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## Detection and etiologic diagnosis of bronchopneumonia in calves

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## Objectives

- Knowing your sensitivity and specificity of lung auscultation
- Introducing lung ultrasonography
  - How to perform?
  - Getting the correct diagnosis with a simple algorithm
- Introducing bronchoalveolar lavage as an alternative sampling method for the LRT

## BRD detection and diagnosis

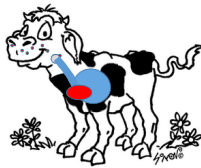
- Diagnosis= art of identifying a disease from its signs and symptoms
  - Sign= can be read by other person
  - Symptom= only described by the person 'feeling them'
- Detection= how good are we in seeing the signs?
- Correct diagnosis is essential for rational (antimicrobial) treatment and relies on optimal detection



## Signs of BRD

- Fever: > 39,0°C; > 39,5°C; > 40°C
- Cough: spontaneous or induced (Positive tracheal reflex)
- Aspect of nasal and ocular discharge
- Stridor
- Tachypnea: > 45 bpm
- Dyspnea
- Tachycardia: > 100 bpm
- Depression: sopor, stupor or coma
  - Head position
  - Ear position
  - Lying or standing?
  - Appetite
  - Suckle reflex

Which signs are most predictive for pneumonia?



## Score cards

Calf Health Scoring Criteria			
0	1	2	3
Rectal temperature	101-101.9	102-102.9	≥103
Cough	None	Induced single cough	Induced repeated coughs or occasional spontaneous cough
Nasal discharge	Normal serous discharge	Small amount of unilateral cloudy discharge	Bilateral, cloudy or excessive mucous discharge
Eye scores	Normal	Small amount of ocular discharge	Moderate amount of bilateral discharge
Ear scores	Normal	Ear flick or head shake	Slight unilateral droop

- Wisconsin score card (S. McGurck)

= 4 → observe  
= 5 treat!

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**Bovine respiratory disease scoring system for pre-weaned dairy calves<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

Clinical sign	Score if normal	Score if abnormal (any severity) <sup>4</sup>
Eye discharge	0	2
Nasal discharge	0	4
Ear droop or Head tilt	0	5
Cough	0 No cough	2 Spontaneous cough
Breathing	0 Normal	2 Rapid or difficult breathing
Temperature	0 < 102.5° F	2 ≥ 102.5° F

**Add scores for all clinical signs. If total score is ≥ 5, calf may be positive for bovine respiratory disease<sup>4</sup>**

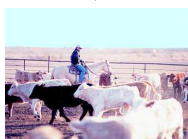
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 4. A score of 5 or greater indicates that the calf is likely to have bovine respiratory disease in the absence of other signs.

## Sensitivity?

		The Truth		
		Has the disease	Does not have the disease	
Test Score:	Positive	True Positives (TP) a	False Positives (FP) b	PPV = $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
	Negative	False Negatives (FN) c	True Negatives (TN) d	NPV = $\frac{TN}{TN + FN}$
		Sensitivity $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ a	Specificity $\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$ d	
Or,		$\frac{a}{a + c}$	$\frac{d}{d + b}$	

## Overview diagnostic accuracy different methods

Method	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Reference
Producer based diagnosis	64.5 (58-71)	69.1 (66-72)	White et al., 2016
Pen checkers	63.5 (57.9-68.8)	63.5 (60.5-66.4)	Mang et al., 2015
Wisconsin BRD score card	62.4 (47.9-75.8)	74.1 (64.9-82.8)	Buckzinski et al., 2015
Wisconsin BRD score card	71.1	91.2	Love et al., 2016
Californian BRD score card	72.6	87.4	Love et al., 2016
Lowered head + respiratory rate	36	92.7	Pardon et al., 2016
Thoracic ultrasound	79.4 (66.4-90.9)	93.9 (88.0-97.6)	Buckzinski et al., 2015
Thoracic auscultation (1 observer)	5.9 (0-16.7)	97.3-100	Buckzinski et al., 2015
Thoracic auscultation (1 observer)	72.9 (50.1-96.4)	53.3 (43.3-64.0)	Buckzinski et al., 2016
Whisper stethoscope	92.9 (71-99)	89.6 (64-99)	Mang et al., 2015
REDI (IR-location)	81.3 (55-96)	92.9 (88-97)	White et al., 2016
Flipping a coin	50	50	



