

Multiplex Real-Time RT-PCR for Detection of FMDV, Rift Valley Fever Virus and Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus in Bulk Tank Milk

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Risks of spreading foot and mouth disease through milk and dairy products

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Summary

A review of epidemics of foot and mouth disease (FMD) has highlighted the important role which raw (untreated) milk can play in the spread of the disease in a country which is normally free of FMD and whose cattle are not routinely

Modeled detection time for surveillance for foot-and-mouth disease virus in bulk tank milk

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Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—PCR screening of bulk milk for FMDV would likely detect FMDV in dairy herds several days sooner than might be expected for owner reporting of clinical signs and would be worthy of consideration for regional, national FMD surveillance. (*Am J Vet Res* 2024)

Untersuchung von Sammelmilchproben mittels Polymerasekettenreaktion: Eine ergänzende Methode für die BVD-Überwachung

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RIFT VALLEY FEVER (RVF)

WITH GOOD KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD INFORMATION, WE CAN PREVENT PEOPLE AND ANIMALS FROM GETTING RIFT VALLEY FEVER.



SIGNS OF A RIFT VALLEY FEVER OUTBREAK

- Many unexpected pregnancy losses in goats, sheep, and cattle
- Stillbirths and births of weak animals
- Illness and death of young livestock (less than one year old)

SYMPTOMS OF RVF IN ANIMALS



Once animals recover from Rift Valley Fever, they are no longer able to infect people.

RVF IN PEOPLE

Those at greatest risk of getting Rift Valley Fever are people with contact with sick animals, including:

- Animal health workers
- Herders, other people who take care of sick animals
- Abattoir workers and people involved in slaughtering sick animals
- People who may touch the bodies of sick or dead animals
- Those who may handle uncooked meat or drink raw milk of sick animals

Typically, people infected with Rift Valley Fever recover 2-7 days after mild illness; however, a small number of people develop much more severe symptoms.

Signs of serious illness in people include: vomiting, diarrhea, muscle or joint pain, intense fatigue, abdominal pain, and unexplained bleeding.

One person cannot infect another person with Rift Valley Fever.

Seeking care early is an important way to help your chances of survival if you become seriously ill. Although there is no cure for RVF, there is supportive care, such as transfusions and IV fluids that can help save lives.



When testing and drawing samples from animals, veterinarians should follow the recommendations below. To avoid contact with bodily fluids from sick or dead animals, or products of abortion, veterinarians should wear gloves, boots, long sleeves, and a face shield to protect against splashing.



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**RVFV Drosten mix 2 TexasRed (Drosten et al., 2002, J Clin Microbiol 40[7]:2323–30)**

40 µl RVS-F (100 pmol/µl)

5'-AAA GGA ACA ATG GAC TCT GGT CA-3'

40 µl RVAs-R (100 pmol/µl)

5'-CAC TTC TTA CTA CCA TGT CCT CCA AT-3'

8 µl RVP-TEX (100 pmol/µl)

5'-TexasRed-AAA GCT TTG ATA TCT CTC AGT GCC CCA A-BHQ2-3'

112 µl 0.1X TE

200 µl

BVDV PP-1.1 mix 2 Cy5 (Hoffmann et al., 2006, J Virol Methods 136[1–2]:200–9)

80 µl BVD190-F (100 pmol/µl)

5'-GRA GTC GTC ART GGT TCG AC-3'

80 µl V326 (100 pmol/µl)

5'-TCA ACT CCA TGT GCC ATG TAC-3'

12 µl TQ-Pesti-Cy5 (100 pmol/µl)

5'-Cy5-TGC YAY GTG GAC GAG GGC ATG C-BHQ3-3'

28 µl 0.1X TE (pH 8.0)

200 µl

β-actin mix 2 (To

5 µl ACT-100

5 µl ACT-113

2.5 µl ACT-108

187.5 µl 0.1X TE

200 µl

FMDV IRES 4G mix 3 FAM (Wernike et al., 2013, J Clin Microbiol 51[3]:938–44)

60 µl FMD-IRES-4.1F (100 pmol/µl)

5'-TAA CAW GGA CCC RCS GGG CC-3'

60 µl FMD-IRES-4R (100 pmol/µl)

5'-TGA AGG GCA TCC TTA GCC TG-3'

12 µl FMD-IRES-4.1TEX (100 pmol/µl)

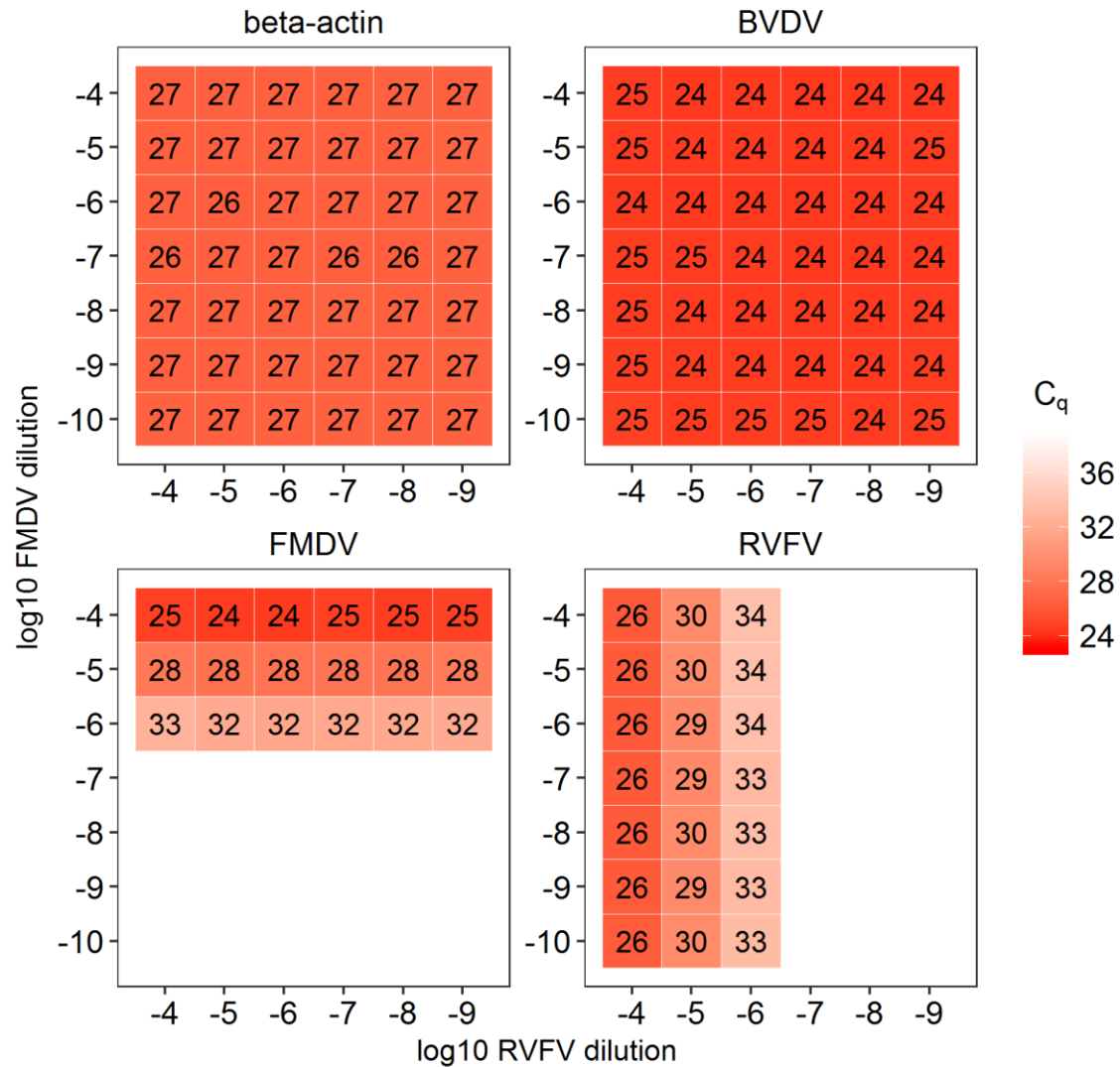
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68 µl 0.1X TE (pH 8.0)

