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# New diagnostic tools for FMD in support of PHEFA

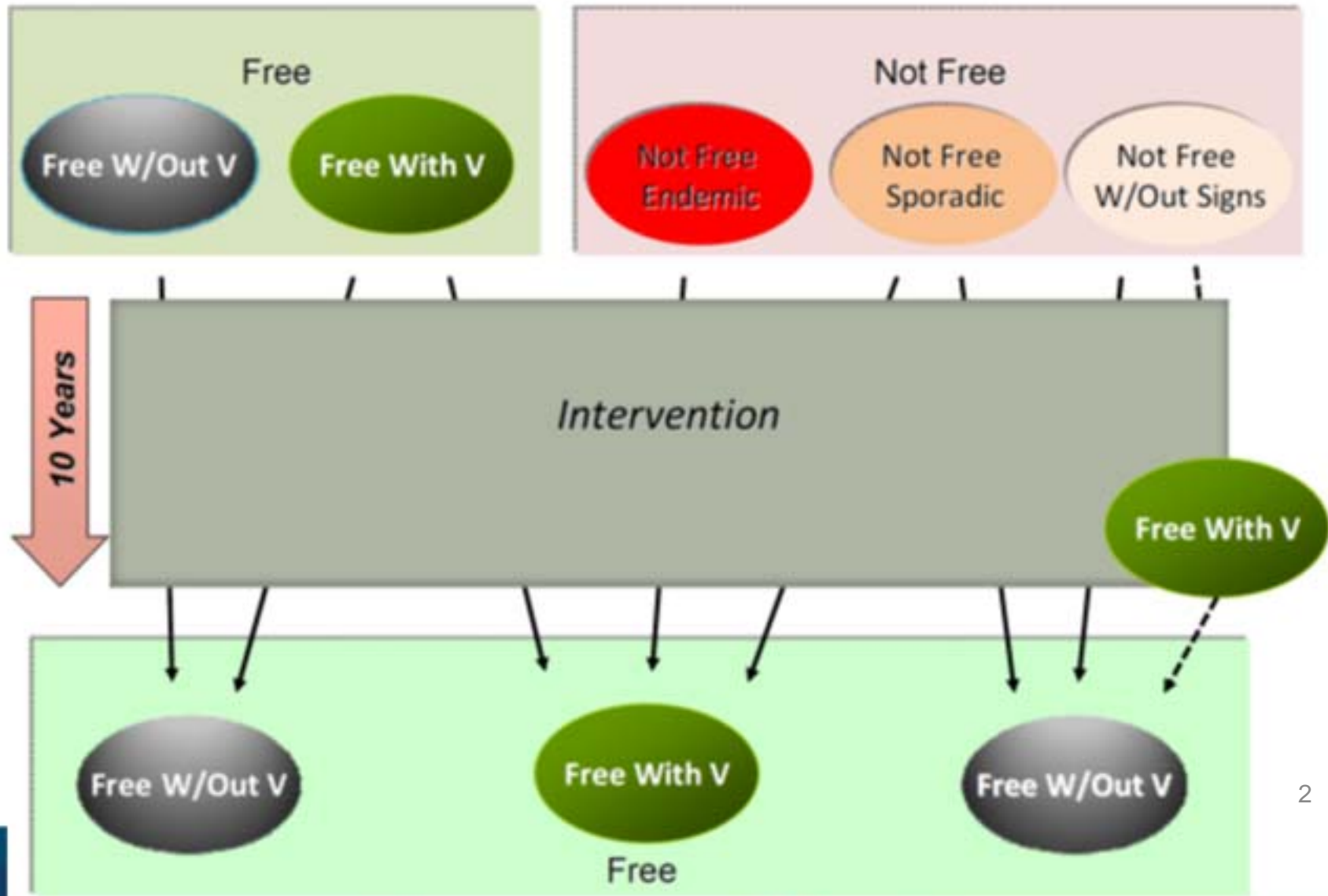
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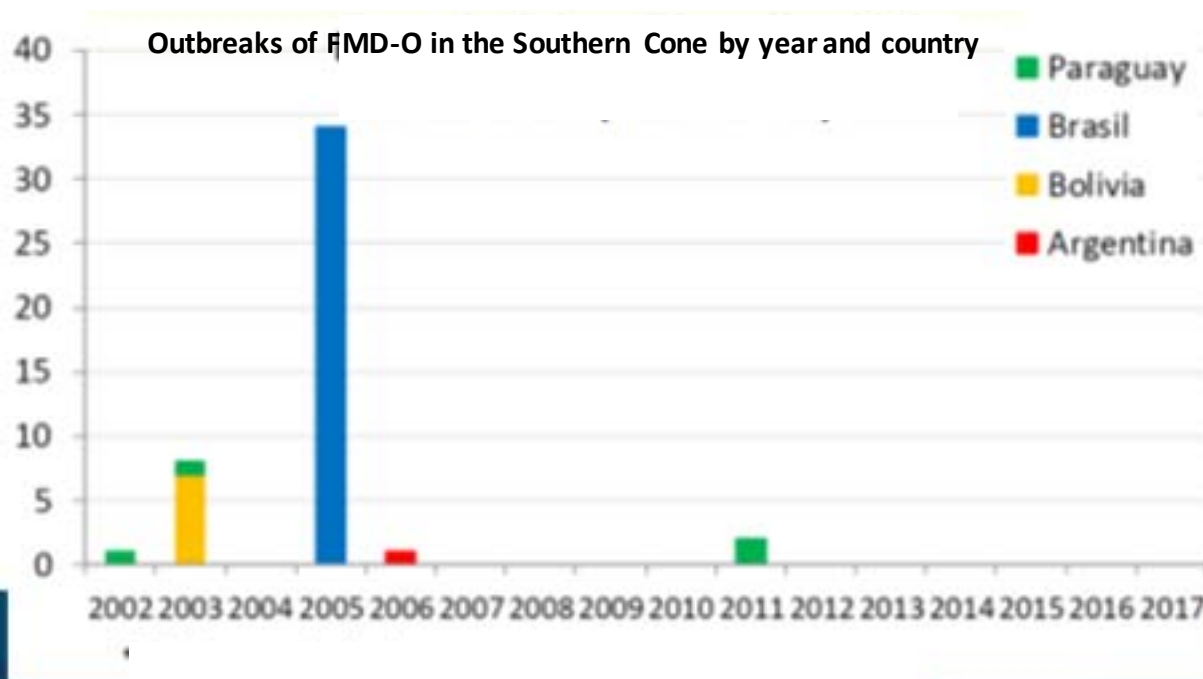
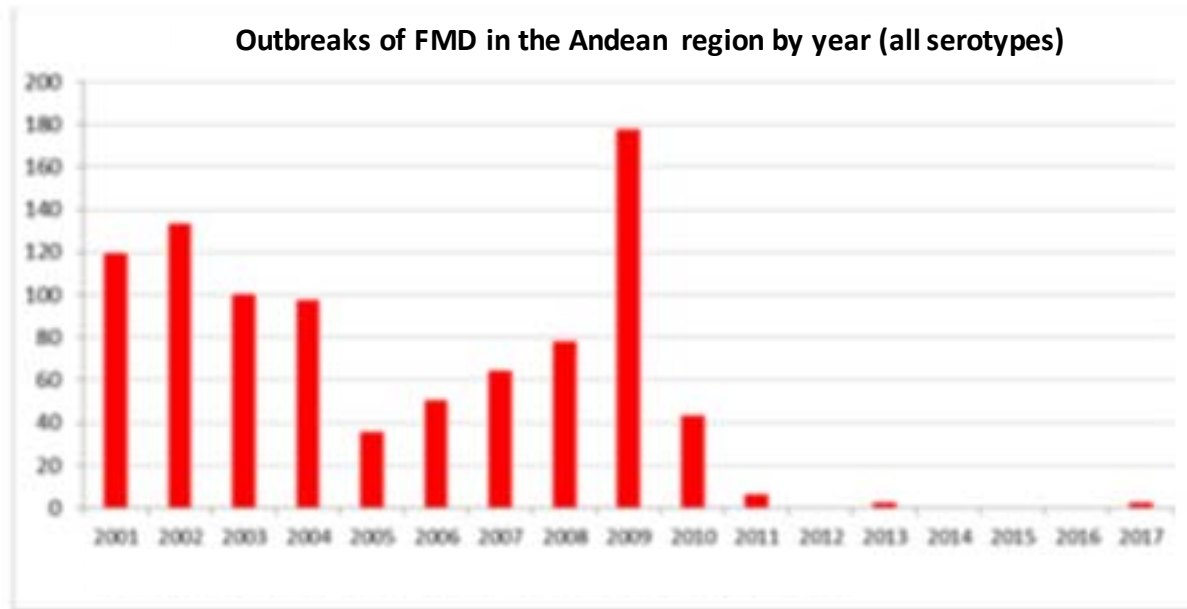


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# The Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA) Action Plan 2011-2020





# PHEFA action plan components proposed to be incorporated into national plans

1. Structure and management of veterinary services
2. Legislation, norms, and regulations
3. Information system
4. Epidemiologic surveillance
- 5. Diagnostic laboratories**
6. Immunization and vaccine quality control
7. Sanitary education and public relations
8. Integrated programs in the context of family farming
9. Community participation, with emphasis on the local level

