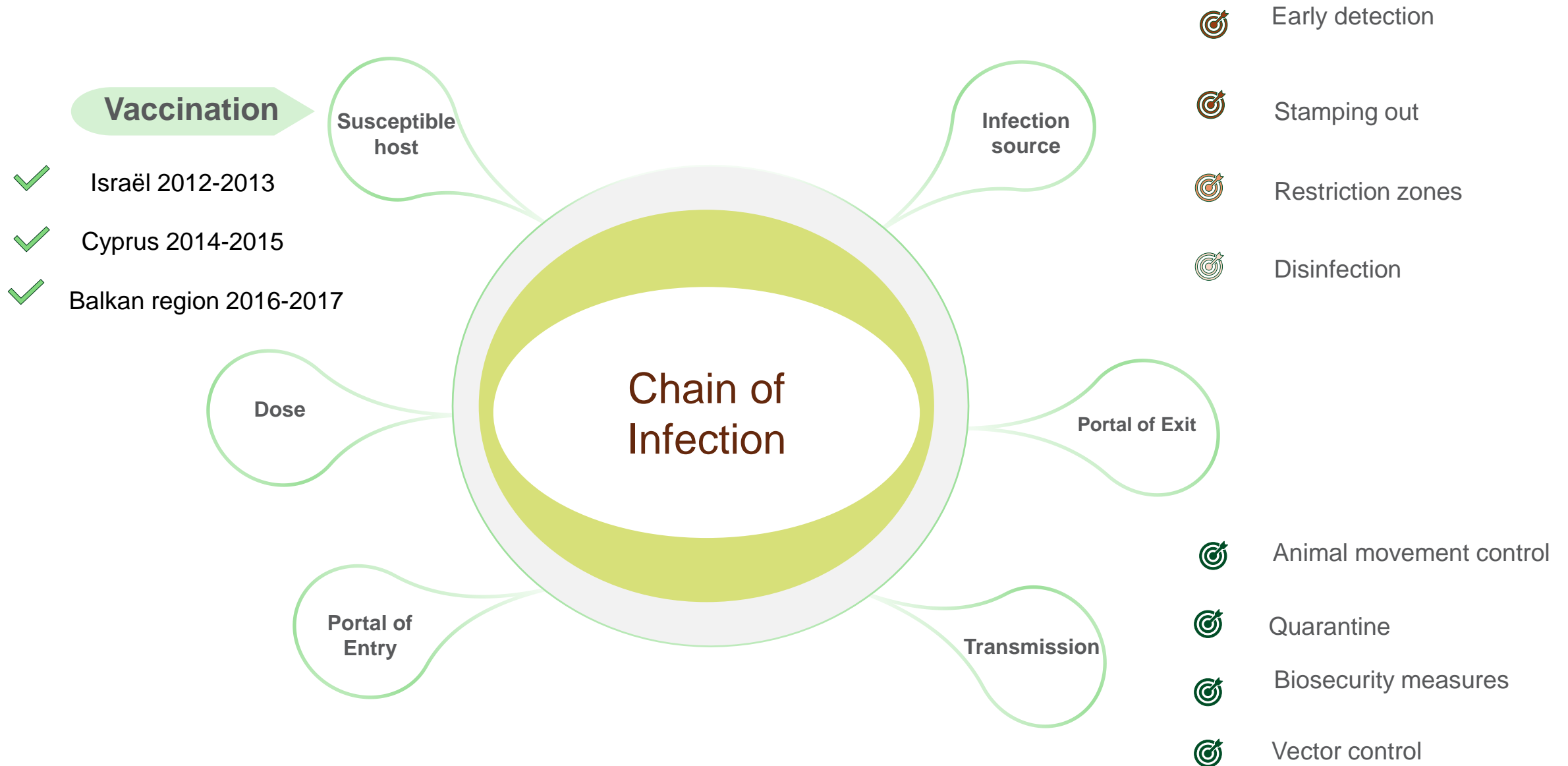


# REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINE PRODUCTION QUALITY CONTROL

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# LSDV Control Measures



# LSDV Vaccines

## Live attenuated vaccines (LAV)

### Homologous vaccines

LSDV-based vaccine (Neethling strain, KSGP strain)