200 µl



RVFV/FMDV+BVDV



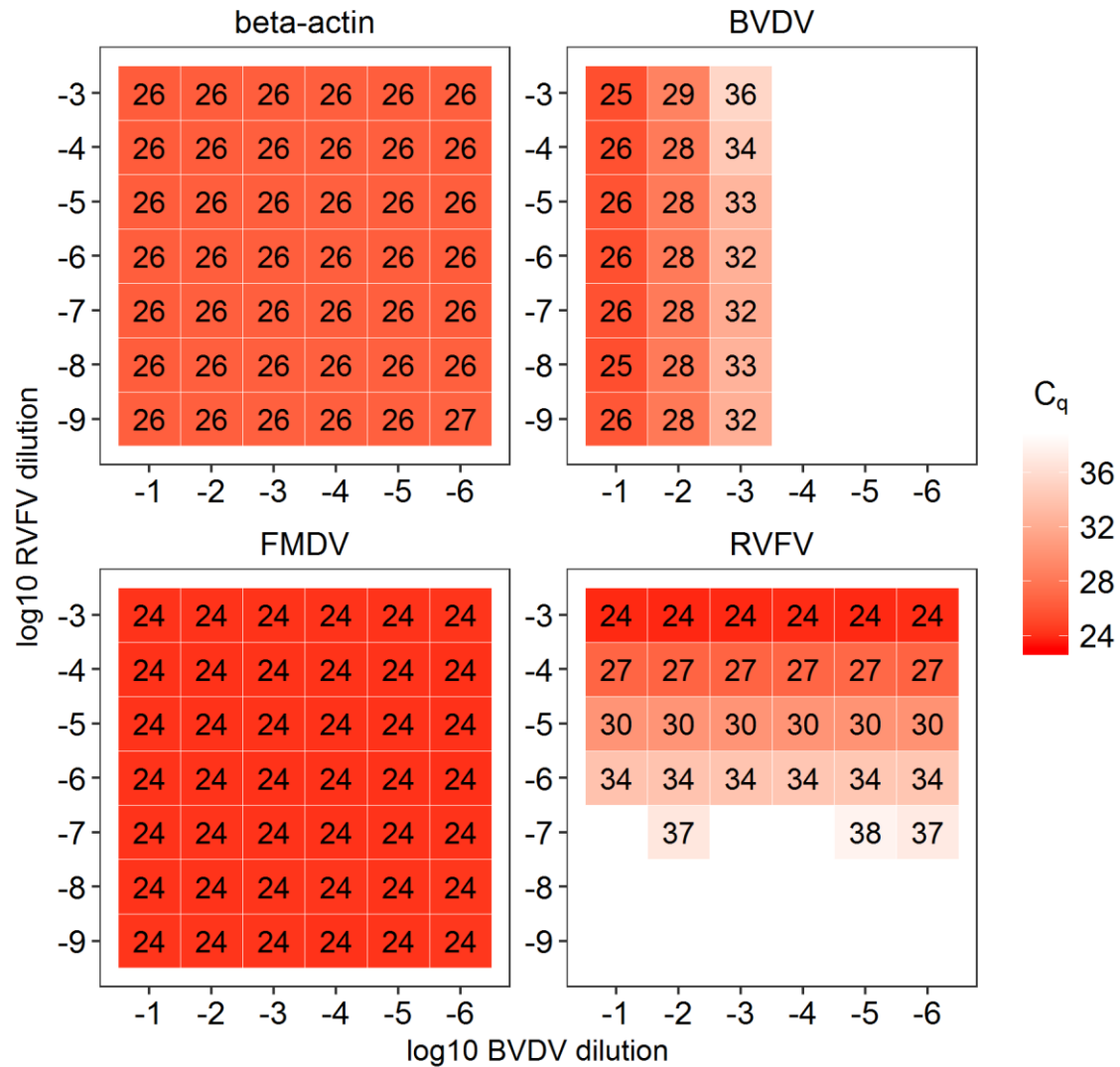
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RVFV/BVDV+FMDV



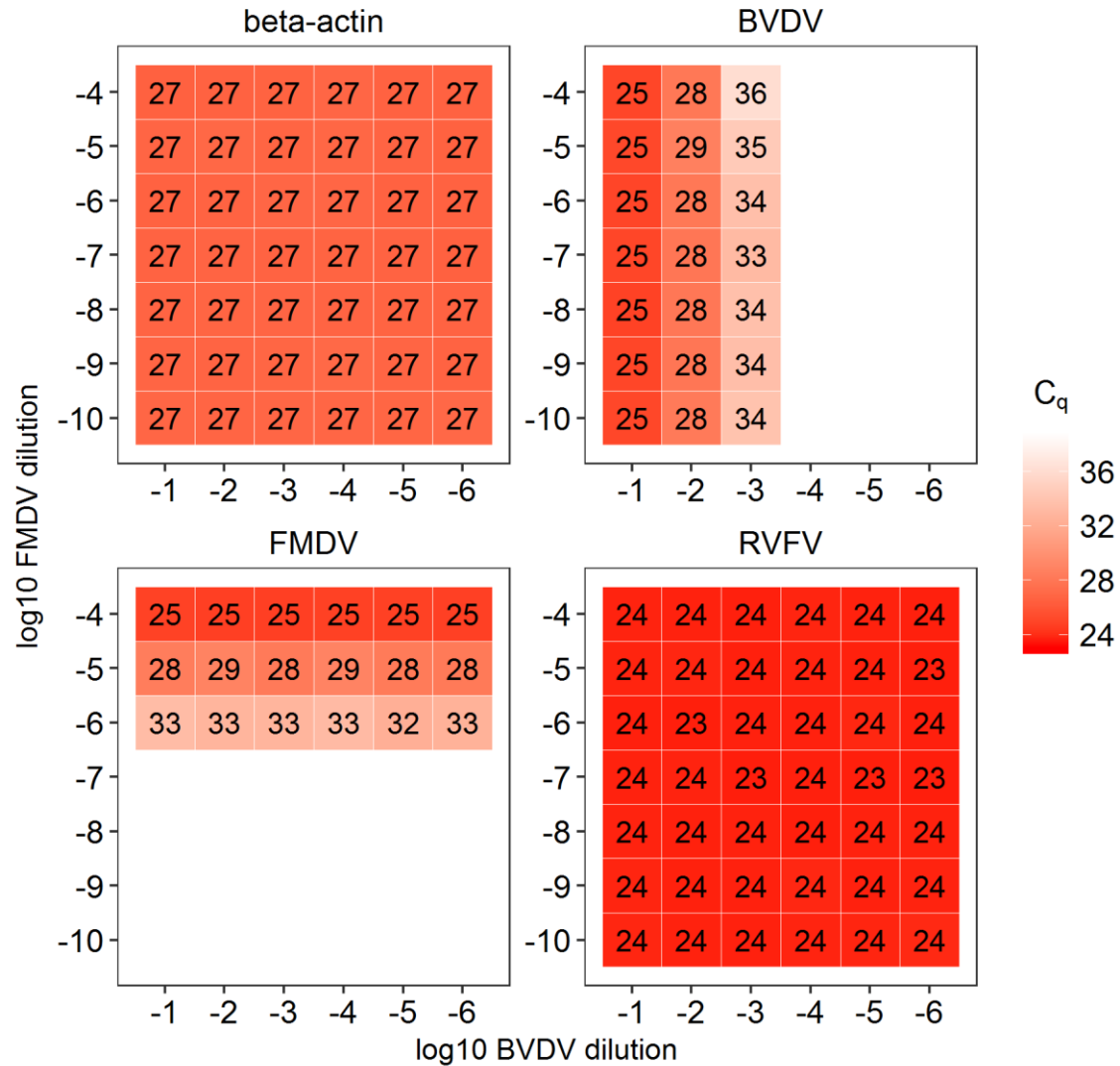
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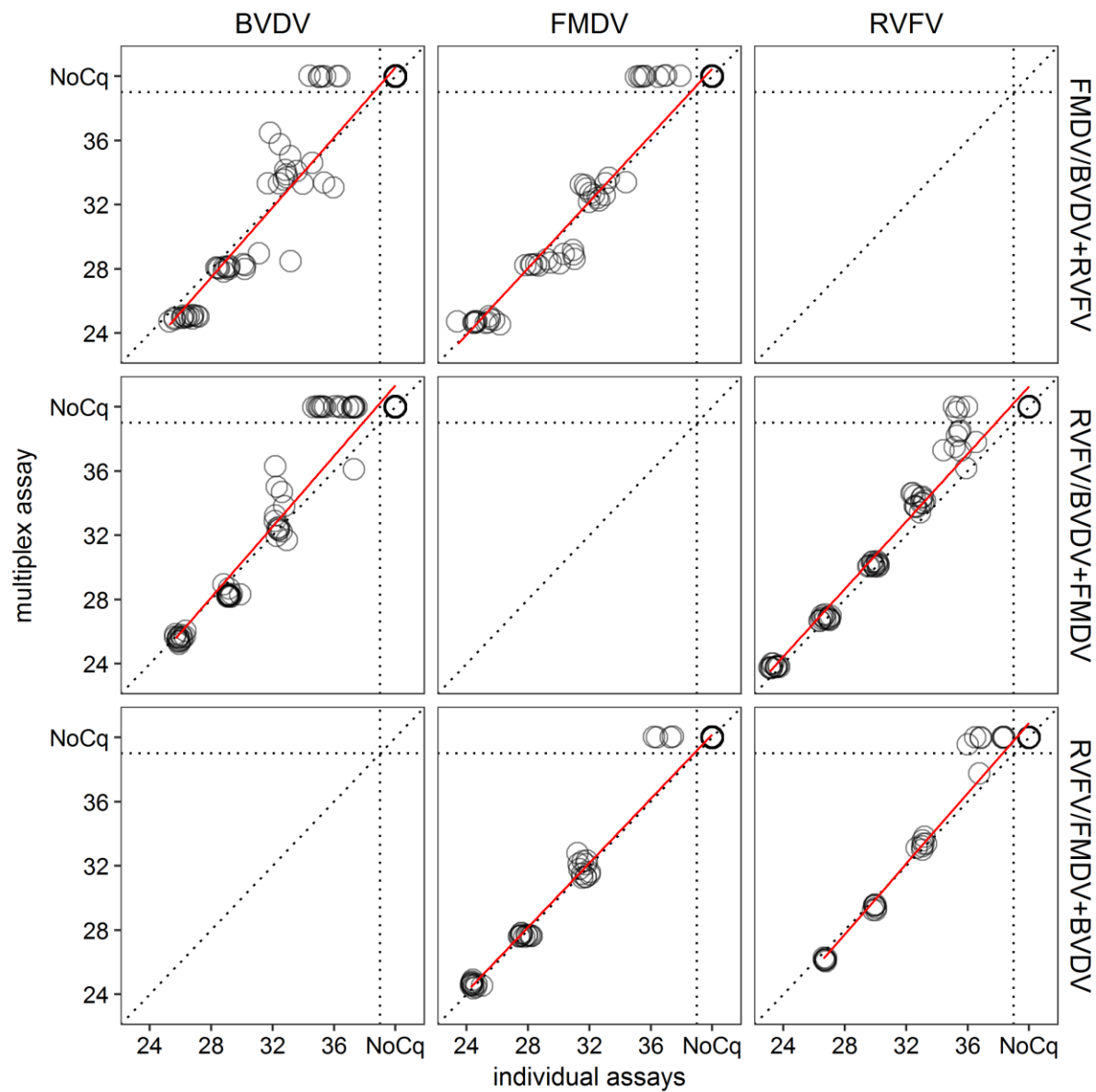