# Diagnostic tests in the context of PHEFA

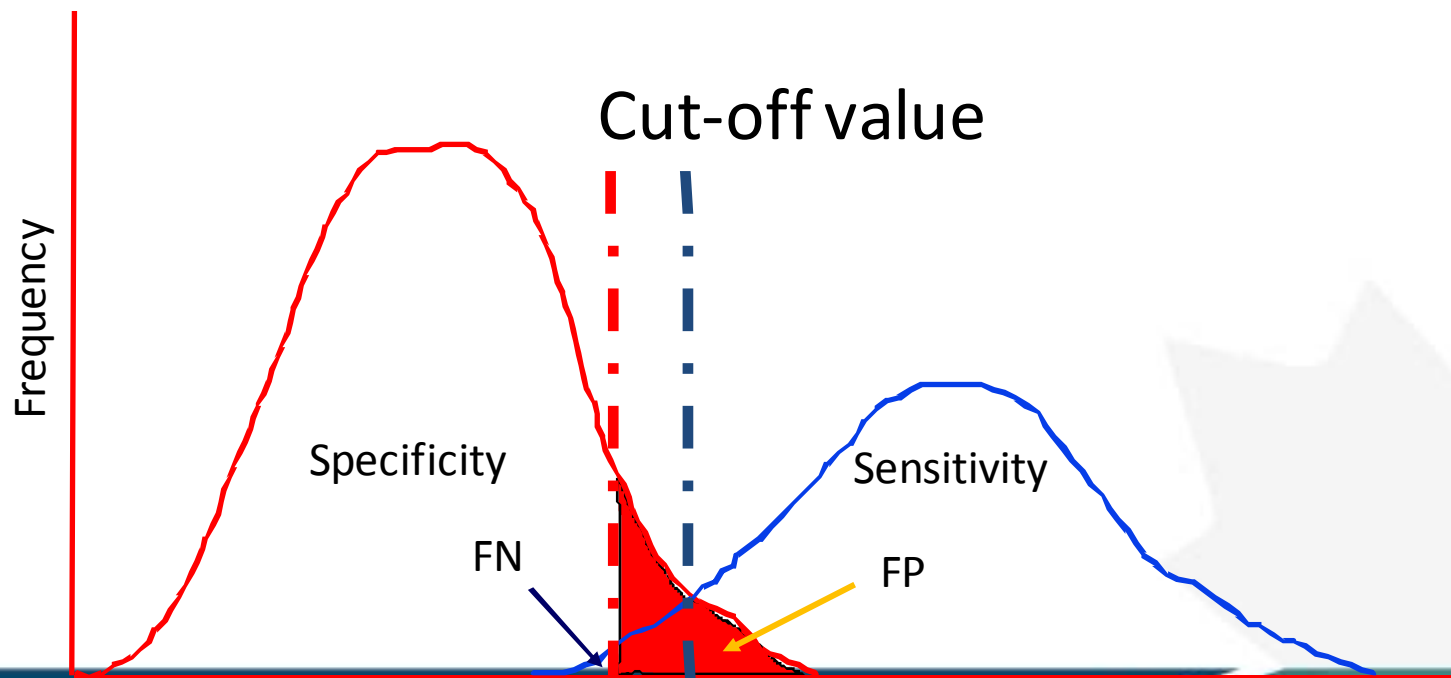
A paradigm shift in the nature of the diagnostic test as the region move to a status of free and free with vaccination.

- Fitness for purpose: High specificity.  
reduce false positives and increase PPV
- Focus in:  
Rapid detection  
Strain characterization

# Choosing Between Tests

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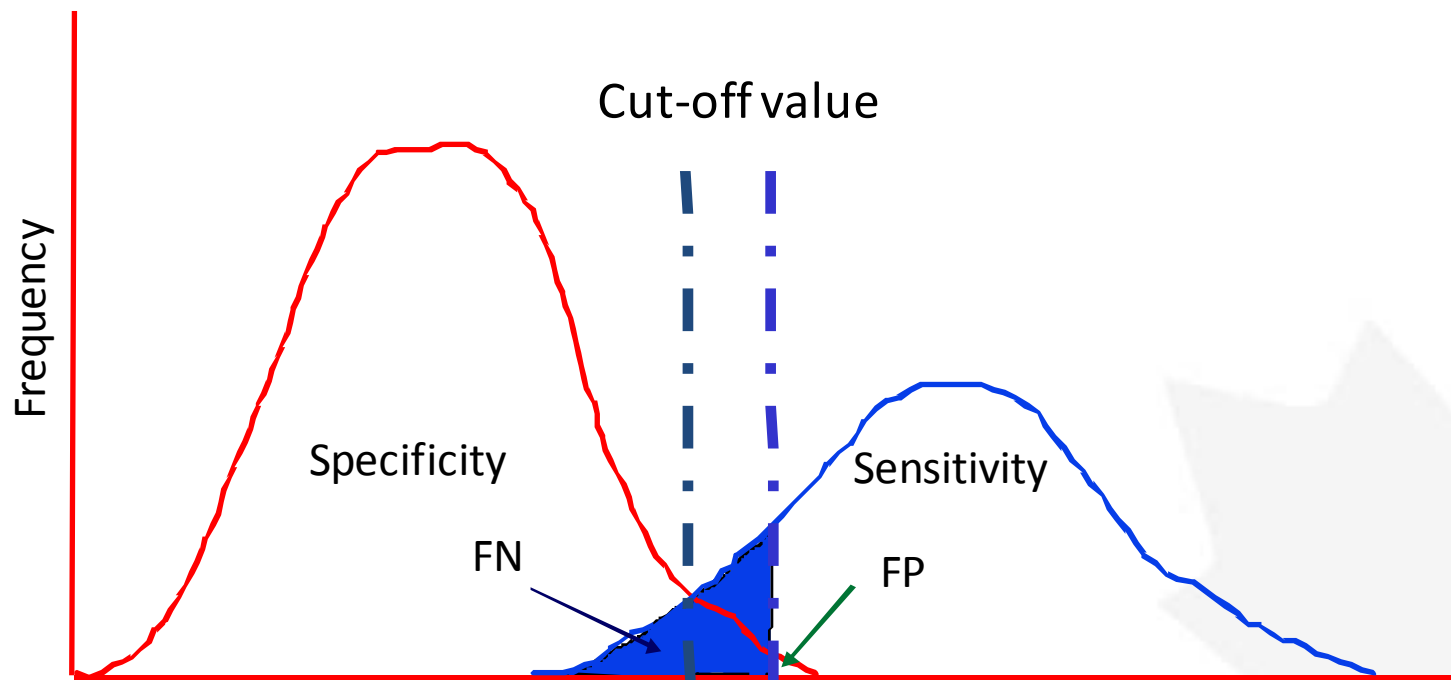
- Have confidence in a negative result
- “rule out” disease (early eradication campaign, screen testing)
- When a FN is dangerous (import/export testing)



# Choosing Between Tests

*Use a highly Specific test to:*

- Have confidence in a positive result
- “Rule In” or confirm a diagnosis (Dx test, late eradication)
- When a FP is dangerous (Disease accreditation, FAD diagnosis)

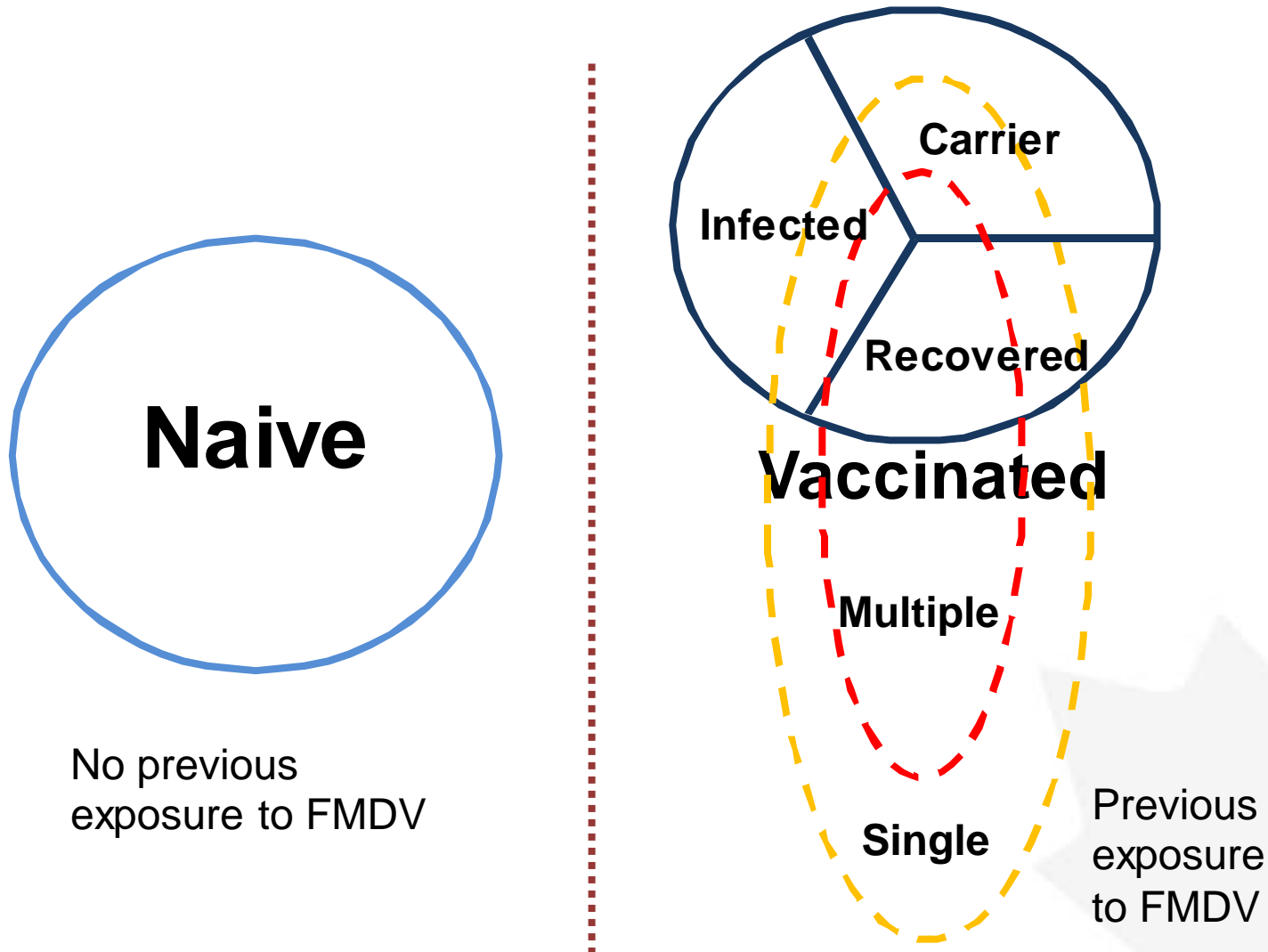


# Serological assays

- Targeted towards structural (SP) or non-structural proteins of FMDV
- SP assays – separate assays (VNT or ELISA) required for each serotype
- NSP assays – broadly serotype cross-reactive (ELISA - 3ABC protein and others)

