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Q fever, a zoonotic disease transmitted by domestic ruminants

- *Coxiella burnetii* is responsible of acute and persistant infection in Human
- Main reservoir = Domestic ruminant
 - Reproductive issues (abortion)
- Diagnostic limitations
 - Direct diagnosis (PCR)
 - Sp = 100% but **low Se** except after abortion
 - Indirect diagnosis (ELISA)
 - Unknown but imperfect Se and Sp (<100%)
- ⇒Their is some potential diagnostic errors (either false negative or false positive)

⇒We need **tools to interpret the results** of diagnostic tests in domestic ruminants



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Context: risk of Q fever introduction in a herd

Case study in France, 2019

- Herd A bought a bull from herd B
- The bull was tested and seropositive for Q fever
- Is it a true seropositive?
- ⇒ 5 additional animals from herd B were tested

All were seronegative

⇒ Then, the whole herd B (n=149) was tested using serum samples previously collected for the IBR prophylaxis

5/149 seropositive

Estimate of the positive predictive value (VPP) is required

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$$VPP = \operatorname{Proba}(D^+ | T^+)$$

$$VPP = \frac{Se \times WHP}{Se \times WHP + (1 - Sp) \times (1 - WHP)}$$

Objectives of the thesis

1- Assess the diagnostic accuracy of the tests in the absence of <u>Gold</u> <u>standard</u>

2- Assess within-herd seroprevalence levels accounting for test diagnostic uncertainty

3- Develop and make an online tool available to professionals to calculate predictive values

$$VPP = \frac{Se \times WHP}{Se \times WHP} + (1 - Sp) \times (1 - WHP)$$



Part 1 - Assessing the diagnostic accuracy of the tests in the absence of Gold standard

Diagnostic accuracy of the commercialized ELISA serological tests

- Absence of a gold standard test
- Assessment of the sensitivity and specificity of the three ELISA tests with latent class models



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Part 2 - Assessing within-herd seroprevalence levels in domestic ruminants accounting for test diagnostic uncertainty

Within (WHP) and between (BHP) herd seroprevalence in France

• Serosurvey in France in 2014 using ELISA test 2 (Gache et al. 2017)

•Diagnostic accuracy assumed as Se = 100% and Sp = 100%

•Herd positive as soon as 1 animal tests positive

- Potential bias :
 - Se = 50-60% => False negative individuals
 >Underestimation of the WHP
 - Sp <100% => False positive animals
 Overestimation of the BHP

⇒Necessity of a reassessing BHP and WHP accounting for diagnostic uncertainty





Part 2 - Assessing within-herd seroprevalence levels in domestic ruminants accounting for test diagnostic uncertainty

 Cf. poster #60 in the Congress!
 Image: Congress!

 Results in cattle
 Risk Risk ratio [959] factor

 In France
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- ⇒Median of the BHP in meat herd = 5.7%
- \Rightarrow 8 times higher in dairy herds
- If the herd is seropositive
- ⇒The median of the WHP = 39.4%
- ⇒With a tendency to increase with the herdsize

Scale	Risk factor	Risk ratio [95% Cl]
	Herd size	1.39 [0.91;2.11]
Between herd	Meat	*Réf : 5,7 % [1,5 ; 19,5]
	Dairy	7.97 [3.44;22.22]
	Herd size	1.17 [0.97;1.34]
Within herd	Meat	*Réf : 39,4 % [27,3 ; 57,0]
	Dairy	0.98 [0.67;1.46]



Part 3 - Developing and broadcasting an online tool to calculate predictive values

How to calculate the probability of being a true seropositive animal (e.g., the bull)?

VPP =
Se × WHP

Se × WHP
×(1-WHP)

- We assessed
 - (part 1) the test sensitivity and specificity with some uncertainty
 - Se = 0.619 [0.517; 0.718]
 - Sp =0.975 [0.962; 0.987]
 - (part 2) within-herd seroprevalence in seropositive herds
 - from 13.7% to 81.2%
- Because predictive values may strongly differ depending on the epidemiological situation
- ⇒We have to implement a model to also assess the uncertainty of the predictive values



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Part 3 - Developing and broadcasting an online tool to calculate predictive values

> Model

- Se and Sp (study 1)
- Parameters corresponding to the within and between herd seroprevalences (study 2)
- Results obtained in the herd (number of animals sampled, number of animals tested positive)
- Predictive values





Part 3 - Developing and broadcasting an online tool to calculate predictive values



Creation of a step by step online and open access Shiny application : <u>Demo</u>







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Renseignement des caractéristiques de l'élevage				
Espèce de ruminant	Type de production	Nombre de femelles pares dans l'élevage		
bovin 👻	viande -	156		
	Cliquez <u>ici</u> pour obtenir des informations sur le type de production	Cliquez <u>ici</u> pour obtenir des informations sur la taille du troupeau		







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Calculs et résultats

Cliquez sur ce boutton à chaque fois que vous modifier les informations des étapes précédentes

🖬 Calcul

Cliquez <u>ici</u> pour obtenir des informations sur la méthode de calcul

Attention, le calcul peut prendre quelques dizaines de secondes, les valeurs calculées peuvent varier très légèrement d'un calcul à l'autre.

Interprétation des résultats du plan de dépistage réalisé

Sachant que 6 animaux ont été testés positifs avec le test ThermoFisher Scientific parmi les 156 prélevés dans un élevage bovin de type de production viande et de taille 156

La probabilité que le troupeau soit réellement séropositif est de :

0 IC à 95% [0; 0.67]

Si le troupeau est séropositifs, sa séroprévalence est estimée à :

0.06 IC à 95% [0.02; 0.13]

La valeur prédictive positive (probabilité que les individus testés positifs soient réellement seropositifs) est de

0 IC à 95% [0; 0.67]

La valeur prédictive négative (probabilité que les individus testés négatifs soient réellement séronégatifs) est de

1 IC à 95% [0.98; 1]

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- Concerning the bull :
 - PPV knowing that 1 out of 6 animals sampled were seropositive : 0.85 [0.14; 0.98]
 - PPV knowing that 5 out of 149 animals were sampled positive : 0
 [0; 0.59]
- We developed a complete framework to **interpret the results of the serological tests** based on:
 - Unbiased estimates of the diagnostic performances of the test
 - The assessment of true between and within herd seroprevalences
- We will make it available to professionals (veterinarians, laboratories, ...)



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