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10 ⁻¹	20,2	21,1	10 ⁻¹	18,6	19,5	10 ⁻¹	20,1	18,9	10 ⁻¹	18,5	18,7
10 ⁻²	24,0	24,3	10 ⁻²	22,1	23,1	10 ⁻²	23,4	22,2	10 ⁻²	22,1	22,3
10 ⁻³	27,0	27,7	10 ⁻³	25,5	26,3	10 ⁻³	26,3	25,3	10 ⁻³	25,5	25,7
10 ⁻⁴	31,4	32,8	10 ⁻⁴	28,8	30,3	10 ⁻⁴	30,1	29,2	10 ⁻⁴	28,7	29,7
10 ⁻⁵	33,1	41,0	10 ⁻⁵	31,9	35,5	10 ⁻⁵	34,1	34,8	10 ⁻⁵	32,1	34,9
10 ⁻⁶	NoCq	NoCq	10 ⁻⁶	34,3	NoCq	10 ⁻⁶	38,1	NoCq	10 ⁻⁶	37,5	NoCq

SAT1	3D-1	IRES4G	SAT2	3D-1	IRES4G	SAT3	3D-1	IRES4G
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10 ⁻³	26,2	26,1	10 ⁻³	26,6	25,6	10 ⁻³	25,4	25,4
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10 ⁻⁶	35,1	NoCq	10 ⁻⁶	38,1	NoCq	10 ⁻⁶	36,5	NoCq



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species	strain	subtype	C _q value
BVDV-1	NADL	1a	27.3
BVDV-1	Paplitz	1b	27.6
BVDV-1	NCP-2508-FCS	1c	29.2
BVDV-1	PI809	1d	28.0
BVDV-1	NC3807-1251/1	1e	28.2
BVDV-1	Egbert	1f	29.1
BVDV-1	BO806-17	1g	28.4
BVDV-1	BO807-3	1h	28.5
BVDV-1	Böhni	1k	30.0
BVDV-1	NC3807-8757	1x	28.1
BVDV-2	8644	2a	28.6
BVDV-2	Bure	2a	28.3
BVDV-2	Walter	2b	28.4
BVDV-2	PO1600	2c	28.0



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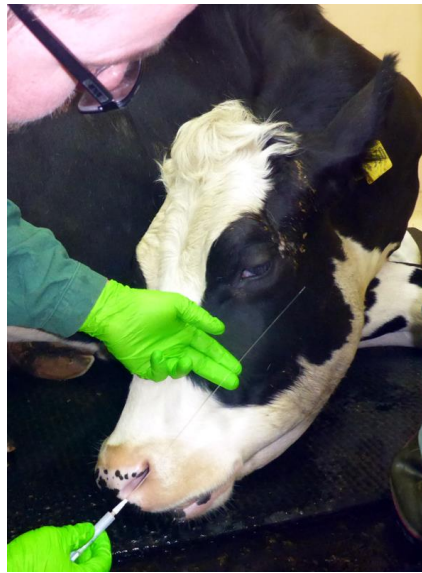
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3 dairy cows,
2½, 2½ and 9 years
late lactation

infection by
intranasopharyngeal
application of FMDV
A/IRN/22/2015 in
deep sedation



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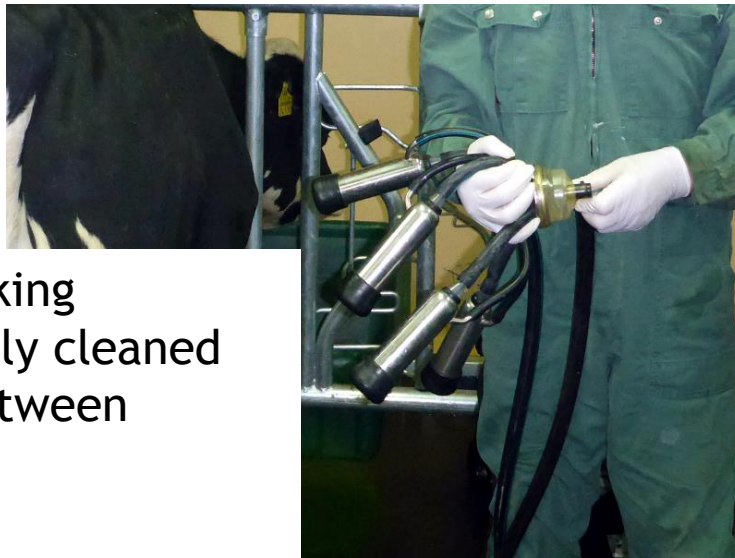
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small portable milking machine, thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between animals

1 daily milking in the morning

collection of milk, blood, saliva and nasal fluid for 12 days



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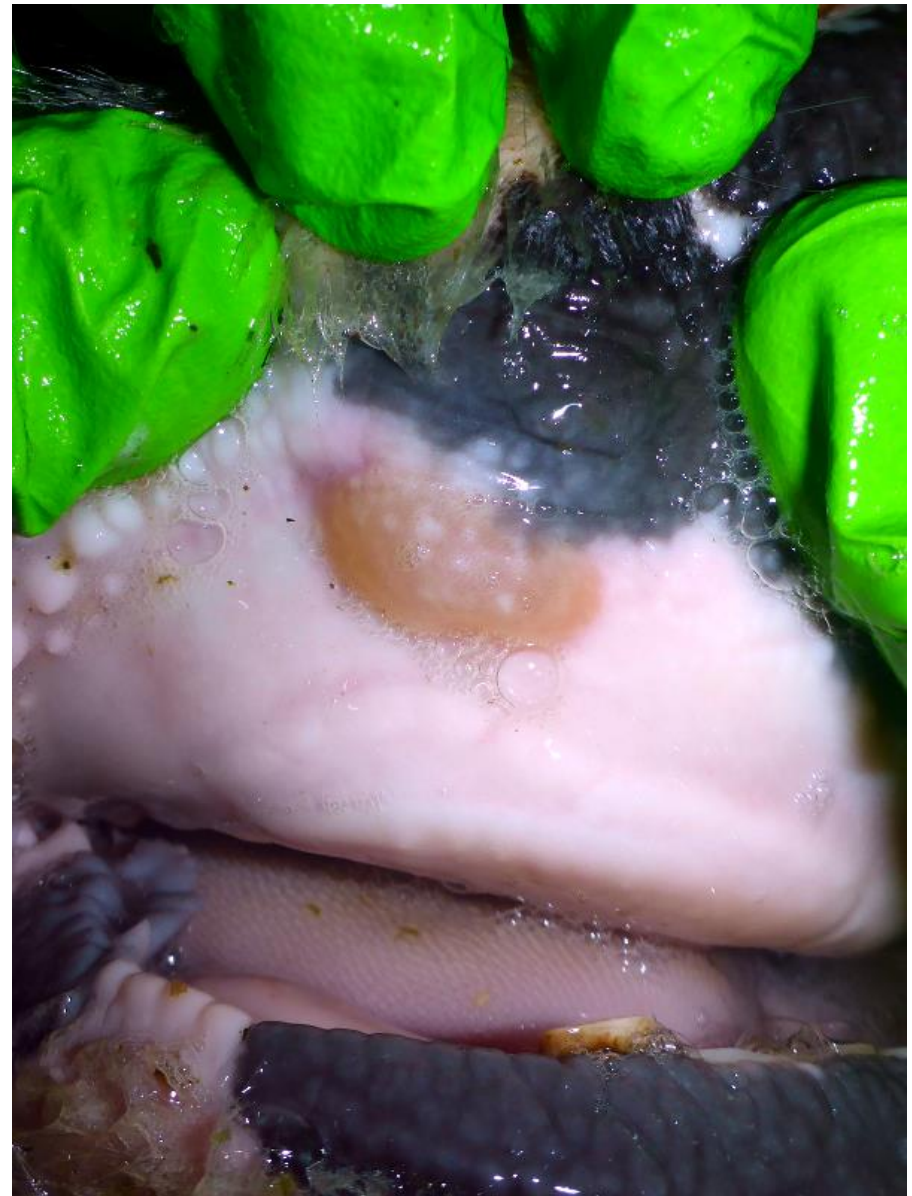
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cow 530, 3 dpi, mouth