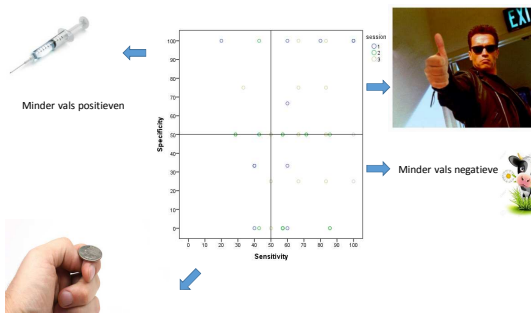
## BRD detection: auscultation

Session	Sensitivity		Specificity		Number of participants
	Mean	Min.-Max.	Mean	Min.-Max.	
Session 1	60	20-100	61	0-100	11
Session 2	57	29-86	31	0-100	18
Session 3	70	33-100	51	0-100	20
Total	63	20-100	46	0-100	49

8.2% was 100% sensitive, 16.3% 100% specific and 4.0% was perfect



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## Highly specific signs?

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Flipping			



Dewolf et al., 2016

## Lung ultrasonography

### Lung ultrasonography

- Preparation

- Shaving + alcohol + gel
- Shaving + alcohol
- Alcohol

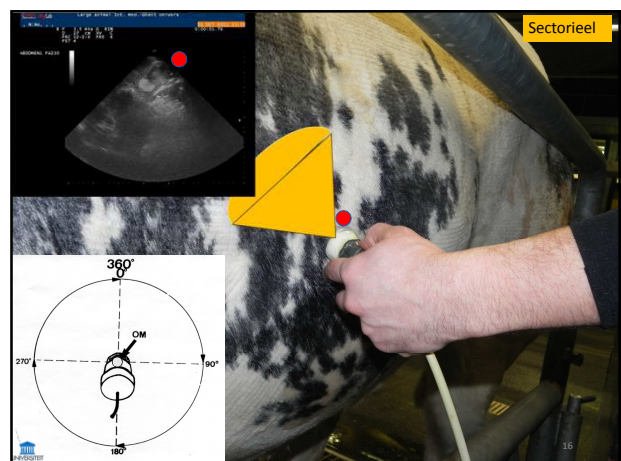


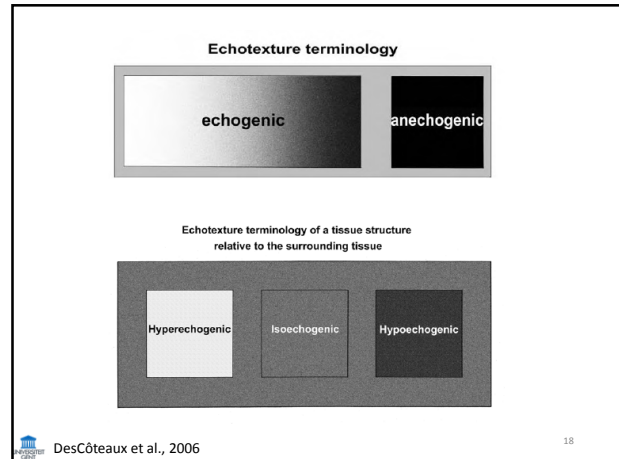
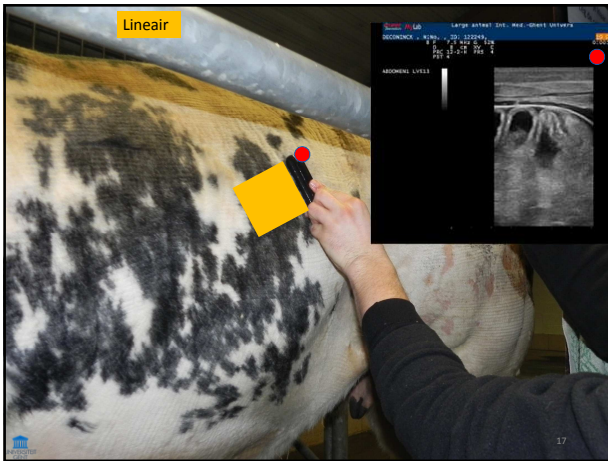
### Device protection

- Echogel + finger condom
- Essential for sectorial probe
- Advised for rectal probe
- Remove condom and rinse with water after every use