### Heterologous vaccines

SPPV (RM65, Romania, Bakirköy, ... strain) based vaccines

GTPV (Kedong, Isiolo, Mysorc, Gorgan, Uttarkashi ... strain) based vaccines

## Inactivated vaccines (INAC)

## Multivalent vaccines

## Subunit and mRNA vaccines under development

**Currently, there are no commercially available vaccines against LSDV with a DIVA component.**



Manufacturer	Product Name and Virus Strain	Target Species	Titre, Dose, Administration	Presentation Doses/Vial
Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) South Africa Email: info@obpvaccines.co.za <a href="http://www.obpvaccines.co.za">http://www.obpvaccines.co.za</a> (accessed on 22 September 2021)	Lumpy Skin Disease Vaccine for Cattle (LSD Neethling strain)	Cattle	Not known 2 ml SC	25/50
Intervet (Pty) South Africa/MSD Animal Health <a href="http://www.msd-animal-health.co.za">http://www.msd-animal-health.co.za</a> (accessed on 29 September 2021)	Lumpyvax™ (LSD SIS Neethling type strain)	Cattle	10 <sup>4.0</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /dose 1 ml SC	20/100
MCI Santé Animale Morocco Email: contact@mci-santeanimale.com <a href="http://www.mci-santeanimale.com/en/">http://www.mci-santeanimale.com/en/</a> (accessed on 29 September 2021)	Bovivax-LSD™ (LSD Neethling strain)	Cattle	10 <sup>3.5</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /dose 2 ml SC	25/50/100
Jordan Bio-Industries Center (JOVAC) Jordan Email: sales@jovaccenter.com <a href="http://www.jovaccenter.com">http://www.jovaccenter.com</a> (accessed on 29 September 2021)	LumpyShield-N™ (LSD Neethling strain)	Cattle	10 <sup>4.0</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /dose 1 ml SC	5/10/25/50/100
Middle East for Vaccines (MEVAC) Egypt Email: marketing@me_vac.com <a href="https://www.me-vac.com/about">https://www.me-vac.com/about</a> (accessed on 29 September 2021)	MEVAC LSD (LSD Neethling strain)	Cattle	10 <sup>3.5</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /dose 1 ml SC	10/25/50

# Requirements for LSDV Vaccines

## WOAH Terrestrial Manual



### Chapter 1.1.8

- *Principles of veterinary vaccine production*



### Chapter 2.3.3

- *Minimum requirements for the organisation and management of a vaccine manufacturing facility*



### Chapter 2.3.4

- *Minimum requirements for the production and quality control of vaccine*



### Chapter 3.4.12

- *Lumpy skin disease – part C: requirements for vaccines*

[https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health\\_standards/tahm/A\\_summry.htm](https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/A_summry.htm)

European pharmacopoeia

[https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/scientific-guideline/guideline-requirements-production-control-immunological-veterinary-medicinal-products\\_en-0.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/scientific-guideline/guideline-requirements-production-control-immunological-veterinary-medicinal-products_en-0.pdf)