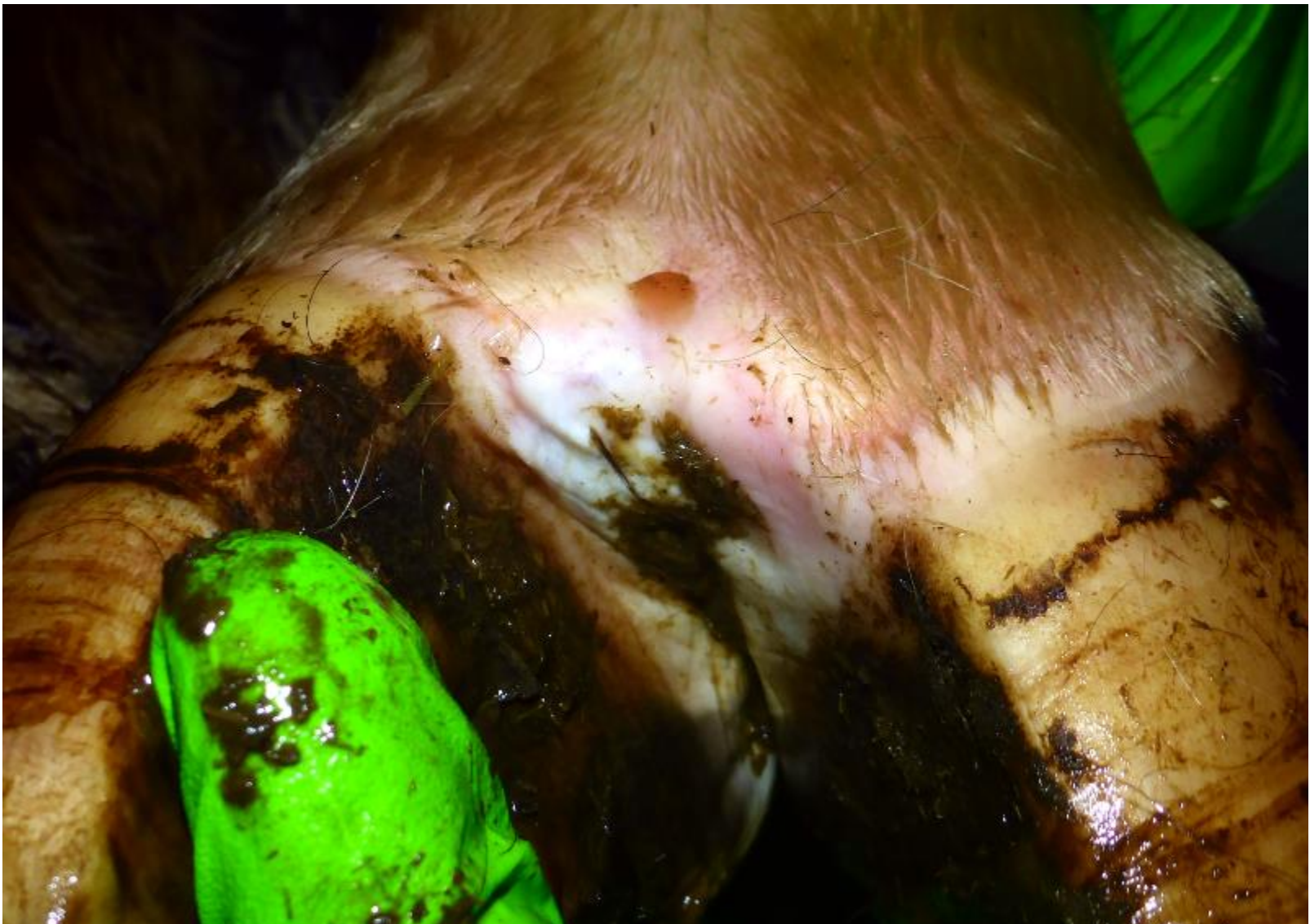


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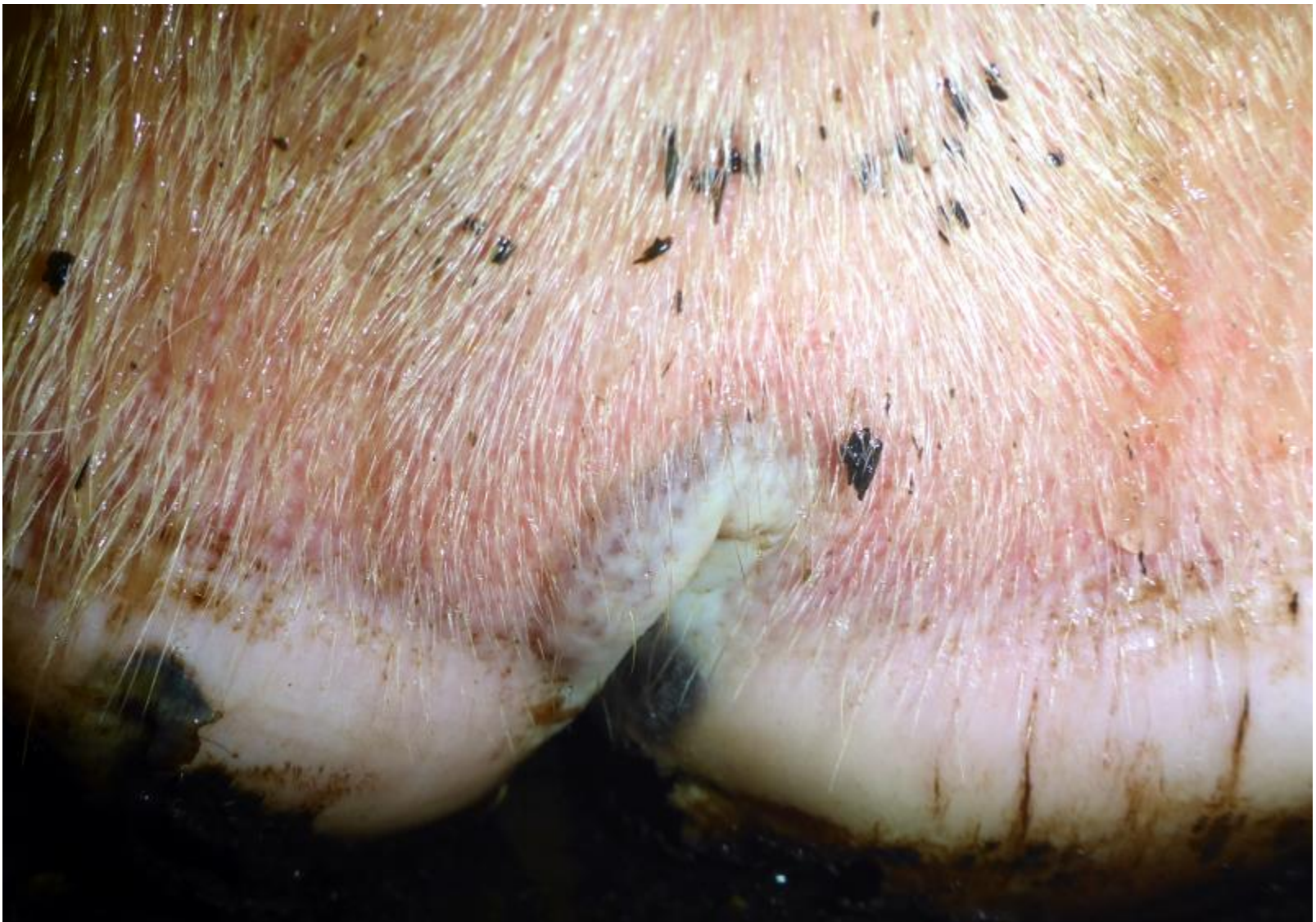


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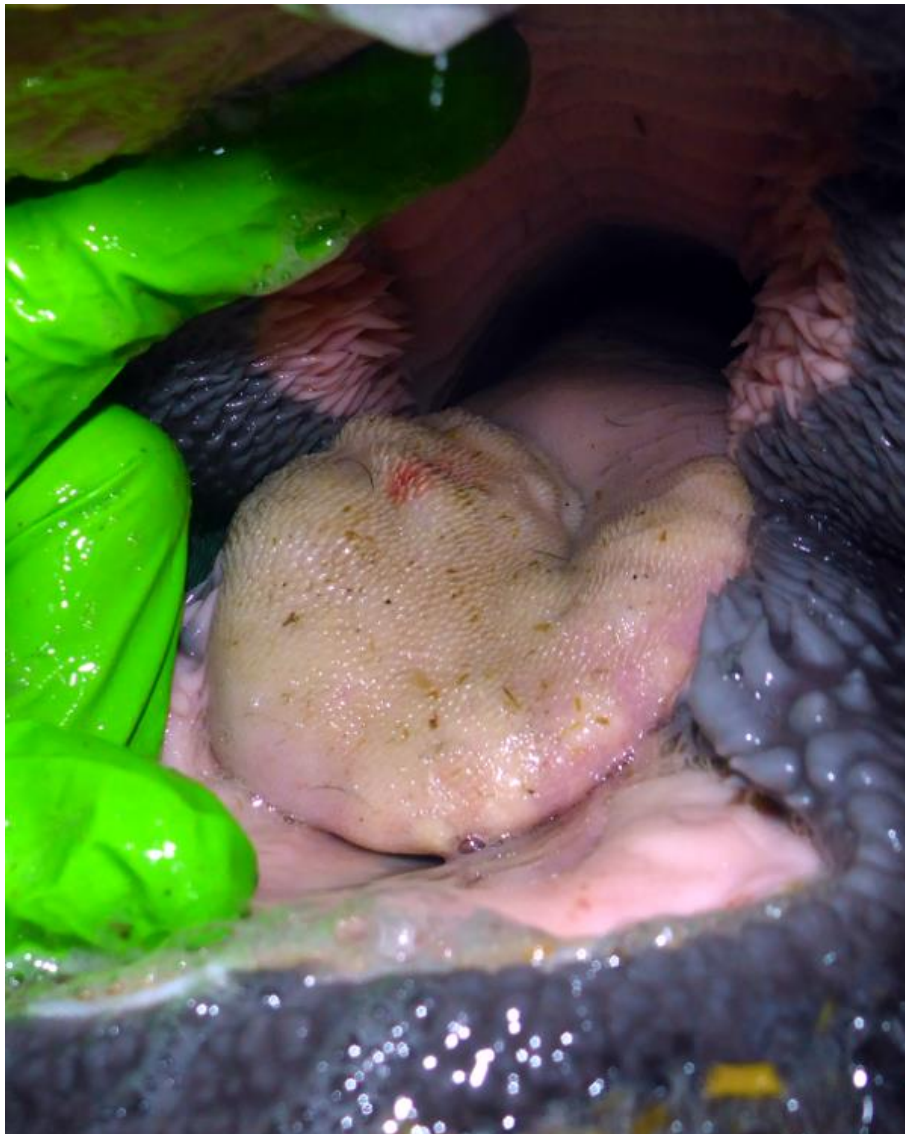