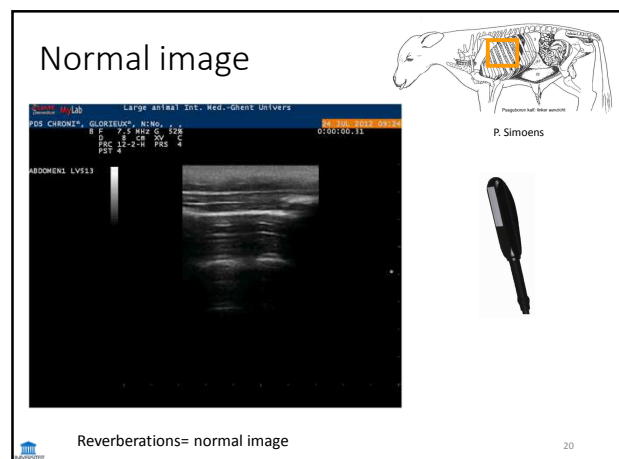
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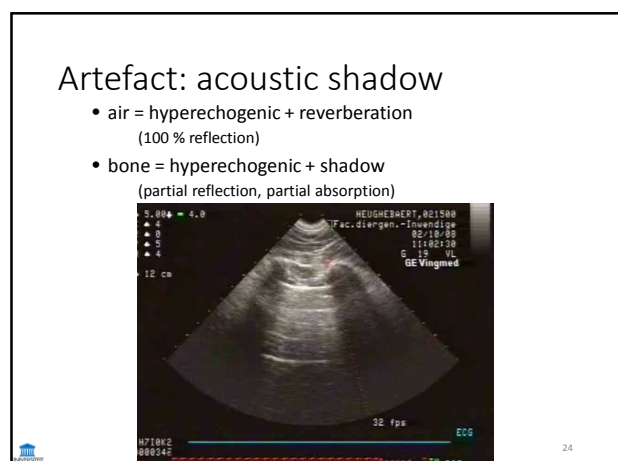
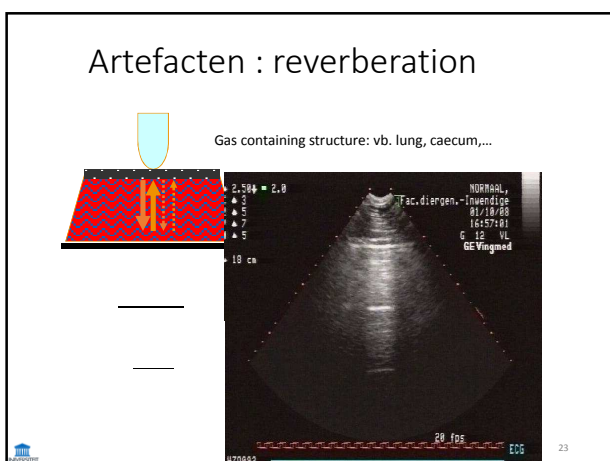
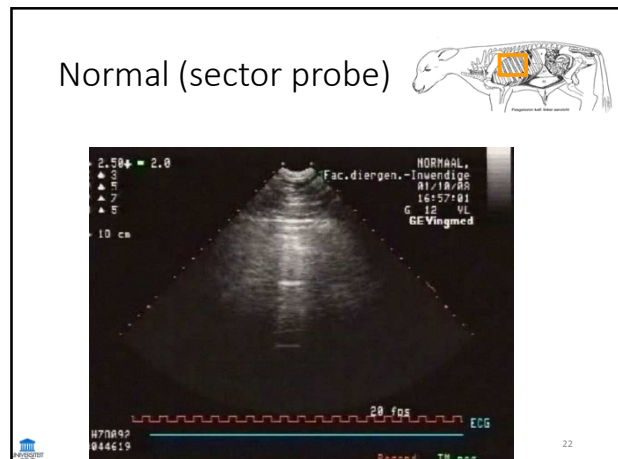
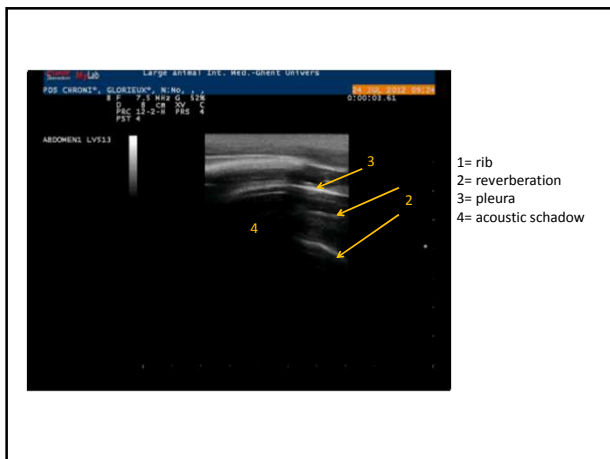