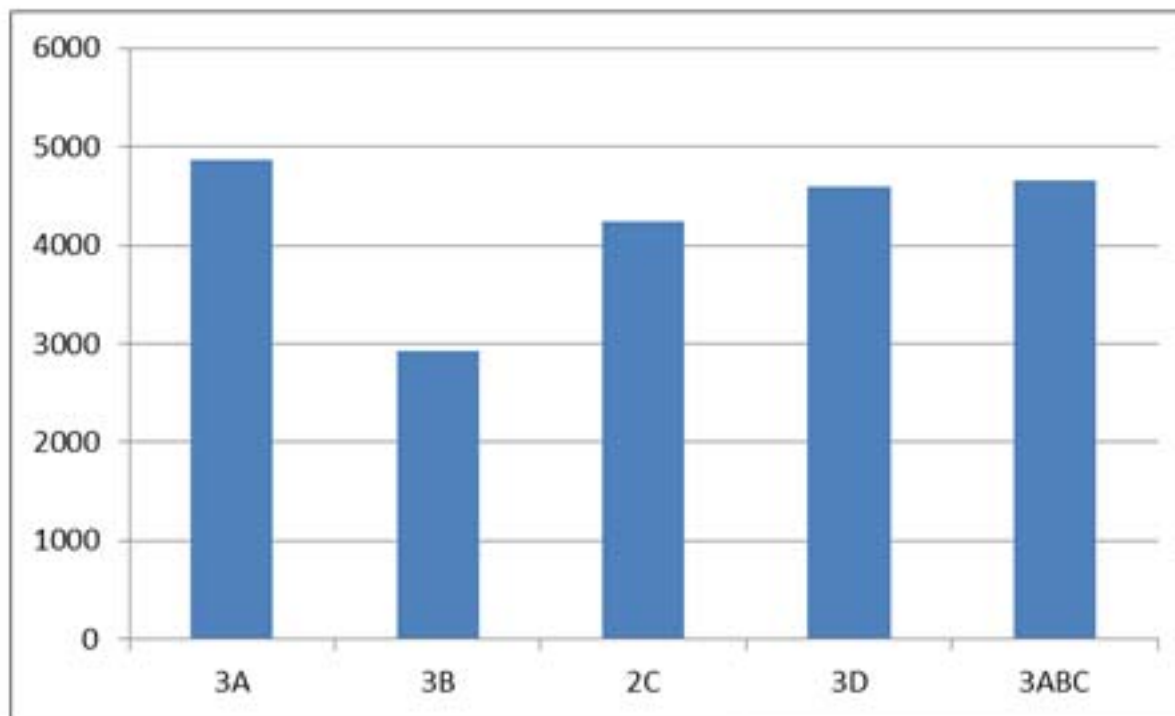


# Serological States in FMD



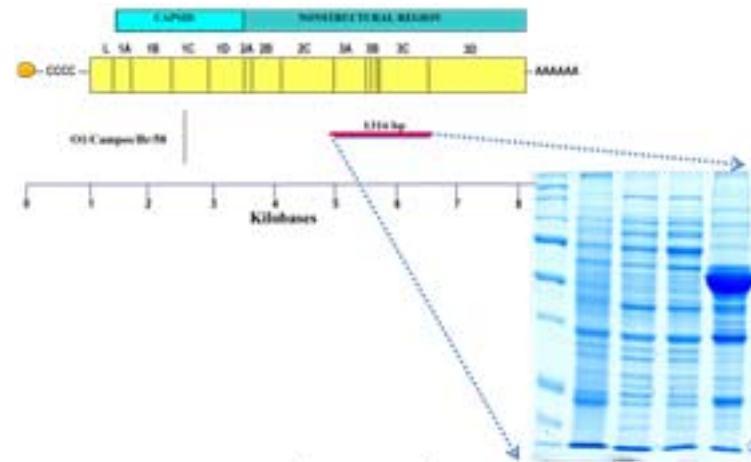
## Reactivity to NSPs in EITB (6,184 cattle. PANAFTOSA) Vaccinated population/Post outbreak samples.