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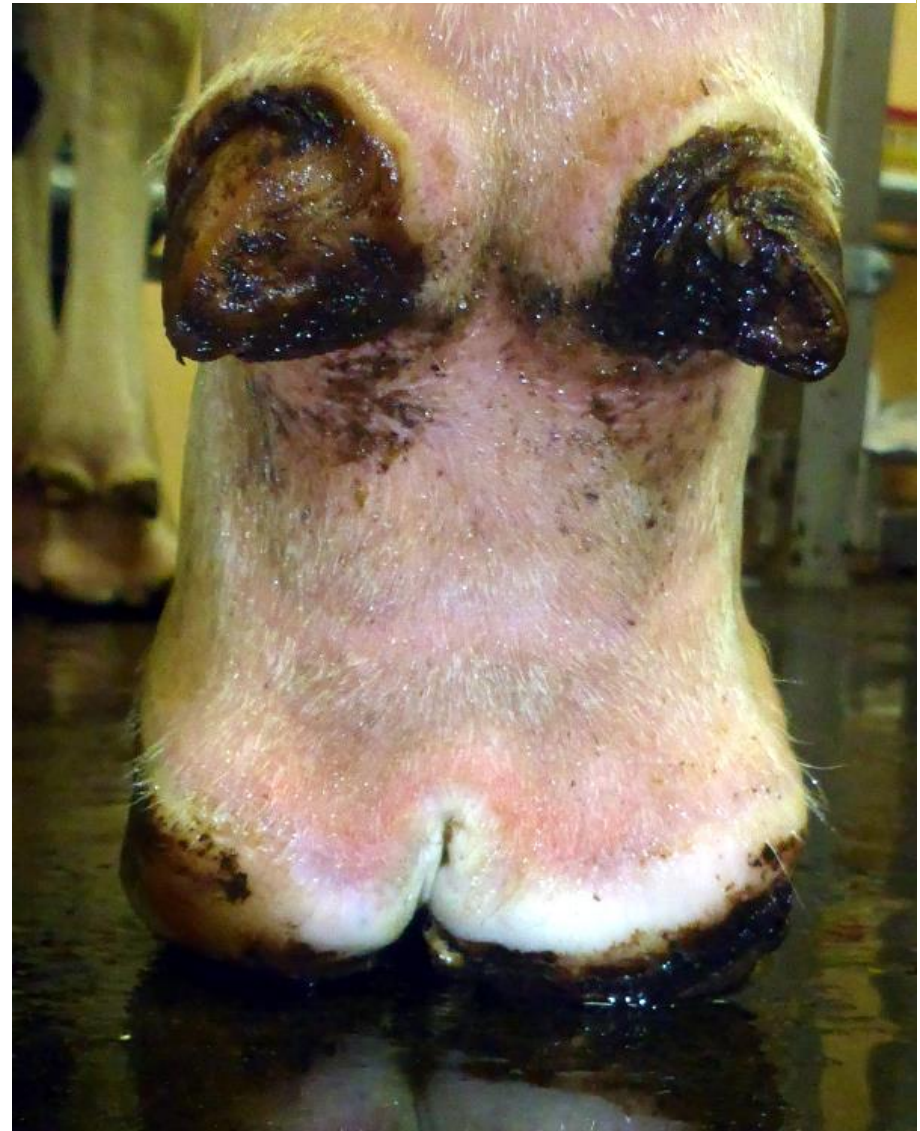
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cow 530, 4 dpi



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cow 530, 6 dpi, teat

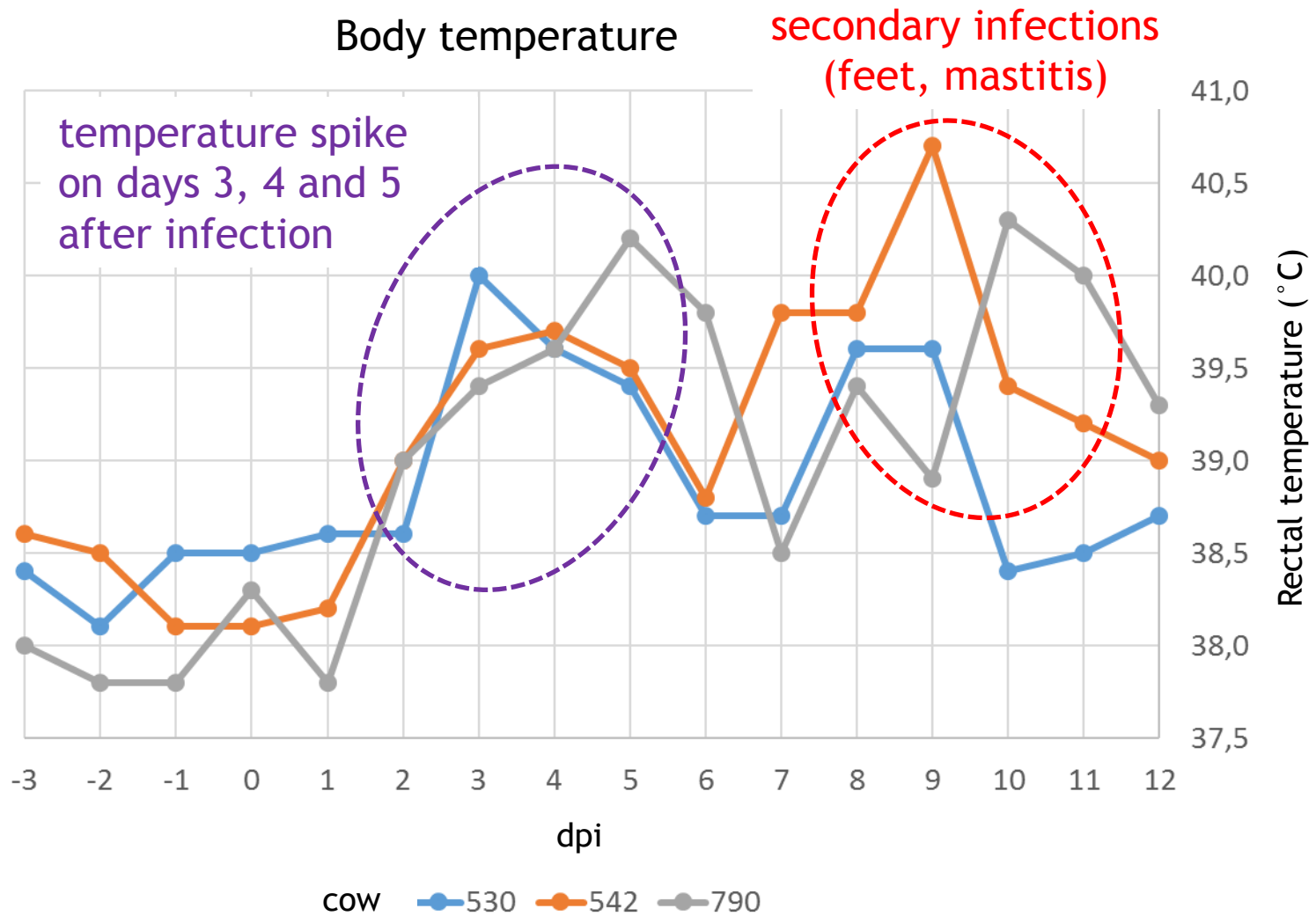


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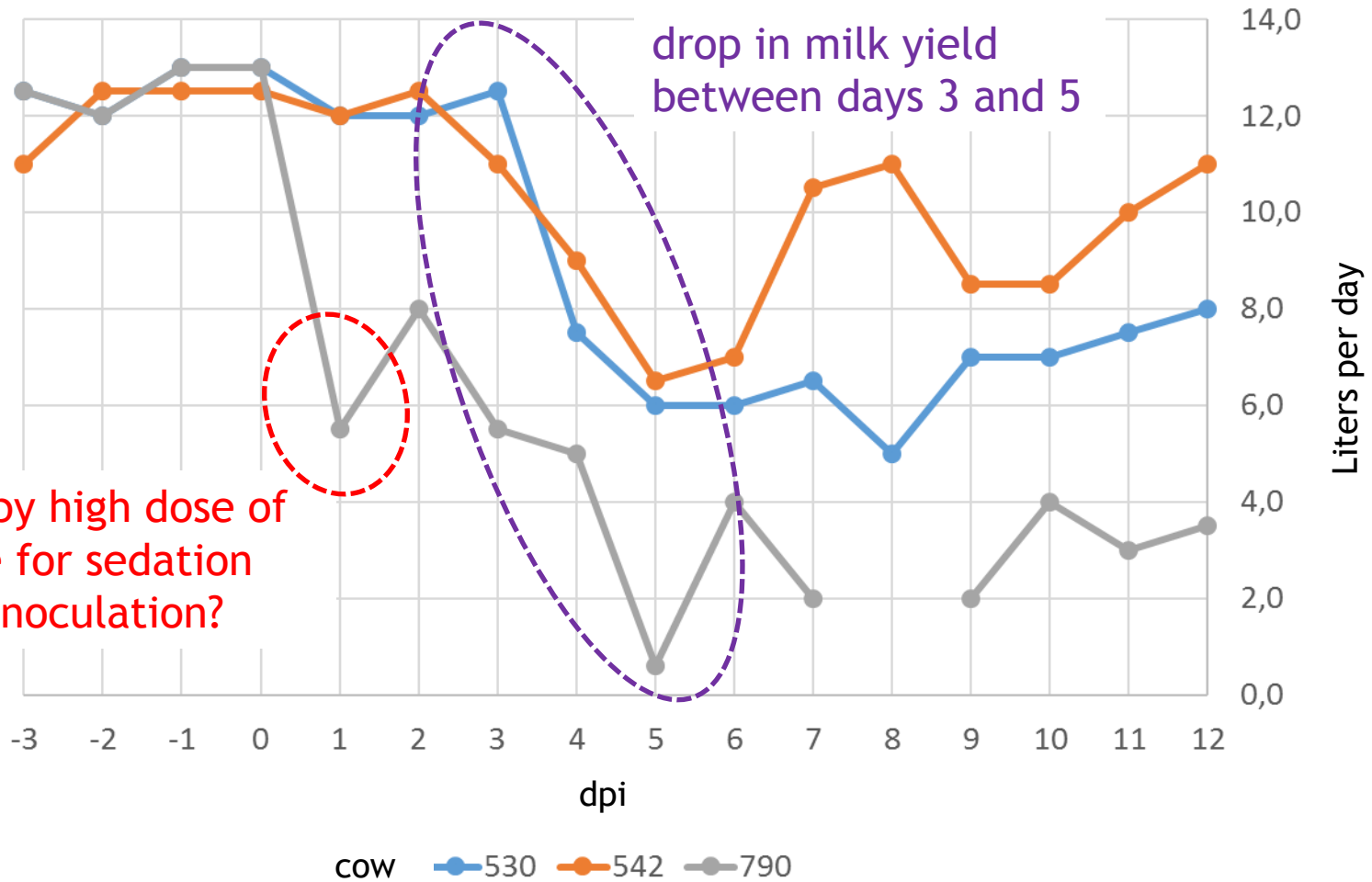
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Milk yield



