Minutes of VetCAST Steering Committee (SC) meeting 17/12-15, 10.00-11.00, CET, Skype.

Attending: Kees Veldman, Ludovic Pelligand, Pierre-Louis Toutain, Dik Mevius, Peter Damborg.

1. **Collection of MIC data.** Since September Kees has sent two requests to all VetCAST members asking for tetracycline MIC data for the major pathogens in poultry, pigs, cattle, dogs and cats. He received almost no response and has now only data from the Dutch Animal Health Service, which have been sent to Erica (EUCAST) to discuss if data is setup correctly. In order to speed up the process we will contact people again in early January 2016 asking for these data AND cephalosporin MIC data (cephalosporins: only injectable or oral formulations, Kees will make a list of relevant drugs). The following will be contacted:
   a. IDEXX lab Stuttgart (Peter) and IDEXX vet lab UK (Ludovic)
   b. Antonio, Bruno, Heike, Jürgen, Stefan (Kees)
   c. IFAH, e.g. through Anno de Jong from Bayer (Kees)
   d. VetPath/Peter Boriello (Ludovic)


2. **Overview of tetracyclines and cephalosporins licensed in the EU.** After ECCMID 2015 Ludovic asked VetCAST members to provide country-specific lists of registered products. Lists from Denmark, Sweden, Italy, the UK and the Netherlands have been received, and they provide a fair overview of what is on the EU market.

   Next steps
   a. Ludovic: merges these lists and contacts pharmaceutical companies asking for tetracycline and cephalosporin PK data.
   b. Peter: asks Gunnar for advice on confidentiality agreements when using PK data from pharmaceutical companies.

3. **Position paper.** PL is writing a position paper to express both our specific values and our science-oriented approach on establishing veterinary breakpoints, including potential use of a universal PK/PD target for veterinary drugs. PL needs about one-two months to complete the paper. This work should be presented at ECCMID 2016 in the closed VetCAST session (see below).

4. **Contact to EMA.** The contact to EMA (via Jordi Torren) was discussed. It was agreed that the main priority now is to be formally acknowledged by EMA as an industry-independent group. After the meeting Jordi has been in contact with Dik and Peter. EMA has listed several questions to VetCAST posed by CVMP, AWP, and IFAH. These will be discussed within the SC late December/early January and with EMA during a teleconference on Jan 14th. Afterwards, a couple of members from the SC have been invited to further discuss these issues and present VetCAST at a CVMP meeting in February (proposed dates: February 17th or 18th).

5. **ECCMID 2016** (April 9-12). Planning of the contribution by VetCAST and booking of meeting facilities should start in January. Three sessions were agreed upon:
   a. 2 hour closed VetCAST meeting
   b. 1-2 hour open VetCAST meeting
   c. 20 min in EUCAST session

   Additionally, a meeting between the steering committee and central EUCAST members may be established to discuss the problems of – and potential solutions to - setting clinical cutoffs for tetracyclines in both human and veterinary medicine. A short note/memo on this issue will be sent to EUCAST in January 2016.

6. **Economy:** First priority is to get funding for travel to conferences like ECCMID and to meetings where VetCAST is presented. After the meeting it has become clear that limited support is available from ESCMID (including ESGVM), however funding for arranging e.g. workshops may be applied for through ESCMID. Funding will also be discussed with EMA in January and February 2016.

7. **Miscellaneous**
   a. People within the SC have been contacted to support/guide various projects related to veterinary breakpoints. This includes BPs for mink pathogens and veterinary Mycoplasma. We will follow up those requests where possible and present these at ECCMID.
   b. Other tasks stated for VetCAST such as the work on expert rules are not a main priority at this stage (and they have not been worked on so far).

/Peter Damborg