Reactivity	
3A	4871
3B	2929
2C	4246
3D	4597
3ABC	4661
Total	6184

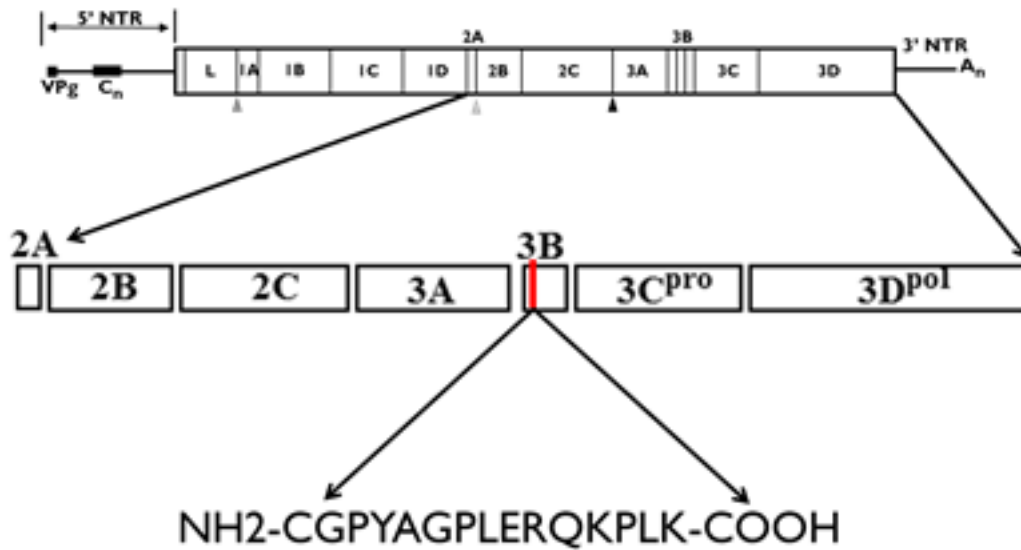


# 3B competitive ELISA

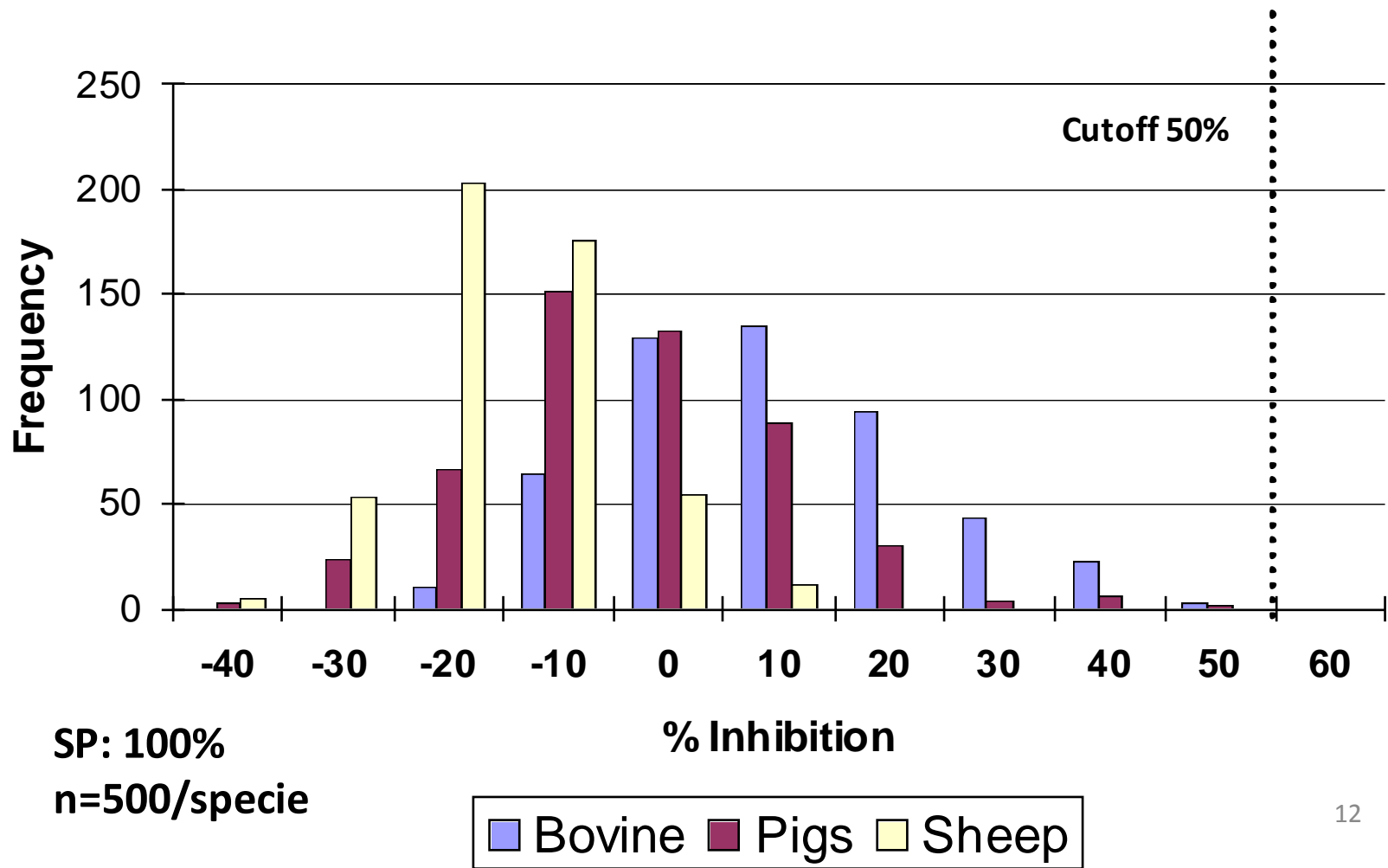
1. Recombinant Protein 3ABC



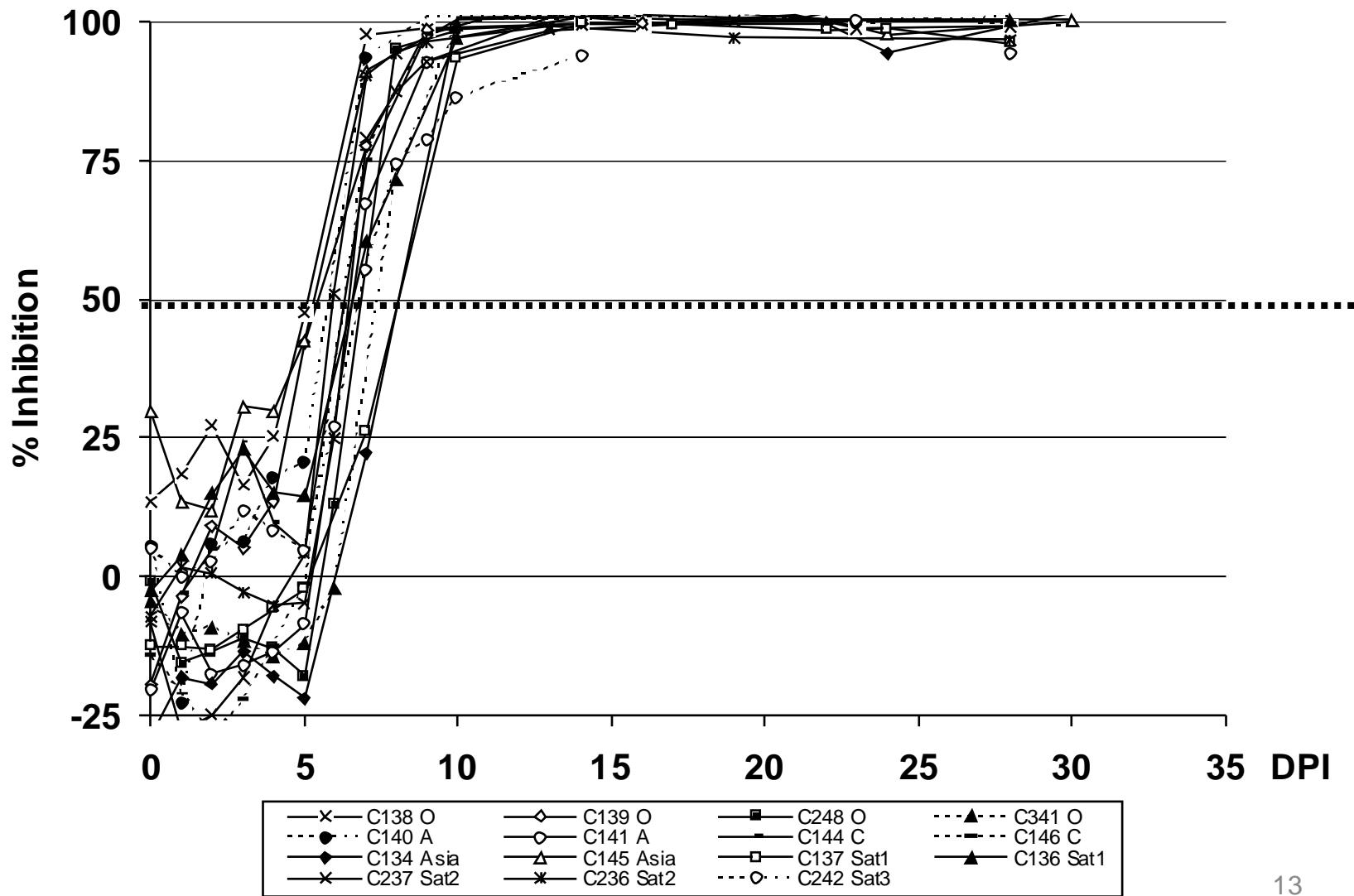
2. FMDV 3B B-cell immunodominant epitope (Mab).



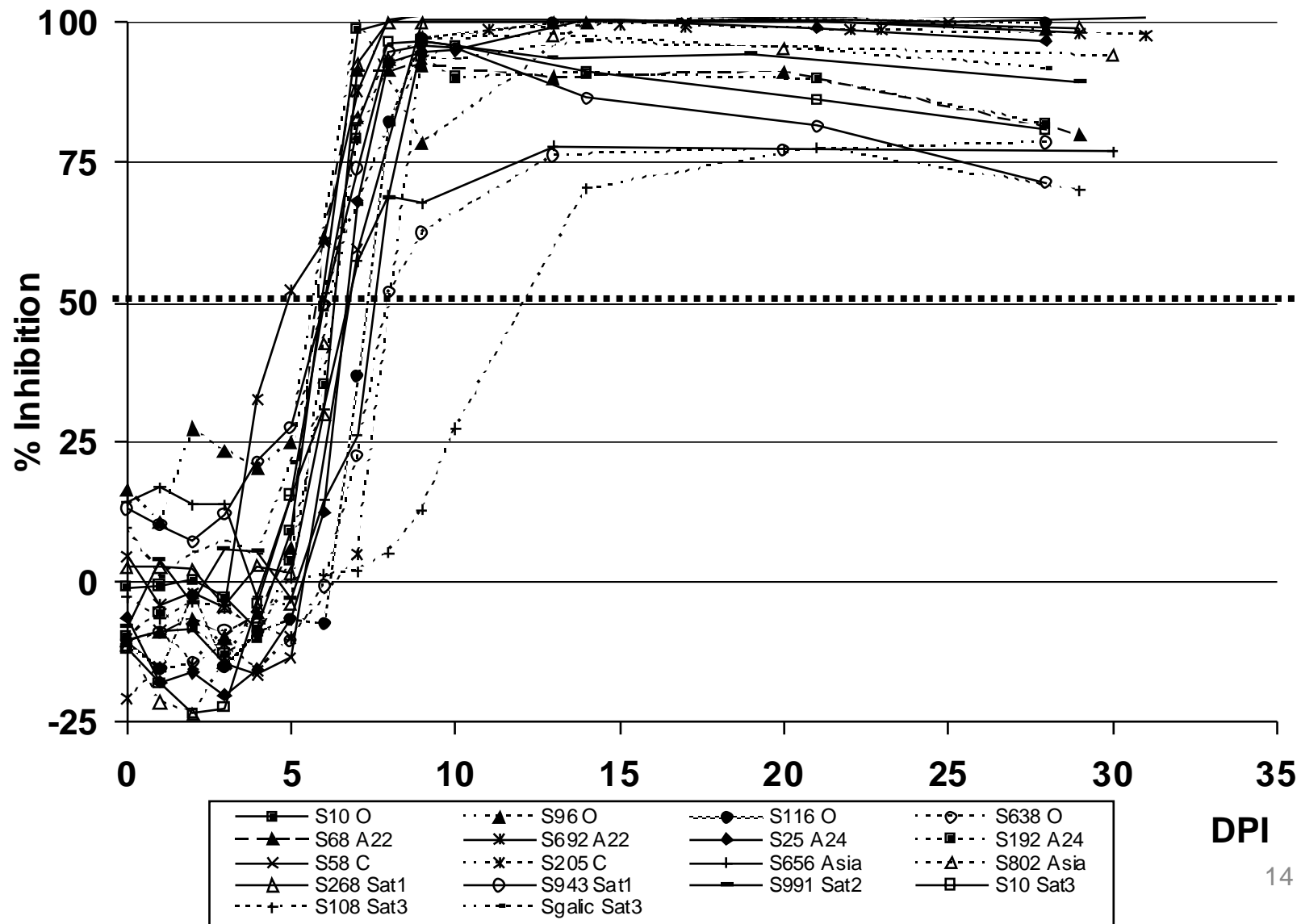
# FMD-3ABC Competitive ELISA Negative samples (Canada)