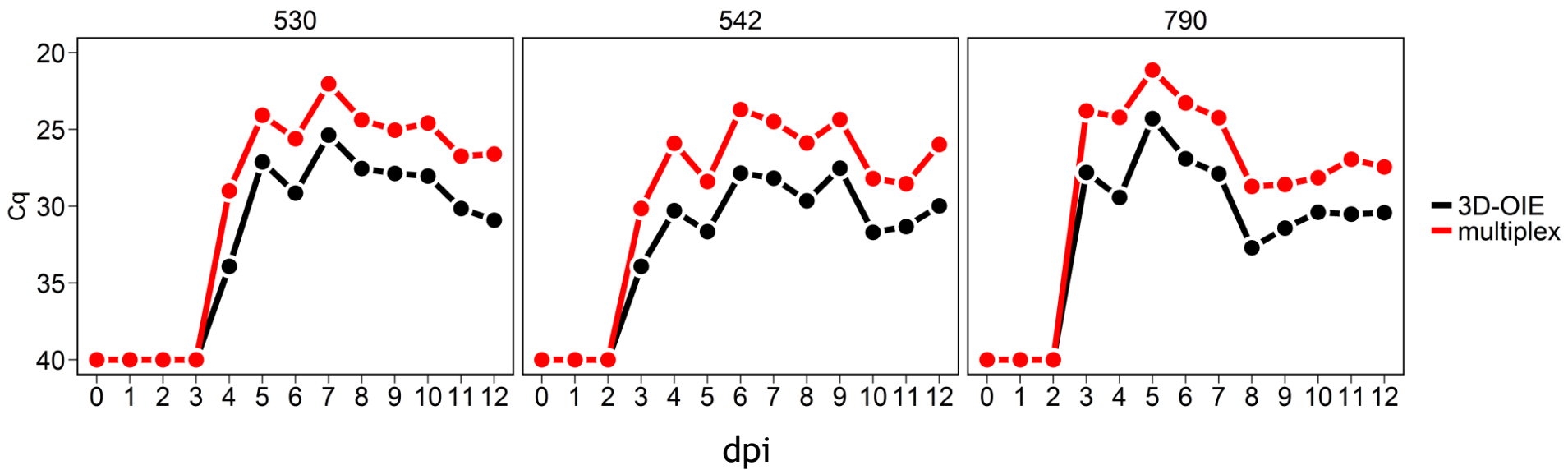
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FMDV PCR from whole milk



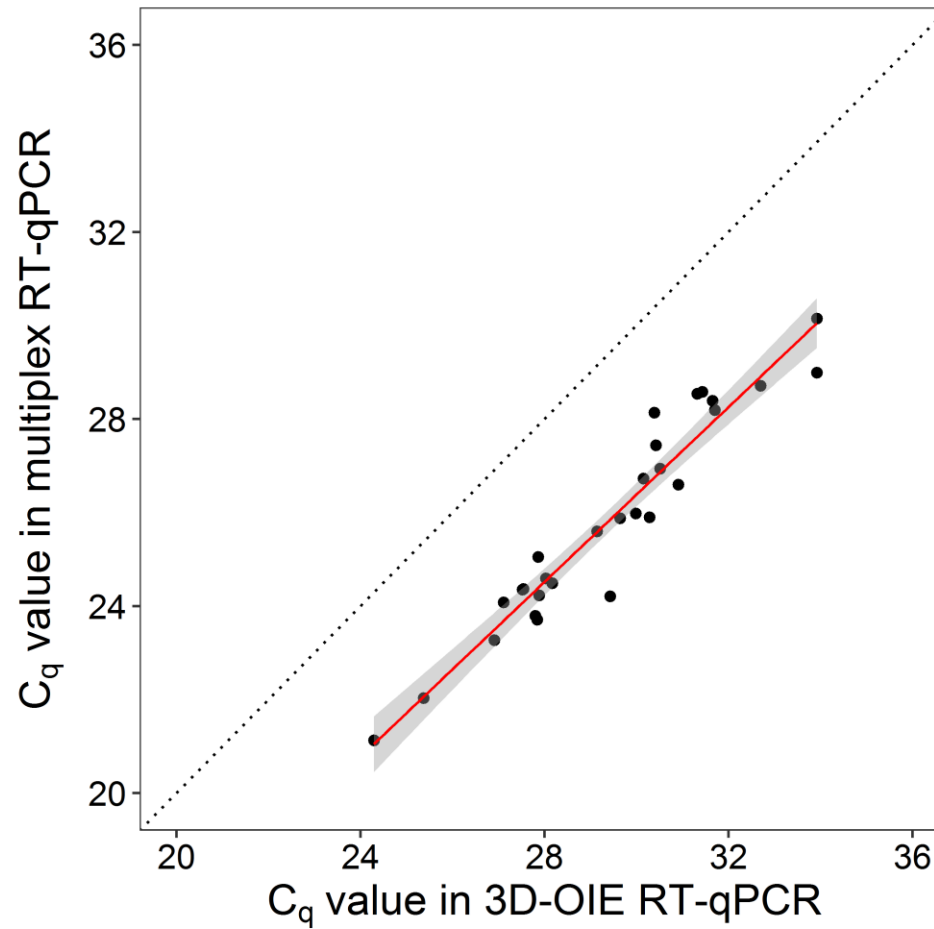
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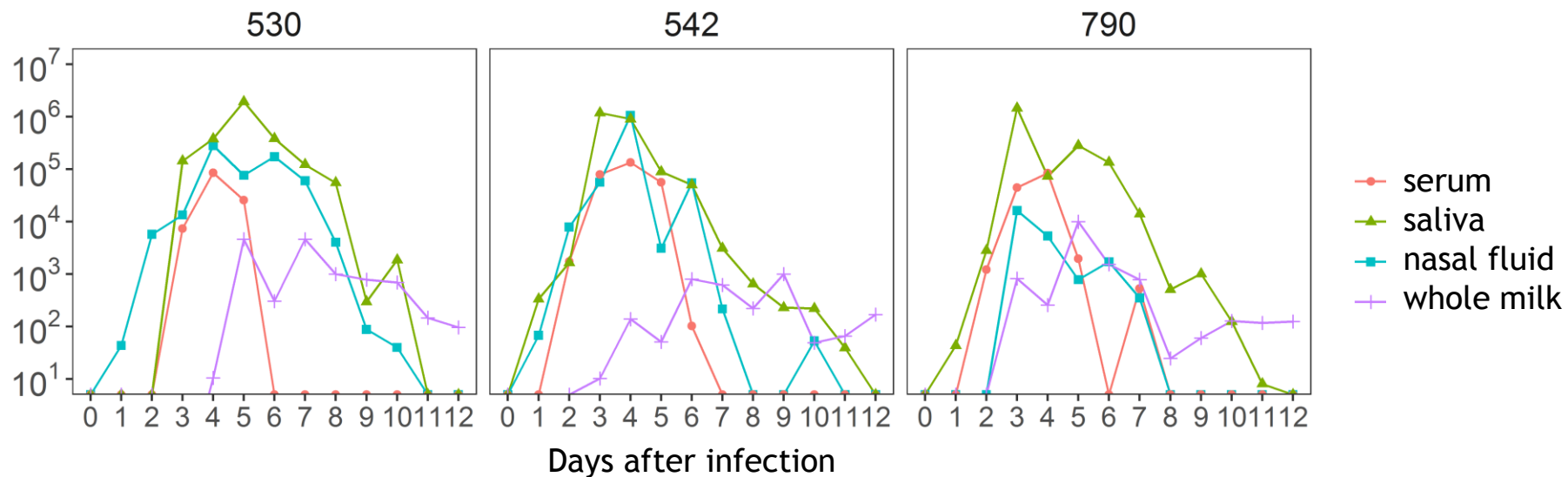
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FMDV genome copies per μl



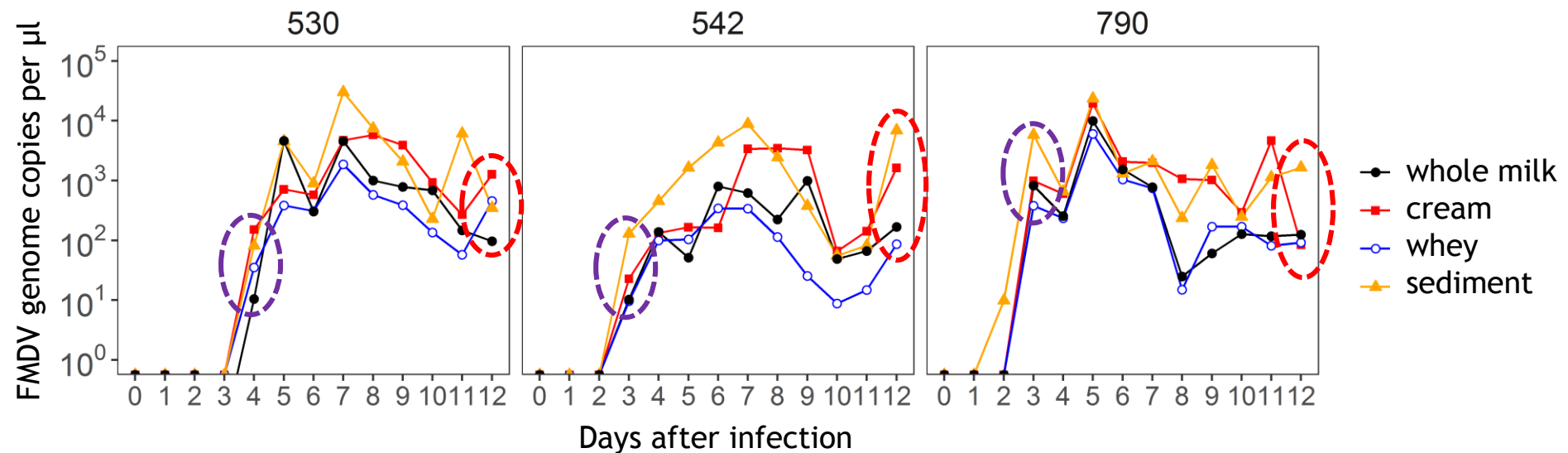
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virus detectable in milk
until the end of the
experiment (12 dpi)



first detection of FMDV
genome in milk on day 3 or 4
after infection, coinciding with
first clinical signs

