the nest box on the rabbit performances and health before and after weaning. *Shi D., Savietto D., Prigent A.Y., Gidenne T., Colin M., Combes S., Zemb O., Fortun-Lamothe L.*

Case report



Coenurosis in a wild rabbit. Case report. *Valladares CB, Zamora EJL; Ortega SC; Felipe-Pérez YE; Castro MJ; Velázquez OV; Alonso FMU; Sánchez TJE; Gutiérrez CA; Reyes RNE; Zaragoza BA; Aparicio BJE.*

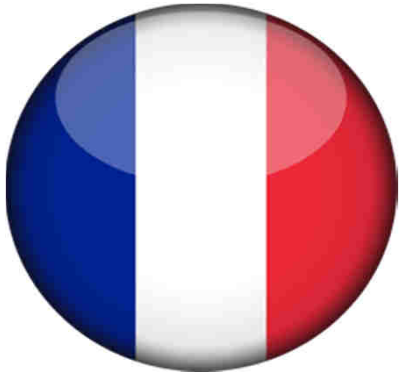
News



A new variant of rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus g2 strain isolated in China. *Hu B., Fan Z.Y., Wang F., Song Y.H., Wei H.J., Liu X., Qiu R.L., XuW.Z., Yuan W.Z., Xue J.B.*

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Pathology and Hygiene associated with rabbits management



Study of the healing of rabbit farms umbilics (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) newborns. *Boucher S. Plassiart G., Bignon L.*



Possible deleterious effects of excess of vitamin E in rabbit performance and health before and after weaning. *Zarraa S., Colin M., Prigent A.Y., Shi D.*



Are pre-weaning health problems transferred to later phases in PARC housed meat rabbits? *Rommers J.M. and de Greef K.H.*

Ulcerative pododermatitis on a rex rabbit farm, Spain, 2005-2015. *Garcia, J., Rosell, J.M.*

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