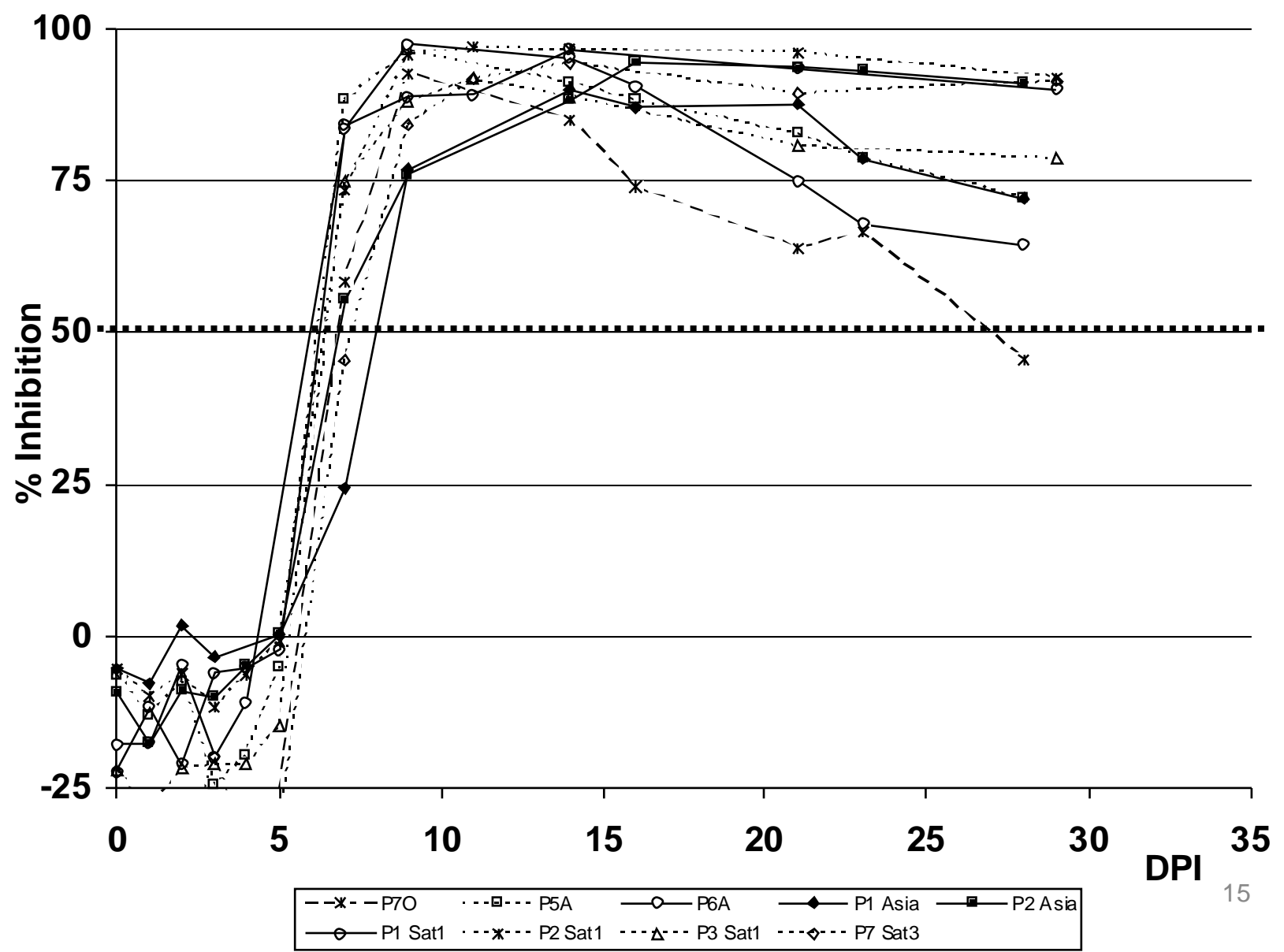
### 3ABC cELISA Cattle



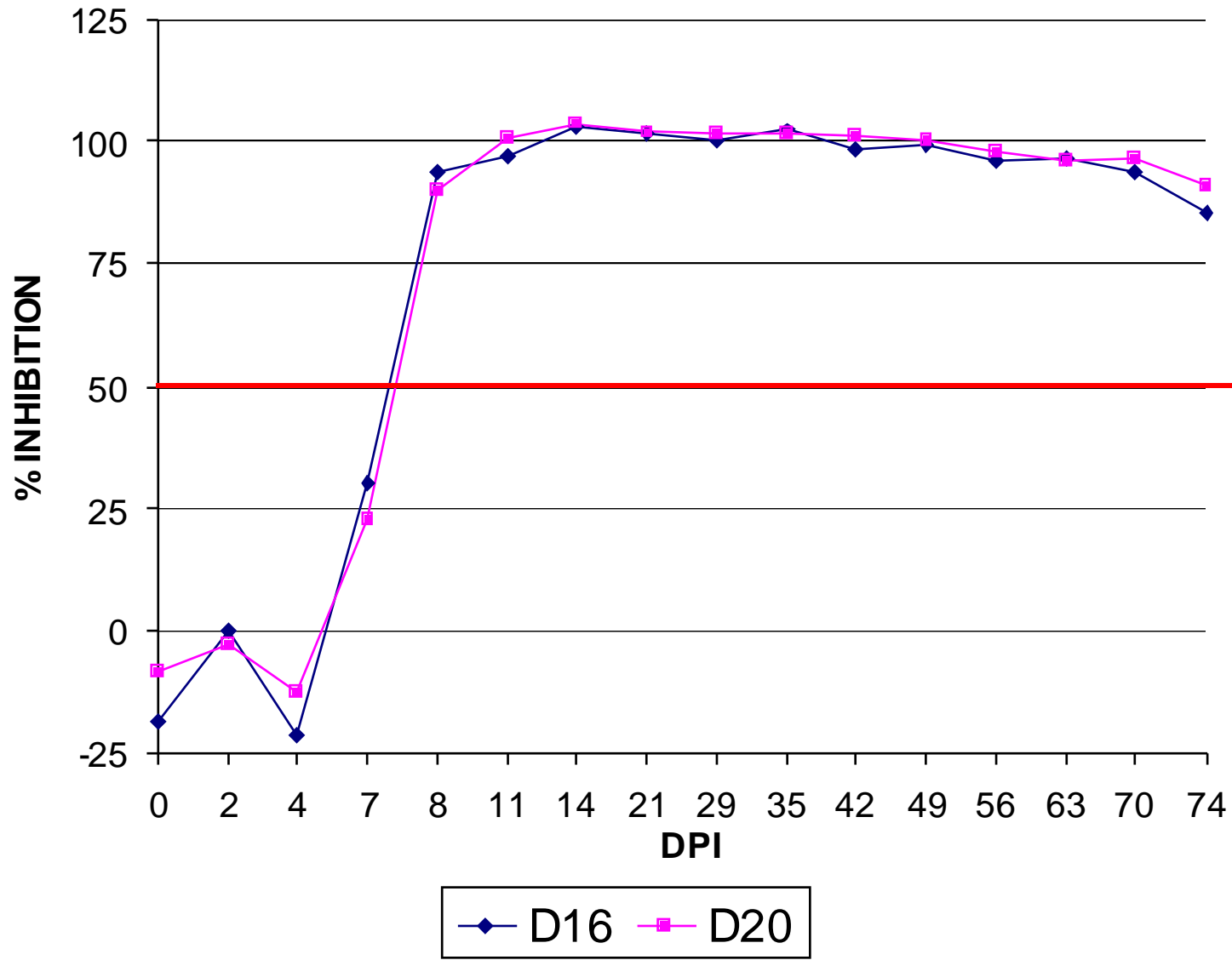
# 3ABC cELISA Sheep



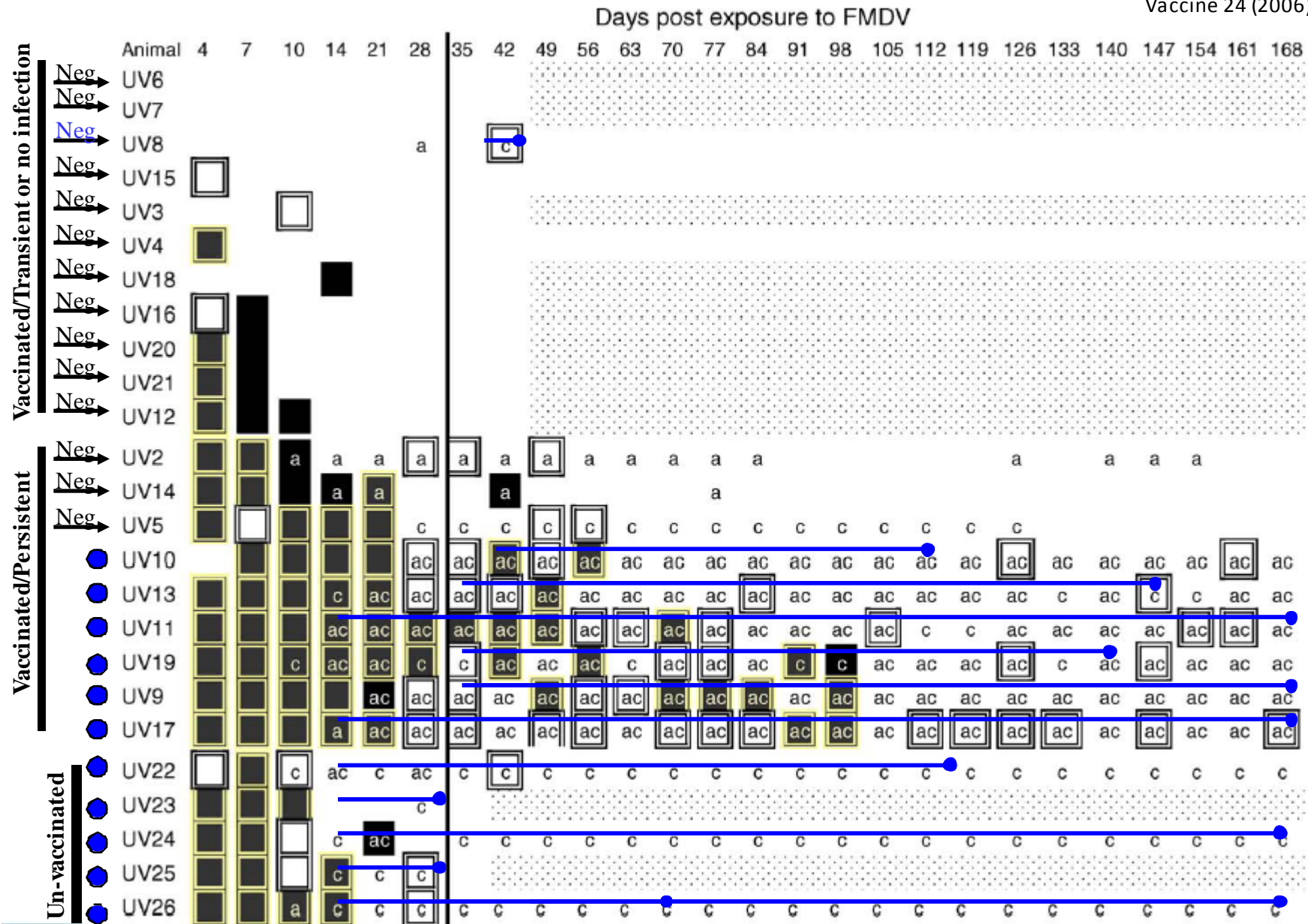
# 3ABC cELISA Pigs



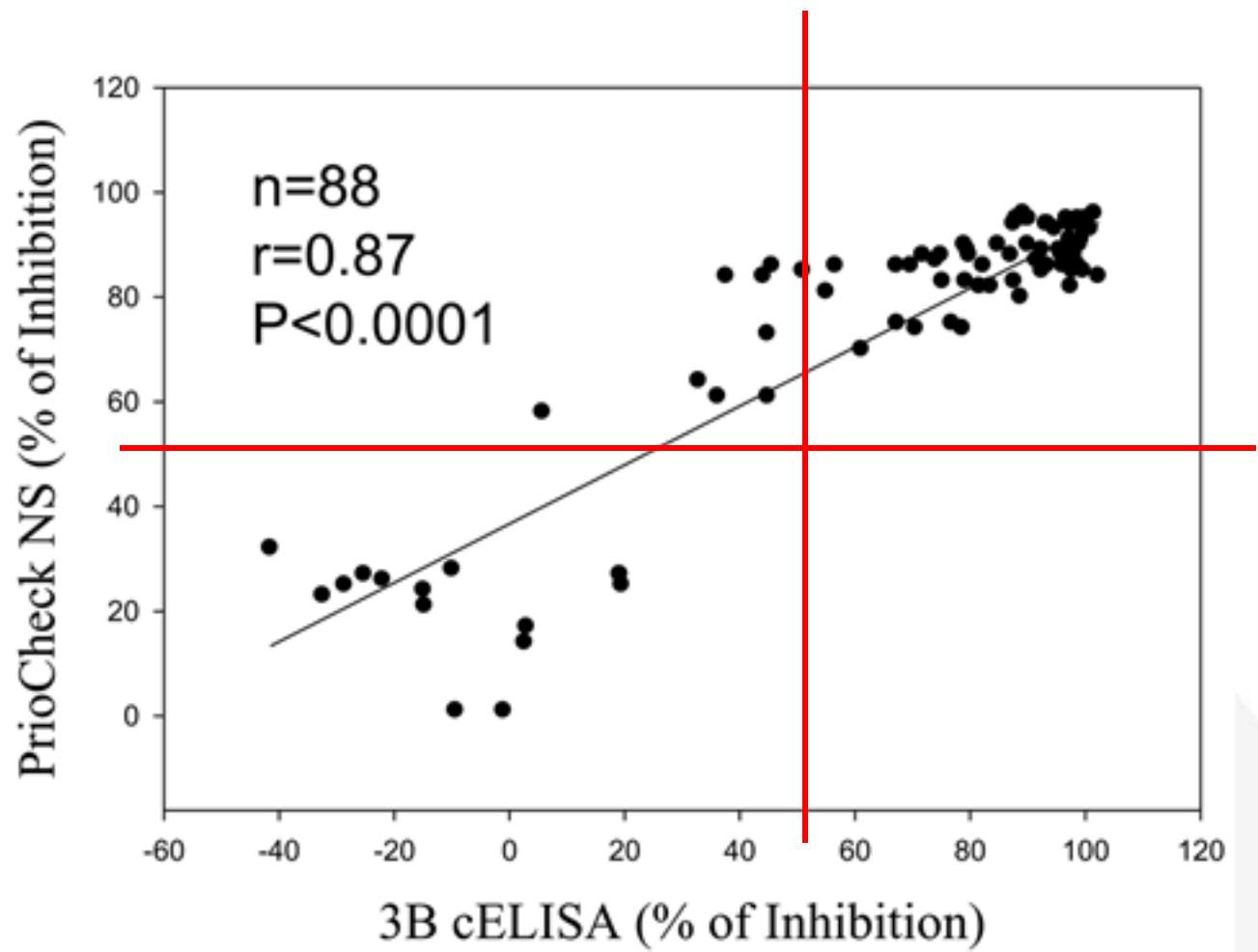
### 3ABC antibodies in deer sera







(■) VI positive; (a) IgA positive (OD≥0.6); (⋯) Animal dead; (□) RT-PCR positive; (c) CEDI positive (PI≥50%); (■) VI + RT-PCR positive.