roughly equal
distribution of FMDV
genome across all milk
fractions



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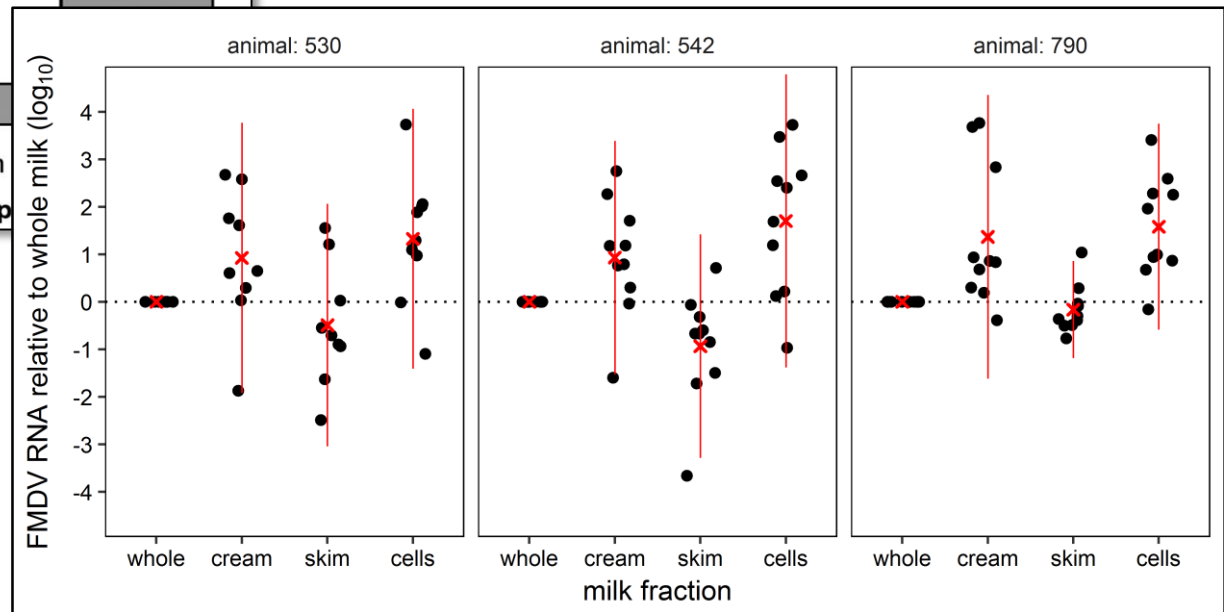
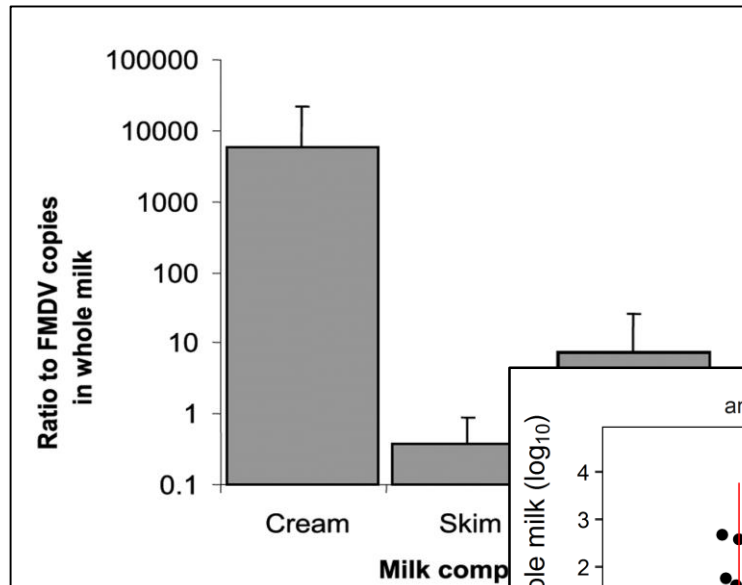
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Utility of automated real-time RT-PCR for the detection of foot-and-mouth disease virus excreted in milk

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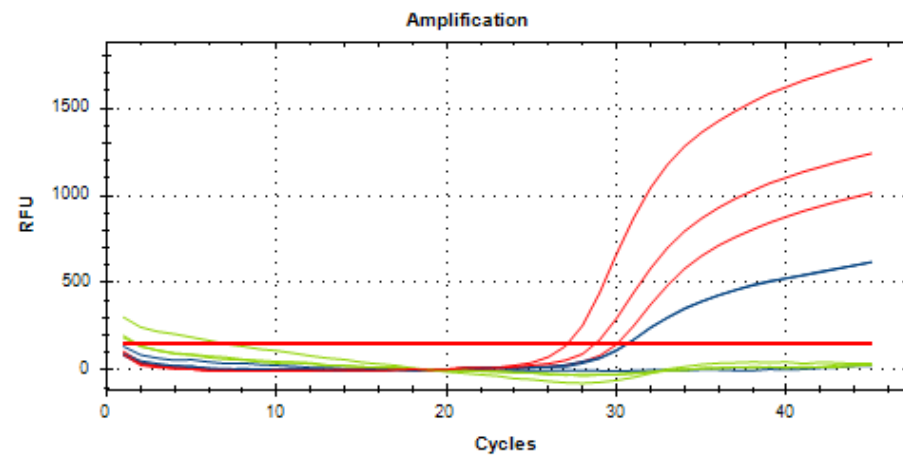
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235 milk samples from Kenya...

multiplex RT-qPCR							3D-OIE		multiplex RT-qPCR							3D-OIE		multiplex RT-qPCR							3D-OIE						
FLUID	TPID	FMDV Cq	BVDV Cq	RVFV Cq	β-actin Cq	FMDV Cq	β-actin Cq	FLUID	TPID	FMDV Cq	BVDV Cq	RVFV Cq	β-actin Cq	FMDV Cq	β-actin Cq	FLUID	TPID	FMDV Cq	BVDV Cq	RVFV Cq	β-actin Cq	FMDV Cq	β-actin Cq	FLUID	TPID	FMDV Cq	BVDV Cq	RVFV Cq	β-actin Cq	FMDV Cq	β-actin Cq
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36	FF 011	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.8	NoCq	29.6	100	DD 022	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.8	n.d.	n.d.	155	EE 031	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	26.0	n.d.	n.d.	212	BB 041	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	27.1	n.d.	n.d.
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46	DD 013	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	26.0	NoCq	30.3	108	FF 023	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.4	n.d.	n.d.	163	AA 033	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	27.1	n.d.	n.d.	220	FF 042	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	26.7	n.d.	n.d.
47	EE 013	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.3	NoCq	29.2	109	AA 024	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	26.2	n.d.	n.d.	164	BB 033	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	28.0	n.d.	n.d.	221	AA 043	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	27.7	n.d.	n.d.
48	FF 013	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.5	NoCq	29.7	110	BB 024	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	26.7	n.d.	n.d.	165	CC 033	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	27.2	n.d.	n.d.	222	BB 043	NoCq	NoCq	NoCq	25.9	n.d.	n.d.
50	BB 014	NoCq	NoCq																												

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Conclusions I

- FMDV RNA is easily detectable in milk
- Detection in milk outlasts detection in serum and other secretions
- Pre-treatment of milk (phase separation) is not necessary
- Sensitivity of the multiplex assay currently is not sufficient for early outbreak detection by bulk milk testing
- The multiplex assay requires further validation for BVDV and RVFV with *ex vivo* samples



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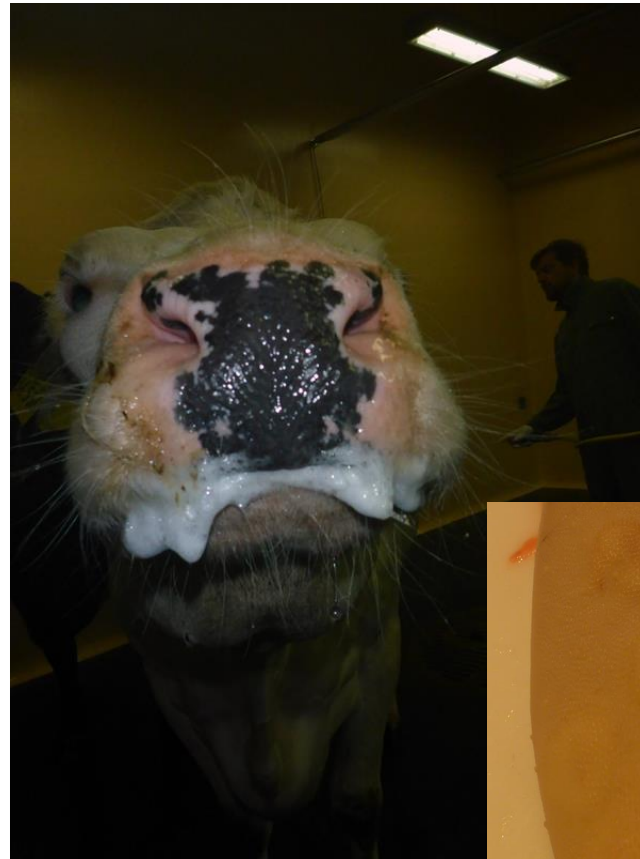
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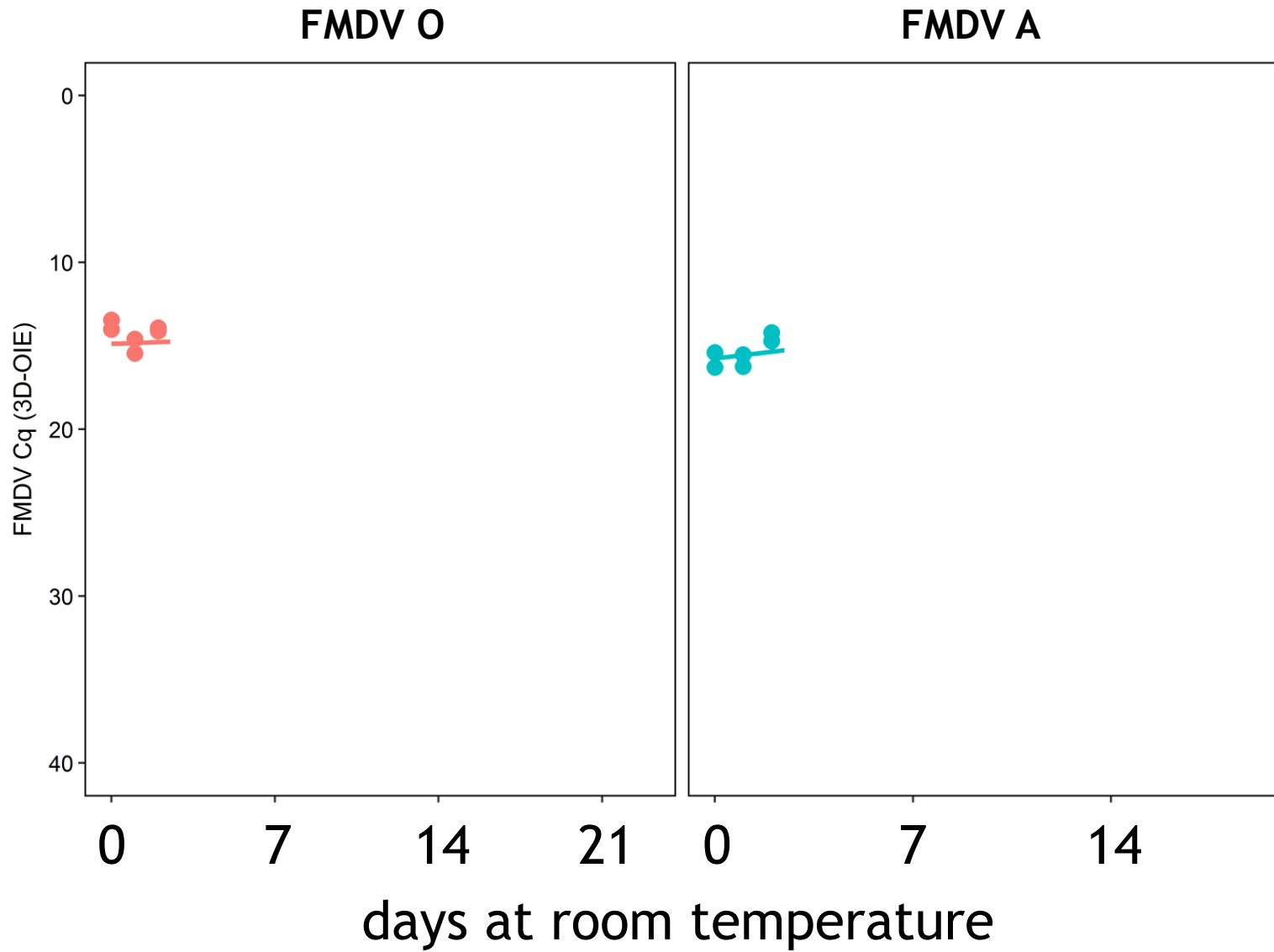