Quality assurance

GLP, GMP

Quality Risk Management

Documentation management

Outline of Production

Regulatory Approval

# Quality Requirements - Development and Manufacturing

## Starting materials



**Master seed virus**



**Working Seed Virus**



**Cell Banks**



**System of Limited Passages**



**Prevention of Unwanted Drift of Properties**

Original isolate, easy to grow in cell culture

Epidemiologically relevant, known geographical and host origin

Identified: species and strain identification using DNA sequencing

Pure: absence of bacteria, fungi, mycoplasma, and other viruses

Tested for safety and efficacy

Master cell stock identity

Genetic stability from the lowest to the highest passage used for production

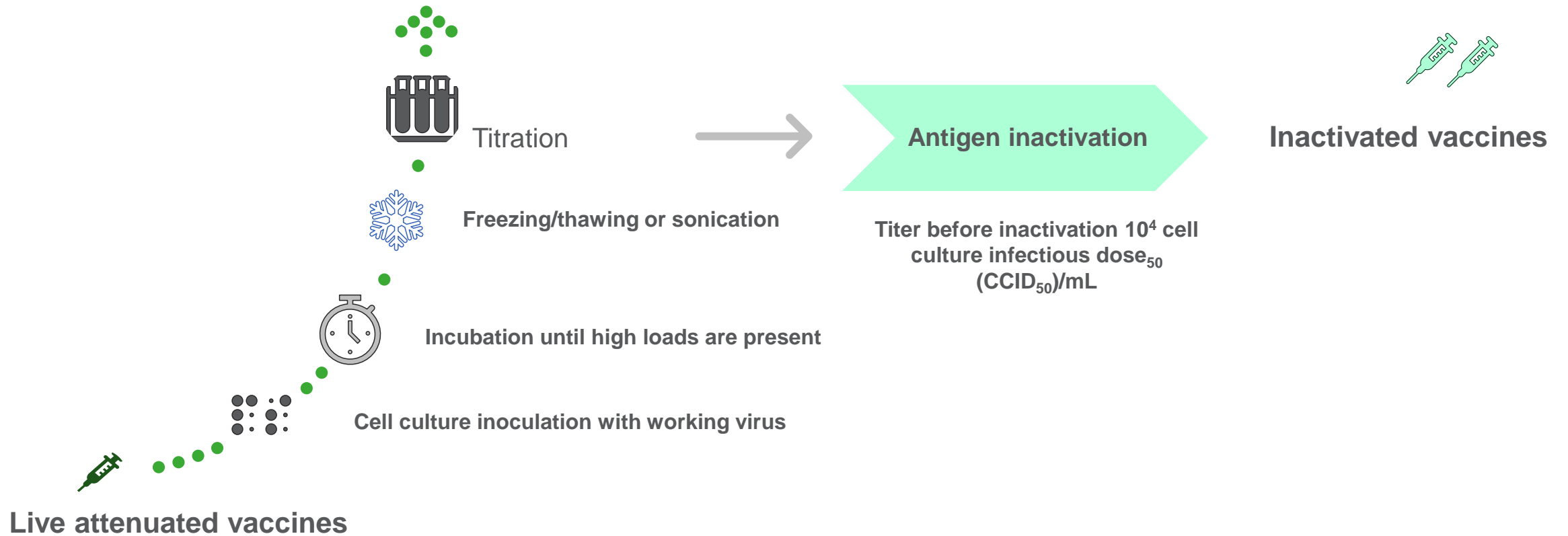
Freedom from oncogenicity or tumorigenicity by using *in-vivo* studies using the highest cell passage that may be used for production

Purity of MCSs from extraneous bacteria, fungi, mycoplasma, and viruses

Implemented measures to lower TSE contamination risk

Each master seed strain selected for production of live attenuated LSD vaccines must remain attenuated after further passage in animals, produce minimal clinical reaction, provide complete protection against challenge with virulent field strains, and is not transmissible

# LSD Vaccine Batch Production



# Vaccine Safety

## Guidelines for safety evaluation



- European Medicine Agency (EMA) – VICH GL44
- WOAH Chapter 1.1.8.

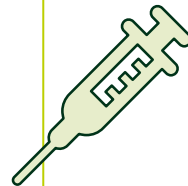
### Target animal batch safety test - TABST

Vaccine safety testing on representative animals - calves, heifers, bulls, cows



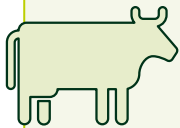
#### Essential parameters

- Local/ systemic reactions to vaccination
- Fever
- Effect on milk production
- 'Neethling' response



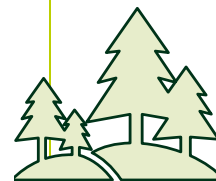
#### Overdose, One dose and repeat dose test

- The most sensitive breed, age and sex proposed on the label should be used
- Seronegative animals should be used



#### Reversion to virulence tests

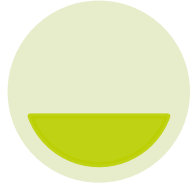
- MSV - 4 passage studies in animals – reisolation and characterisation



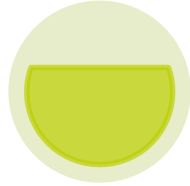
#### Environmental consideration

- Shedding
- Spreading
- Infection of contact target and non-target animals
- Persistence in the environment

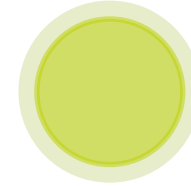
# Vaccine Efficacy



**Vaccine candidate at the highest passage level**



**Onset of protection**



**The duration of immunity**

Efficacy (and safety) should be demonstrated in vaccination–challenge studies using representative (by species, age and category) seronegative healthy animals for which the vaccine is intended and which are tested negative for standard viral pathogens

