1. **JPIAMR project.** In June, an application for 50000 Euro was sent to the JPIAMR call for transnational working groups. In October, the project was accepted. Dik Mevius is the main applicant, and Alain Bousquet-Mélou will coordinate the project from France. The project has duration of one year (2017) with the following outcomes and deliverables planned:
   a. **VetCAST position paper** (see below for details on progress)
   b. **Roadmap describing how to access, validate and organize MIC, PK, and PD data.** Such a roadmap has been drafted by Ludovic Pelligand and Pierre-Louis Toutain. They have also developed an Excel sheet for entering data. This sheet will soon be tested by people representing the pharmaceutical industry. Once all these files are ready, we will decide which companies to contact and delegate the task of data collection to VetCAST members.
   c. **Training course on PK and setting of clinical breakpoints in veterinary medicine.** This course is currently being planned by the Steering Committee (SC), and will likely take place in May 2017. The lectures will be held by people representing VetCAST, EUCAST, CLSI and the pharmaceutical and diagnostic industry.
   d. **One CBP established as a proof of concept** once the position paper and roadmap are in place (e.g. for tetracycline, *Pasteurella multocida*, pneumonia, cattle). NB: tetracycline is one of the most challenging drugs to set up a PKPD BP for, so we may revert to an easier CBP (e.g. for a cephalosporin) if we cannot overcome the immediate difficulties.
   e. **Promotion of VetCAST activities** (e.g. press releases, brochures for vet conferences, articles for veterinary magazines etc.). Chantal Britt from ESCMID has agreed to help with promotion, but a successful promotion will have to involve help from VetCAST members as well.

2. **VetCAST position paper on setting breakpoints in vet medicine.** The paper has been drafted by Pierre-Louis Toutain and is currently circulating in the VetCAST SC. Afterwards, it will be circulated to other VetCAST members for input. The content will also be discussed with EUCAST members, preferably at a physical meeting. Christian Giske has suggested that he and Gunnar Kahlmeter could join a VetCAST Steering Committee meeting. We will follow up and invite the next time a physical SC meeting is scheduled (we are aiming for February).

3. **Confidentiality agreement.** This has not been made as companies will make such agreements ad hoc for us to fill out once we take contact and enquire for data.

4. **DOI policy and DOI form.** The EUCAST online DOI form has been tested by SC members, and we agree that this format is applicable to VetCAST members. A tentative written policy on COI has been drafted by the SC but not finalized.

5. **MIC data collection.** Kees Veldman is collecting MIC data and we currently have more than 25000 MICs of tetracyclines for veterinary pathogens in the database. Still, there is a need for
additional MIC distributions to set new ECOFFs. Kees will send out an invitation within the VetCAST network to supply new MIC values before the end of the year.

6. **Contact to EMA.** After ECCMID, our contact person in EMA, Jordi Torren, has started drafting a document proposing a formal working relation between VetCAST and the CVMP. However, this process has been put on hold until we have agreed on and published the requirements for setting clinical breakpoints.

7. **Applications for funding and promotion of new projects:**
   Please contact Peter (pedam@sund.ku.dk) if you are working on a project of high relevance to VetCAST or if you recently received funding for such a project. Peter will then help promoting such projects on the VetCAST homepage. Current projects and applications that the SC knows of:
   a. JPIAMR project granted (see above)
   b. Peter Damborg has received funding for a ph.d. project on optimizing antimicrobial treatment of mink including establishment of dosages and CBPs. The project will commence in December 2016.
   c. The SC intends to apply for a COST Action network in September 2017 as this could be a natural continuation of the upcoming JPIAMR networking project.
   d. Kees Veldman and Dik Mevius submitted a proposal for extra funds within EJP-AMR1 focusing on developing ECOFFs. The proposal was selected by the Scientific Steering board for the next round. The final proposal will be submitted before 14th February 2017.

8. **Ideas for future projects.** The SC encourages all VetCAST members to contact each other with ideas for research projects related to the VetCAST aims and objectives. This can for example be done through our VetCAST Google group. The SC is also happy to help establish contacts if needed.

On behalf of the VetCAST Steering Committee

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