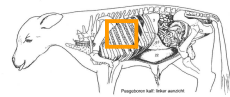
## Lung images

1. Reverberation artefacts (= normal)
2. Comet tail artefacts
3. Consolidation (= pneumonia)
4. Pleural effusion
  - Transsudate
  - Exsudate (pleuritis)





## Comet tail artefact

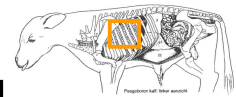


Interpretation limited (< 4 pro intercostal space)=

- Cranial= normal
- Caudal→ check cranial lobes (possibly pneumonia)

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## Comet tail artefact

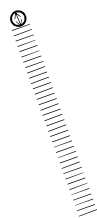
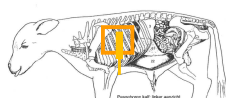


- 1= rib
- 2= reverberation
- 3= pleura
- 4= acoustic shadow
- 5= comet tail artefact

Disturbs the reverberation, originates from the pleural line, any direction changing with movement of the pleural line

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## Multiple comets

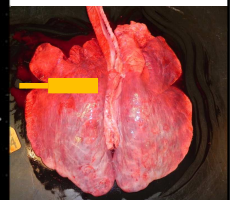
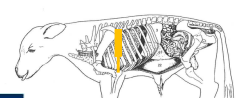


Multiple comet tail artifacts (diffuse)= interstitial syndrome= lung edema

**Multiple comets= always trouble**

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## Mirror artefact



Tricepsvenster

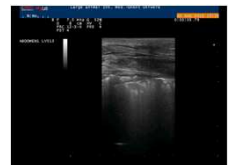
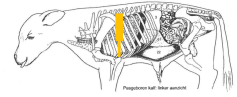


## Mirror artefact



- Tissue between probe and pleural line= Mirrored into healthy lung

## Consolidation



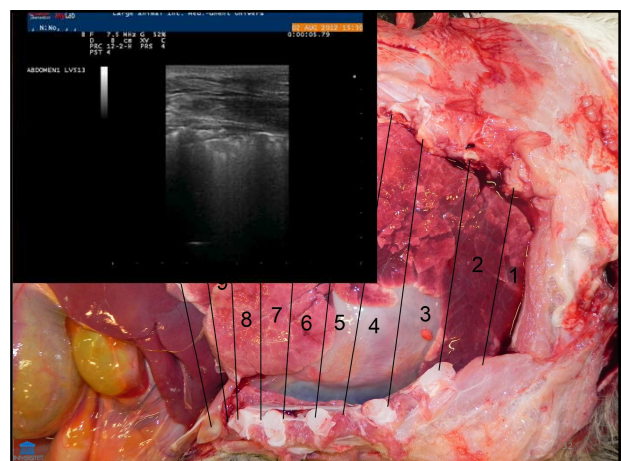
Interpretation= pneumonia

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## Consolidation



- 1= consolidation
- 2= comet tails (from the deep)
- 3= pleura
- 4= acoustic shadow
- 5= comet tail artefact





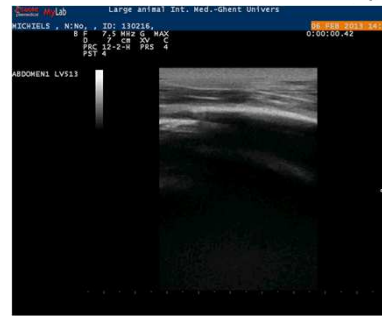
## Consolidation



Interpretation= pneumonia cranial lung lobe

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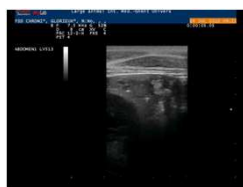
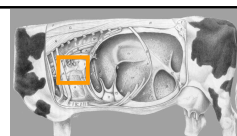
## Consolidation