## Batch Quality Control Before Distribution



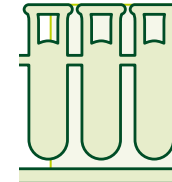
### Purity

- the absence of contaminants
- implemented measures to minimise the risk of TSE contamination



### Identity

- the absence of other strains or members of the genus
- the absence of any other viral contaminant - PCR, sanger sequencing, NGS)



### Potency tests

- LAV - virus titration;
- IV - vaccination–challenge efficacy studies in animal hosts



### Safety/efficacy

- Local/systemic reaction has to be in line with those described in dossier



### Duration of immunity

- Challenge or serology
- Efficacy testing at the end of the claimed period of protection
- Effectiveness of booster regime – magnitude and kinetics of serological response



### Post marketing studies

- Stability
- Post-marketing surveillance



# LSDV Vaccine In Vitro Batch Control: Case Study 1

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- In vitro quality control of LSDV and SPPV vaccines (manufacturer not specified)





Vaccine

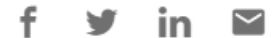
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## Detection and isolation of Bluetongue virus from commercial vaccine batches

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 | Announcement | 5 March 2020



### Complete Coding Sequence of a Novel Bluetongue Virus Isolated from a Commercial Sheeppox Vaccine

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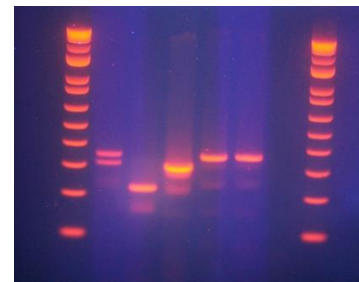
Infectious BTV (-9 and -26) detected in commercial LSDV and SPPV vaccines  
SPPV vaccine (Jovac) contained BTV-26 and BTV-28 strains

# LSDV Vaccine In Vitro Batch Control: Case Study 2

- Vaccine control of LSDV vaccine used in Kazakhstan before the emergence of recombinant strains

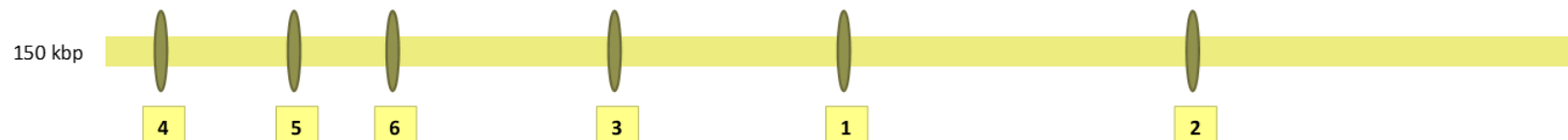
1. Confirmation of virus titer ✓
2. Absence of contaminants ✓
3. PCR control of strain purity

- Pan capripox: ok
- DIVA 1: Vac: Pos - Field type: Pos!!
- DIVA 2: Vac: Pos - Field type: Pos!!
- DIVA 3: LSDV - Field type SPPV/GTPV



1kb ladder  
1. Lumpivax vaccine  
2. SPPV RM65 vaccine  
3. Field type SPPV  
4. Field type LSDV  
5. LSDV vaccine (Neehting)  
6 Neg  
1kb ladder

4. Partial genome sequencing (6 regions)



5. Full length genome sequencing



# LSDV Vaccine In Vitro Batch Control: Case Study 2



Article

## The Importance of Quality Control of LSDV Live Attenuated Vaccines for Its Safe Application in the Field

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## Recombinant LSDV Strains in Asia: Vaccine Spillover or Natural Emergence?

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- Neethling like LSDV vaccine strain
- KSGP-like LSDV vaccine strain
- Sudan-like GTPV strain
- Multiple recombinant strains (almost) identical to recently described recombinant vaccine-like strains
- Most likely source of recombinant strains in the field

One specific badly produced and insufficiently controlled LSDV vaccine was responsible for the release of recombinant LSDV strains in the field



Highlights that efforts need to be done to stimulate a thorough vaccine batch quality control

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