# *Multiple testing*

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**Parallel testing-** Positive in either test =*P*

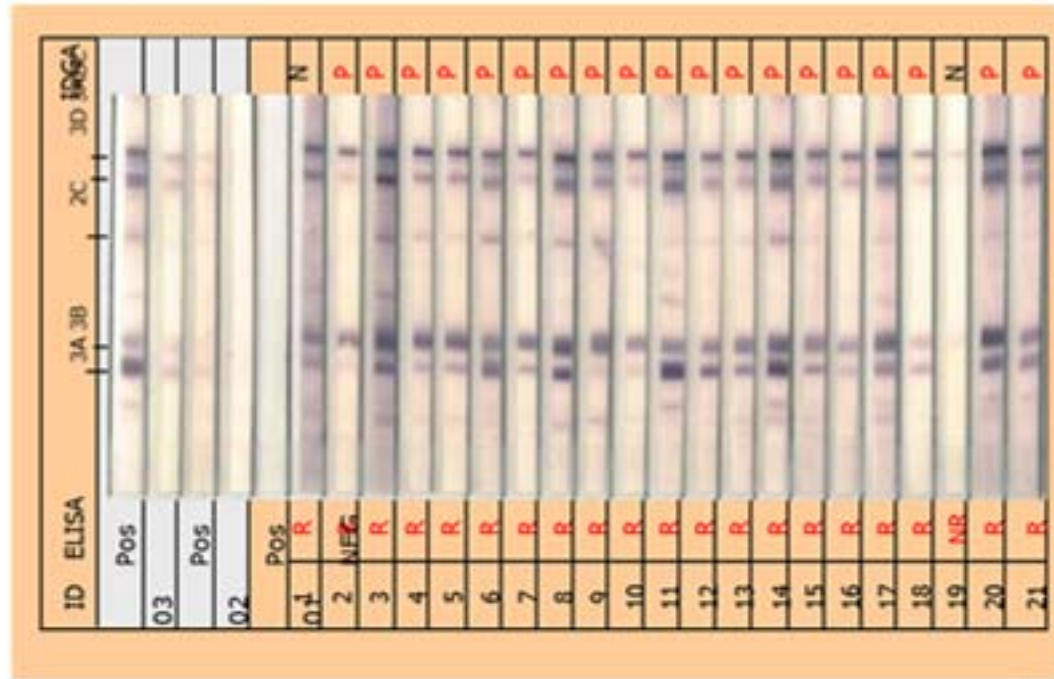
The animal is being asked to “prove” that it is healthy. ↑ Sn and NPV

**Serial testing-** Positive in all test =*P*

The animal is being asked to “prove” that it has the disease. ↑ Sp and PPV

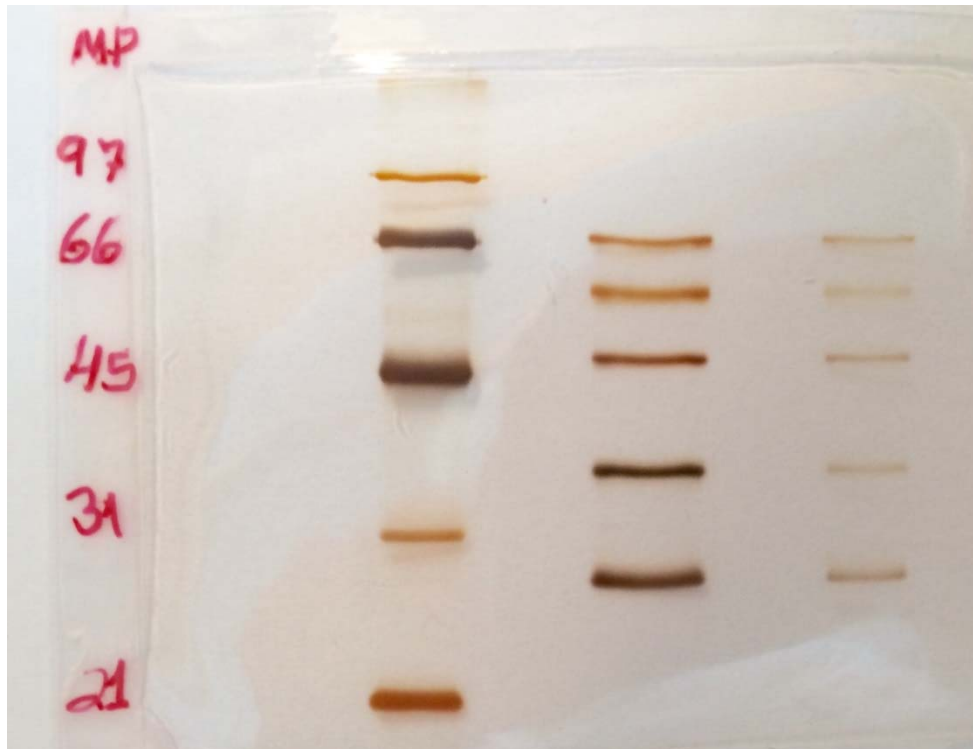
# EITB (Enzyme-linked Immuno-electrotransfer Blot Assay)

Test with high specificity?????

