

New literature review REQUEST on our One Health network website – February 3, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

We have posted on our **"One Health Network"** website (www.onehealthnet.be) a new literature review on the use of multilocus variable number of tandem repeat analysis (MLVA) in anthrax and brucellosis zoonotic diseases. This review was prepared by **Henriette Van Heerden (Onderstepoort Veterinary Faculty, University of Pretoria)**. Molecular tools prove useful to identify the origin of zoonotic infections or to establish a formal link between pathogens isolated in animals and humans but their principles, capacities and limitations are sometimes difficult to comprehend. This review aims at summarizing the principles and the relevance of MLVA, an advanced molecular characterization tool, in epidemiological studies.

Further contributions are welcome, either in the form of discussion on "One Health" topics related to low-resource countries or in the form of literature reviews. Do not hesitate to contact us (onehealthnet@itg.be) if you want to contribute to the discussions.

Please, write to us if you know anybody who would benefit from being included in our mailing list. All email addresses remain masked for confidentiality purposes.

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