Interpretation= whole lobe affected

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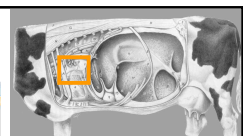
## Lung abscess



Interpretatie= abcederende pneumonie

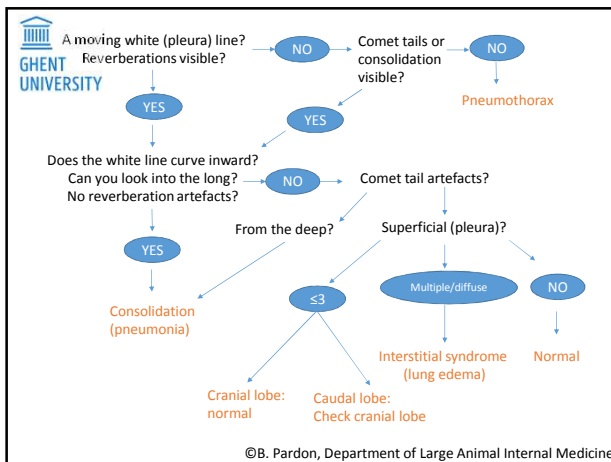
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## Pleuritis

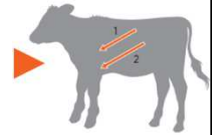


Interpretation= pleural effusion + consolidated lung

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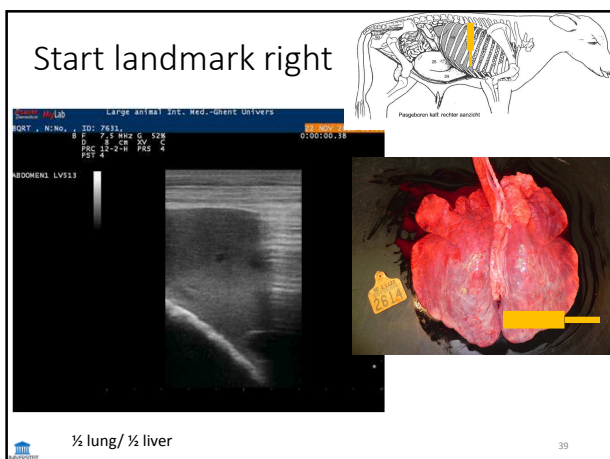


## Quick scan method

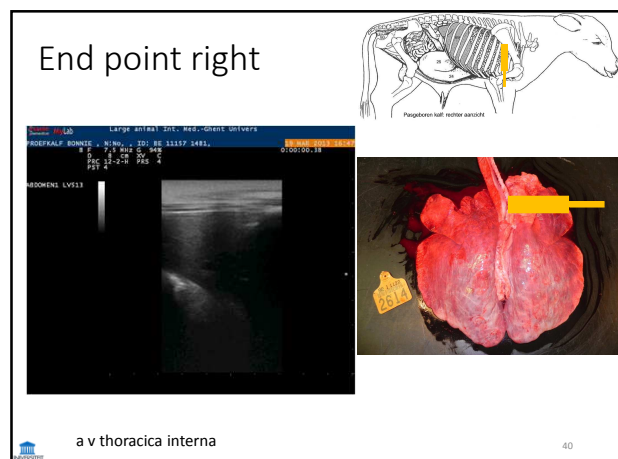


- 2 min.
- 2 movements: left and right thorax
- Landmarks right
  - Start: lung-liver-image (1/2 liver/ ½ lung)
  - ½ heart/ ½ lung image
  - End: a and v thoracica interna
- Landmarks left
  - Start: lung-spleen-ruumen
  - ½ heart/ ½ lung image
  - End: a and v thoracica interna
- Hold probe parallel to ribs (in intercostal space): if comet tail is detected → stop → move probe in all directions to explore further

Start landmark right



End point right



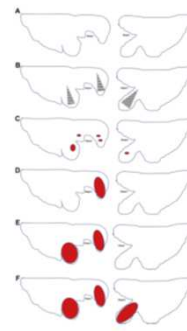
## End point right



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## Lung ultrasound scoring systems

Ulrich &amp; Bauriedl



- LS0= normal
- LS1= comet tails
- LS2= lobular pneumonia
- LS3= lobar pneumonia
- LS4= lobar multiple lobes
- LS5= 3 or more lobes