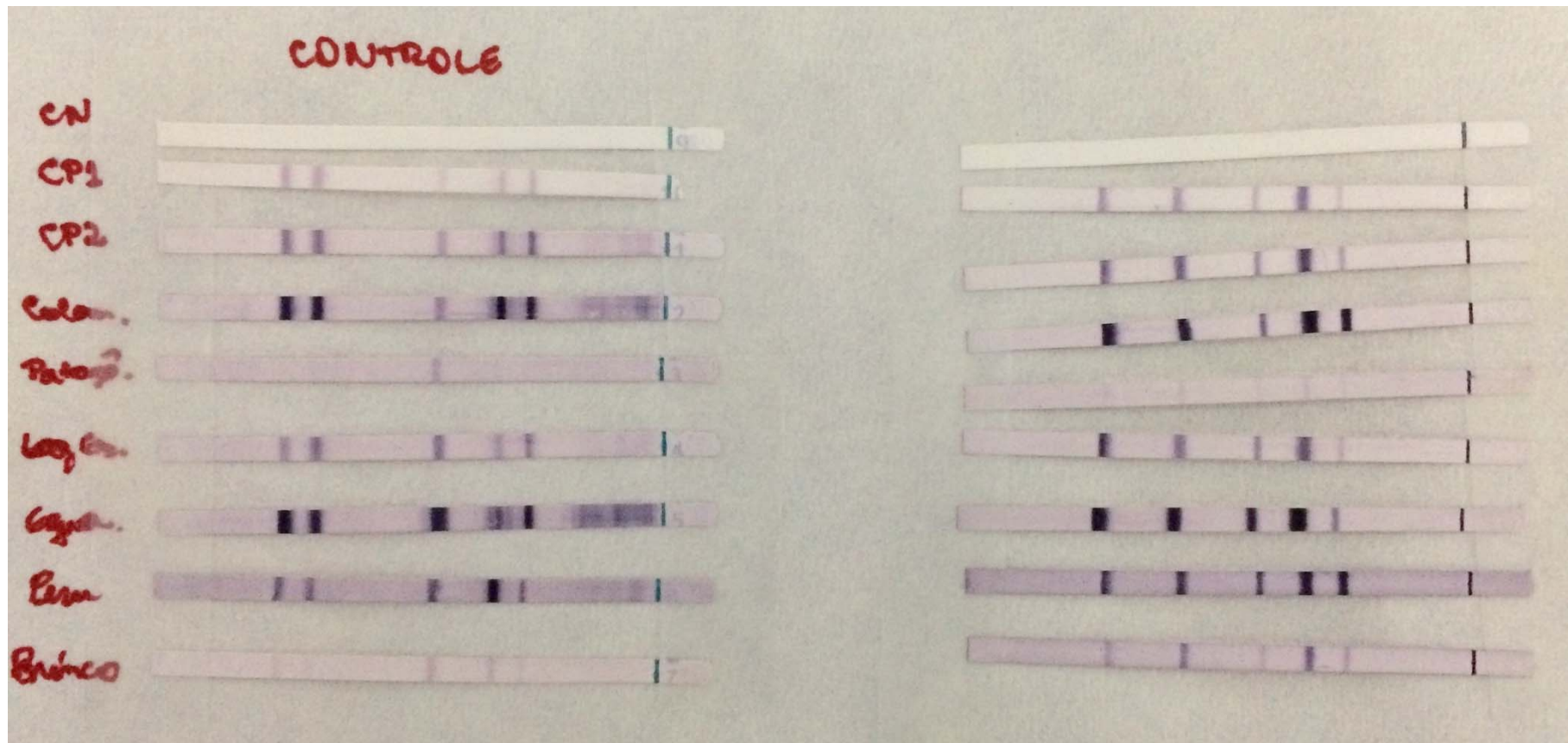


# EITB V2.0

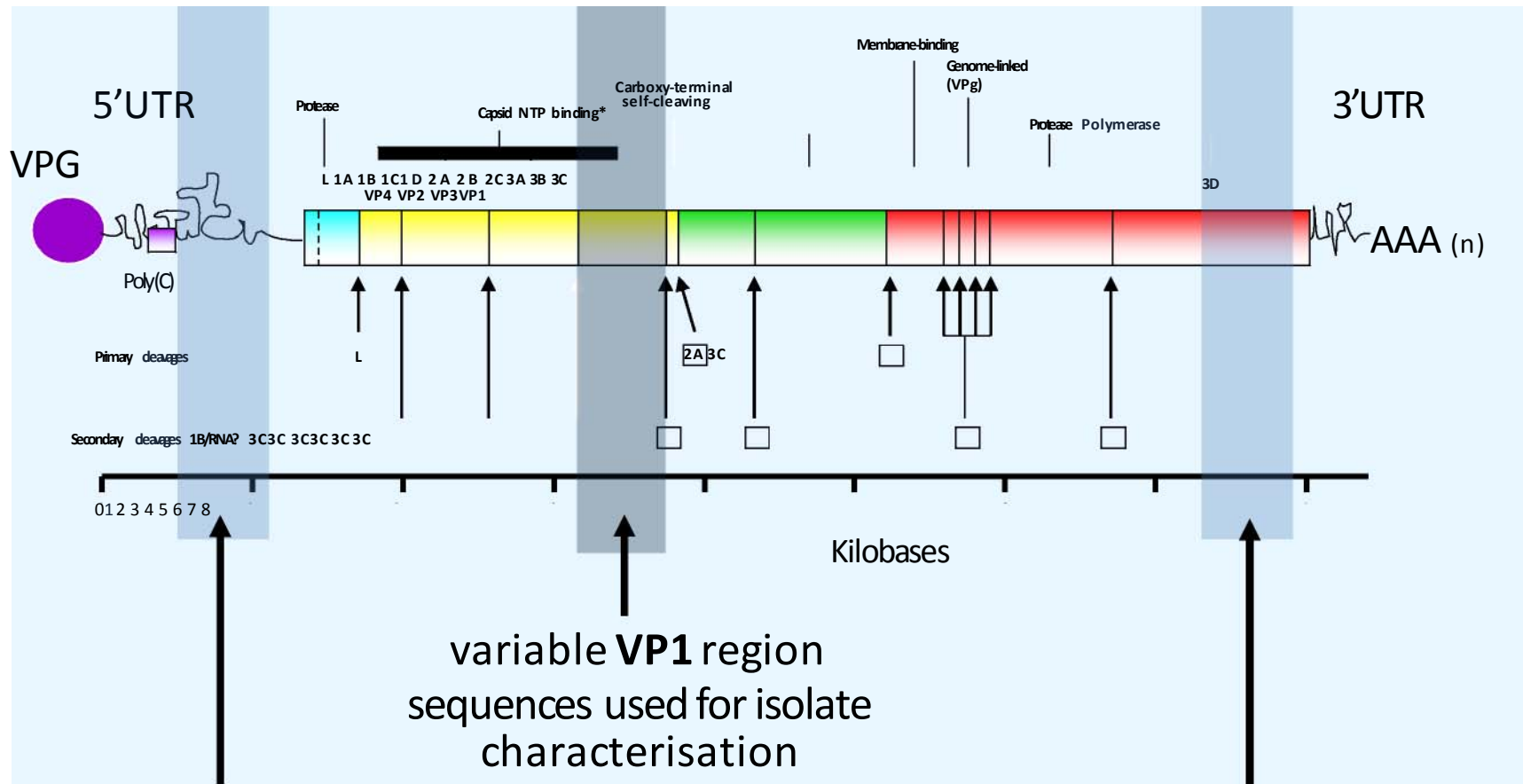
New clones produced at Panaftosa 3ABC, 3D, 2C, 3A y 3B engineered to improve specificity







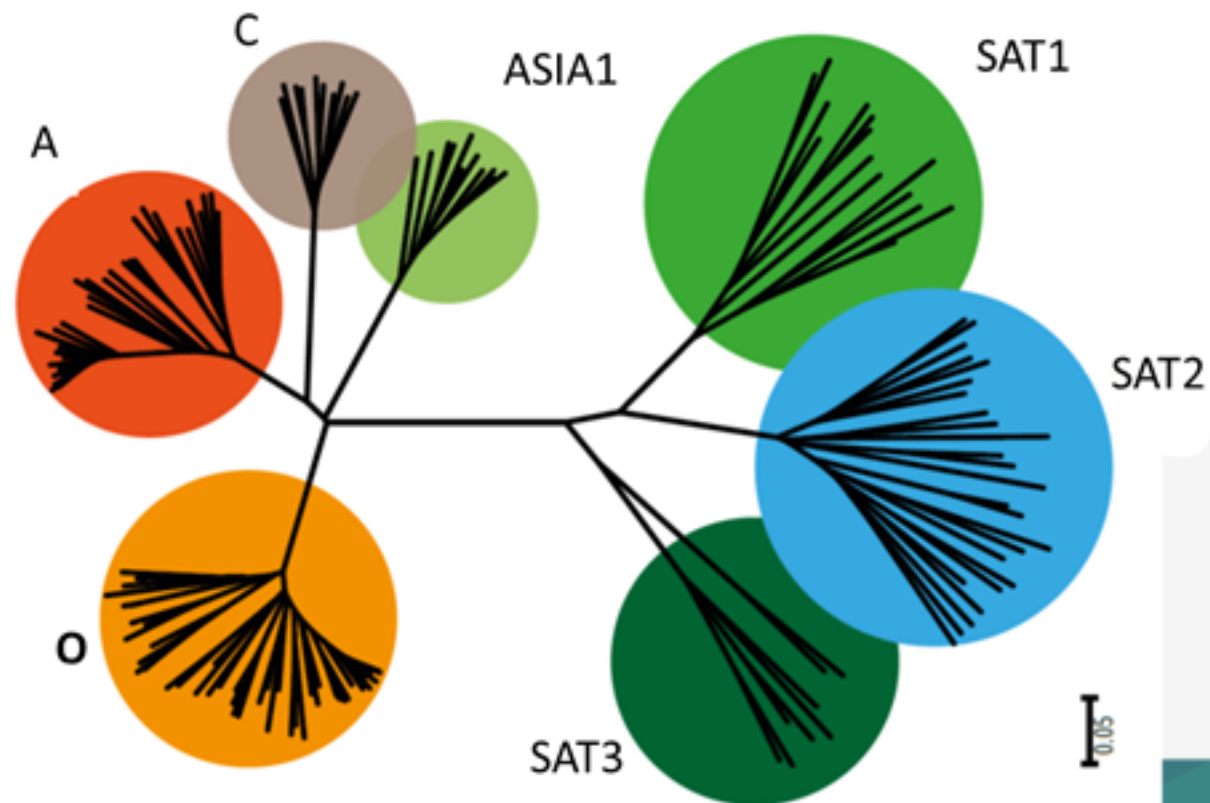
# Molecular Diagnostics: Genome detection and sequencing



conserved **IRES** and **3D** regions targets for pan-serotype reactive **PCR assays**

# VP1 sequencing:

- Enough to classify viruses within serotype and genotype (topotype) based on up to 15% difference in VP1



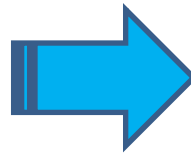


# Full genome sequencing=increased resolution

- Nature of FMDv of rapid spread= rapid evolution
- virus seq. changes 0.5-1% of its genome/year.  
=40-80 nt/year or 1-2 nt/week).

As virus transmit between farms = change is accumulated.