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sample

Inf 1-18 epithelium 1 day RT-A
Inf 1-18 epithelium 1 day RT-B

Inf 1-18 epithelium 19 days RT-
Inf 1-18 epithelium 19 days RT-

Inf 3-18 epithelium 1 day RT-A
Inf 3-18 epithelium 1 day RT-B

Inf 3-18 epithelium 23 days RT-
Inf 3-18 epithelium 23 days RT-

Sequence ID	Genetic distance (% nucleotide diffs)	Country	Year	Similar sequences
IRN/8/2015	0.352	Iran	2015	3
IRN/21/2015	0.704	Iran	2015	0
ARM/2/2015	0.704	Armenia	2015	0
IRN/12/2015	0.704	Iran	2015	1
IRN/14/2015	1.056	Iran	2015	10
IRN/8/2016	1.056	Iran	2016	1
TUR/1218/2016.769	1.408	Turkey	2016	0
SAU/5/2015	1.408	Saudi Arabia	2015	0
TUR/1225/2016.769	1.408	Turkey	2016	0
SAU/21/2016	1.408	Saudi Arabia	2016	2
IRN/39/2016	1.408	Iran	2016	0
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IRN/23/2016	1.408	Iran	2016	2
PD78/IND/2015	1.761	India	2015	0
SAU/3/2015	1.761	Saudi Arabia	2015	1
TUR/1008/2016.500	1.761	Turkey	2016	0

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Conclusions II

- FMDV RNA is easily detectable in vesicular epithelium that has been stored at room temperature without buffer for several weeks
 - viral RNA integrity is sufficient for VP1 sequencing and transfection
- If you're dealing with a real case, sample quality is secondary!



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FMDV adsorbed to GenoTube swabs remains infectious for ≥ 2 hours at 100°C and for ≥ 6 months at room temperature

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Introduction

In previous studies, self-drying foam swabs (GenoTube Livestock, Thermo Fisher Scientific) were successfully used to collect samples for the diagnosis of classical and African swine fever (Petrov et al., 2014, Vet Microbiol 173(3-4):360-5). Here, we evaluated them as an alternative method for the collection and transport of foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) samples or cultures. The study covered two aspects: the retention of FMDV infectivity on swabs stored at room temperature and its inactivation by heating.

Residual infectivity after heat treatment of GenoTube swabs soaked with FMDV

Three aliquots of a high-titer stock of FMDV A/IRN/8/2015 were prepared in microcentrifuge tubes. GenoTubes were dipped in the virus suspension and left to dry in a biosafety cabinet. The fully dried swabs were prepared for 120 minutes in a forced-air laboratory oven pre-heated to 100°C. A second set of swabs was prepared in the same way, but not heated. These swabs and the dipping tubes were closed and stored at room temperature.

After heating, the swabs from the oven were allowed to cool to room temperature. All swabs were then processed together. Half of the absorbent foam at the tip of each swab was cut off and added to a microcentrifuge tube with serum-free cell culture media. The tubes were vortexed thoroughly, incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes and centrifuged briefly. The swab supernatants and the virus from the dipping tubes were titrated on LFBK-vB6 cells in 96-well plates (LaRoche et al., 2013, J Clin Microbiol 51(6):1714-20). After three days of incubation at 37°C, cytopathic effect (CPE) on the plates was evaluated microscopically. The experiment was performed twice with three replicates per run. The results were similar between both runs, therefore only the results of the second run are presented.

virus stock in dipping tube				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated			
CPE	tube 1	tube 2	tube 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3
10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+
10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+
10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+
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Fig. 2: CPE on LFBK-vB6 plates after 3 days. Wells with CPE are marked in red. To confirm cell viability, the bottom row of each plate contained cells that were not inoculated.

virus adsorbed to GenoTube				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated			
CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3
10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+
10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+
10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁷	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁷	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁷	+	+	+
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Tab. 1: Overview of FMDV titers with and without heat treatment. All titers are log₁₀ 50% tissue culture infectious doses on LFBK-vB6 cells per 100 µl.

Long-term storage at room temperature of GenoTubes soaked with FMDV

For the long-term storage test, five sets of three GenoTube swabs were soaked with FMDV and dried as described above. One set of swabs was processed immediately after drying, the others were placed in tightly sealed containers (1.5L Plastic Biojar, Air Sea Containers Ltd.) and stored on a shelf in the laboratory. They underwent normal diurnal temperature variations, but generally remained between 20°C and 23°C for the duration of the experiment. One set of GenoTubes was taken off the shelf after 1, 4, 12 and 24 weeks. The swabs were processed as described above and the supernatants stored at -80°C. All supernatants were titrated together at the end of the experiment at 24 weeks.

Fig. 4A-E: Titration of swab supernatants on LFBK-vB6 cells. Wells with CPE after 3 days are marked in red. To confirm cell viability, the bottom row of each plate contained cells that were not inoculated.

GenoTubes processed after drying (0 weeks)				GenoTubes incubated at RT for 1 week				GenoTubes incubated at RT for 4 weeks			
CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3
10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+
10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+
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10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+
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virus eluted from GenoTubes stored at RT				GenoTubes incubated at RT for 12 weeks				GenoTubes incubated at RT for 24 weeks			
CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3
10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+
10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+
10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+
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Tab. 2 (left): Overview of FMDV titers over the course of the storage experiment. All titers shown are log₁₀ 50% tissue culture infectious doses on LFBK-vB6 cells per 100 µl.

Tab. 2 (right): Overview of FMDV titers over the course of the storage experiment. All titers shown are log₁₀ 50% tissue culture infectious doses on LFBK-vB6 cells per 100 µl.

Virus titer decreased by about 2 log₁₀ during the first week, but then did not decrease further over the course of 3 months of storage at room temperature.

Heat transfer to the interior of GenoTube swab tubes

The GenoTube swabs are shipped in thick-walled and tightly sealed plastic tubes. To assess the time required for the transfer of externally applied heat to the swab itself, a thermocouple was placed inside a sealed swab tube and the tube was placed in a forced-air laboratory oven preheated to 100°C.

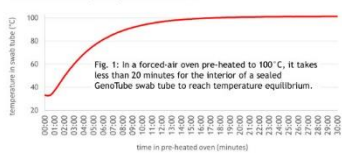


Fig. 1: In a forced-air oven pre-heated to 100°C, it takes less than 20 minutes for the interior of a sealed GenoTube swab tube to reach temperature equilibrium.

Confirmation of specificity of observed CPE in LFBK-vB6 cells

virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated				virus adsorbed to GenoTube, not heated			
CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3	CPE	swab 1	swab 2	swab 3
10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+	10 ⁻¹	+	+	+
10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+	10 ⁻²	+	+	+
10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+	10 ⁻³	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁴	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁵	+	+	+
10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+	10 ⁻⁶	+	+	+
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The culture supernatants from the virus titration plates 2B and 2C were tested in a standard FMDV serotype A antigen ELISA.

Fig. 2DE (left): Optical density (OD) at 492 nm wavelength of FMDV serotype A antigen ELISA plates. The positive cut-off was set at three times the mean OD of the negative controls in the bottom row (0.27). Wells with optical densities above the cut-off are marked in red.

All wells that had shown CPE contained high amounts of FMDV serotype A antigen, confirming the presence of infectious FMDV in the heat-treated swabs.

FMDV A/IRN/8/2015 adsorbed to GenoTube Livestock swabs

was highly resistant to heating and retained its infectivity at room temperature for a long time. The dried swabs must be shipped under IATA regulations for infectious substances. However, they do not require refrigeration or dry ice, making them a convenient and low-cost alternative to the shipping of frozen liquid samples.

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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?