Analysis of the accumulated changes from each infected farm



Identify the transmission pathway

- Obtaining consensus sequence
- Analysis diversity of the virus population at each position along the genome

# Field testing vs centralized testing



Suspect case  
of FMD



LOCAL  
CLINICAL  
OBSERVATION



LABORATORY  
DIAGNOSIS  
(Regional or NRL)

## Suspects secondary outbreaks

Field Tests (LFD)

FMDV antigen detection

FMDV NA detection



### Samples for:

- FMDV detection
- Serotype-characterization
- Serology
- In-vitro vaccine matching
- VP1 sequencing
- Full-genome sequencing
- Cross-protection studies



## Confirmation of 1st case (initial Dx)

Strain characterization

Active surveillance programmes

# Pen-side testing (PST)

## Why do we need field tests for FMD?

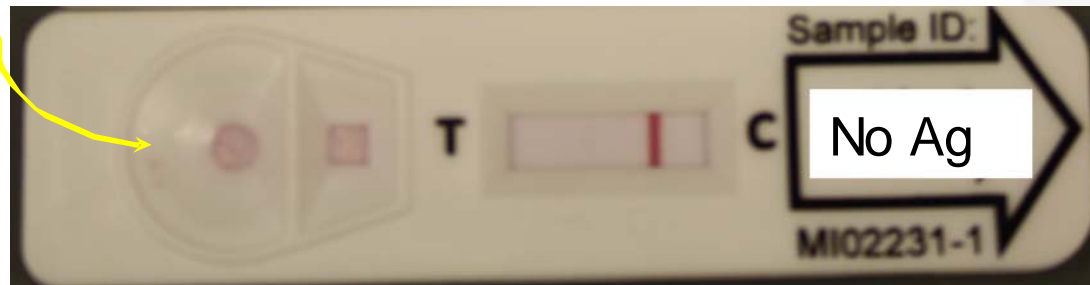
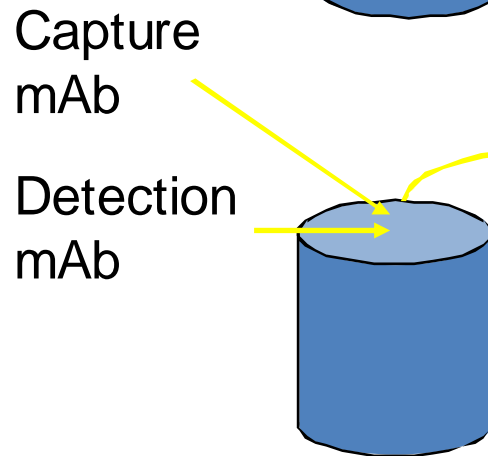
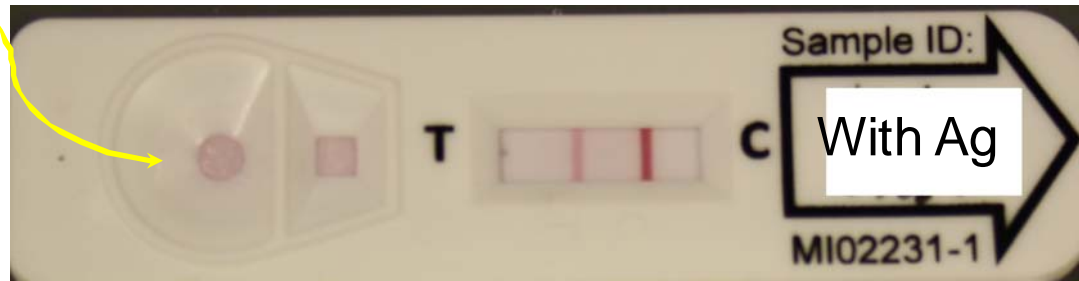
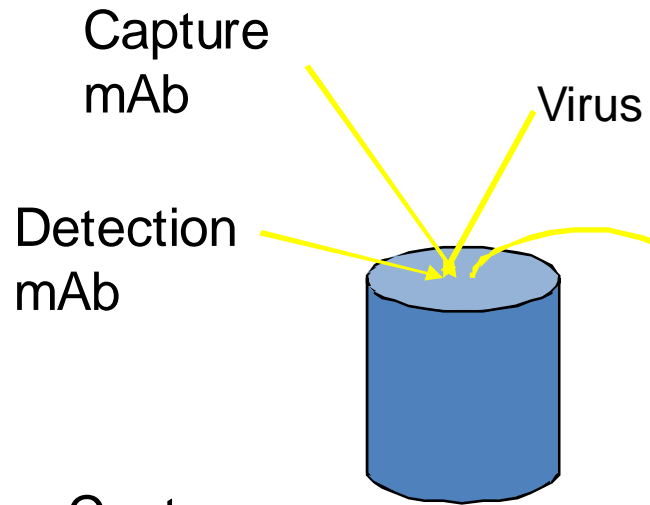
- FMD spreads very rapidly
  - Rapid decision required
  - Average time to receipt of samples >24hrs
- Shorten time from sampling to results.
- Early Indication of the likely outcome when investigating
- primary cases (confirmation require NRL).
- Improved diagnosis over clinical signs alone.
- Careful result interpretation: Characteristics of the outbreak (clinical disease; epi).
- Lateral Flow Devices
- Portable PCR units

## Pen-side testing (PST). Cont..

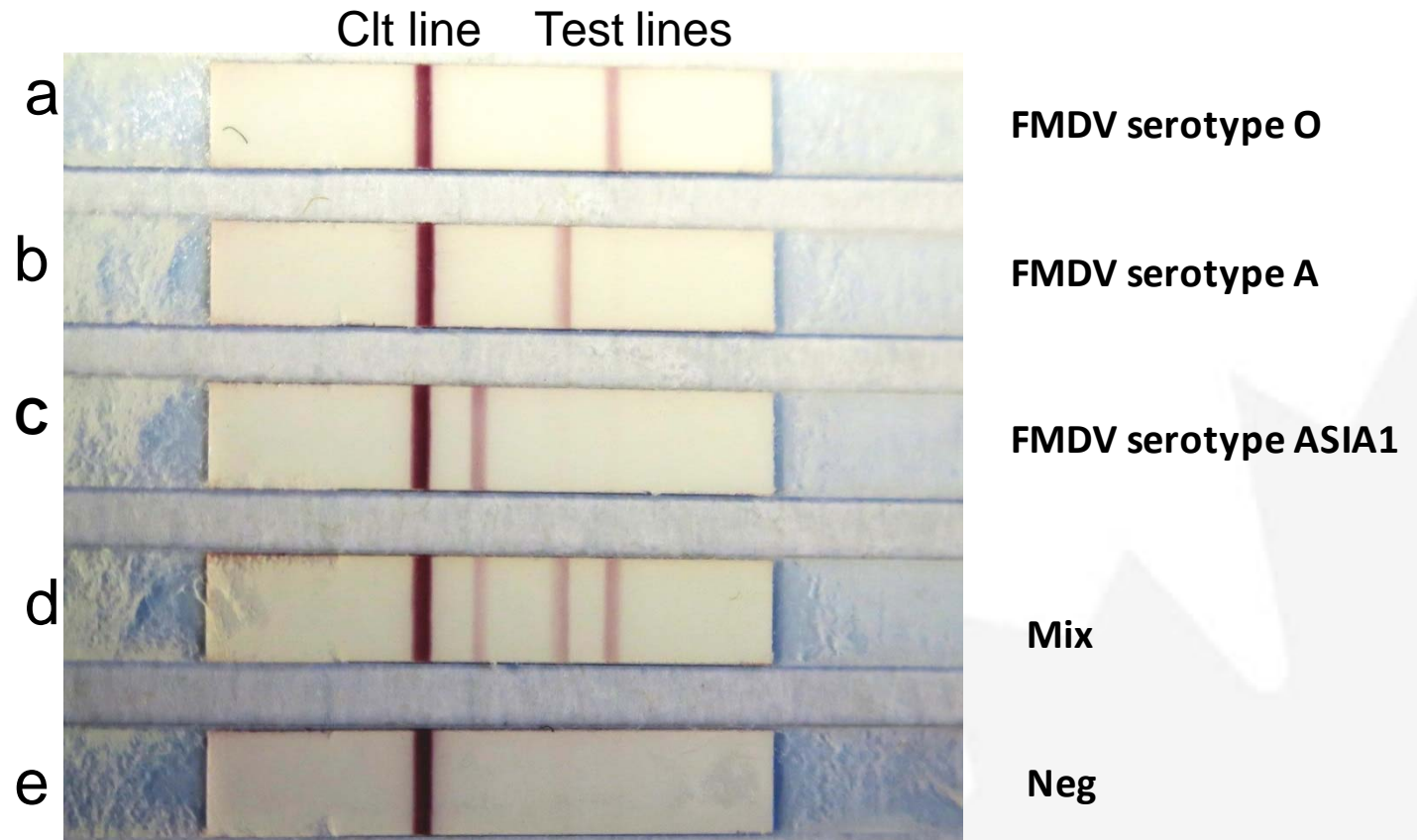
- How and who will be using Pen-side tests?
- Comparative evaluation and field validation of PST
- Availability of PST, reagents and equipment (including delivery to outbreak).
- Training for use
- Containment risks
- Incorporating PST into the decision-making process
  - Level of proof required to declare new infected/free herds
  - Incorporate additional info (clinical disease. Epi) in the decision.
  - Results reporting

# FMD LFD

## Singleplex FMDv



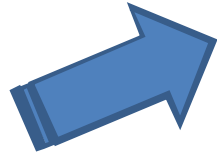
# Multiplex-LFD strip FMDV serotypes O, A, and Asia 1



# Conclusions



FMD Outbreak

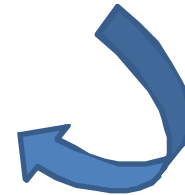


- Culling
- Quarantine
- Movement restrictions
- Vaccination (with or without subsequent culling)



Regain different levels of FMD-free trading status as soon as possible

Country must demonstrate the effectiveness of the control programs to achieve FMD freedom



FMD-free without vaccination



FMD-free with vaccination



Demonstrate NO evidence of FMD infection



Demonstrate NO evidence of FMD transmission



## Absence of viral infection:

Recover status of FMD-free without vaccination (short period of emergency vaccination and then no further use of vaccine).

### Identification of carriers becomes critical.

NSP serology Sp and Sn 97-98%. Need to increase to reduce FP rate

NSP Serology in vaccinated+infected cattle: Sn **61%** 15-27dpi/ **23%** 28-100 dpv.

Collection of oesophago-pharyngeal fluids (Probang): Low sensitivity. (VI+PCR)  
3 collections 1 week apart (1-3 months post infection)=Sn 80%

NSP testing->confirmatory testing->probang.

Need of more sensitive methodology to detect carrier animals (vacc-infected).

- VNT seroconversion?
- NSP IgM?
- SP IgA
- Cell mediated immune response IFN- $\gamma$



# Vaccine

- Potency evaluation  
Using correlates of protection
- Vaccine strain selection  
Serological methods (mabs?)  
Sequence-based predictions
- Field studies  
Population immunity (vaccination)

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