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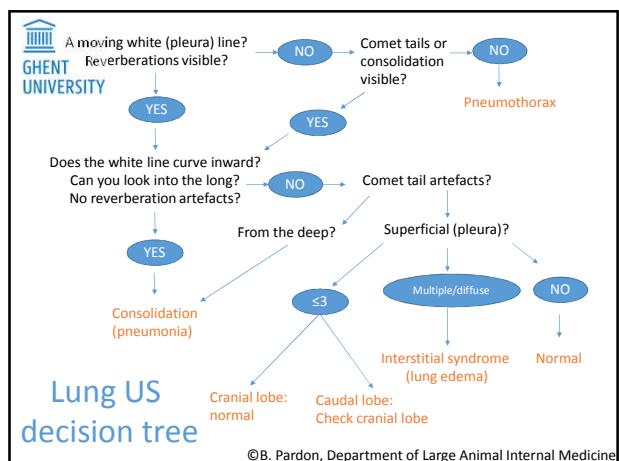
## Lung ultrasound scoring systems

- LS0= normal
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- LS2= <1 cm consolidation
- LS3= 1-3 cm consolidation
- LS4= > 3 cm consolidation

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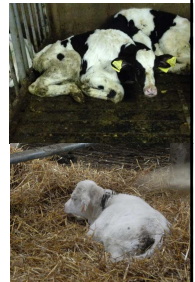
## Etiological diagnosis

Sampling & interpretation of laboratory analysis

### Which animals to sample?

- **Early state of disease- untreated**

- 3 –step selection
  - (1) reluctant to move
  - (1) droopy ears/lowered head
- At clinical examination
  - (2) tracheal reflex positive
  - (3) rectal temperature > 39,0°C



Only significant association with pneumonia of depression and tachypnea (> 52 bpm; few cases)  
Pardon et al., 2016 (WBC)

### How to sample?



Deep nasopharyngeal swab



Bronchoalveolar lavage



### Sample processing?

- Fridge (4-7°C)
- Plate within 24 hours
- Bacteriology:
  - Culture: *Pasteurellaceae* (+ antibiogram) and *Mycoplasma spp.*
  - PCR: Mh, Pm, Hs and Mb
- Virology: (1-2 very acutely ill)
  - (Virus isolation)
  - PCR: combi PCR RSV/PI-3/BVDV/BCV/BHV-1

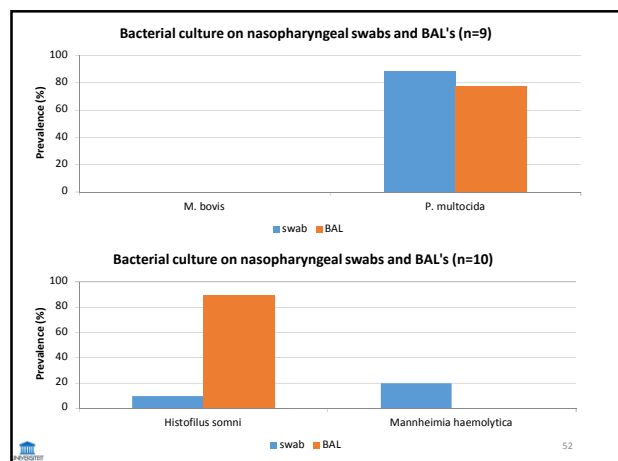
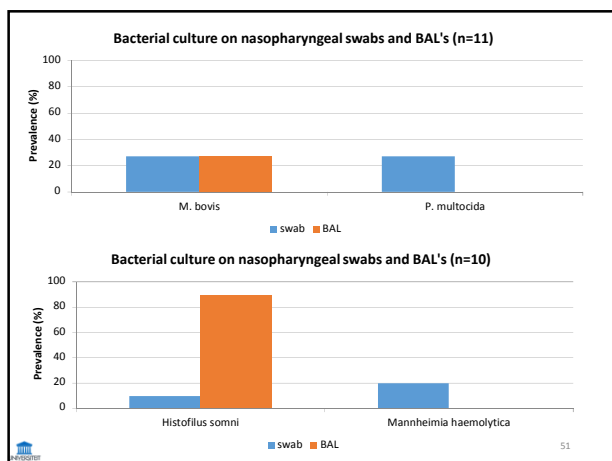
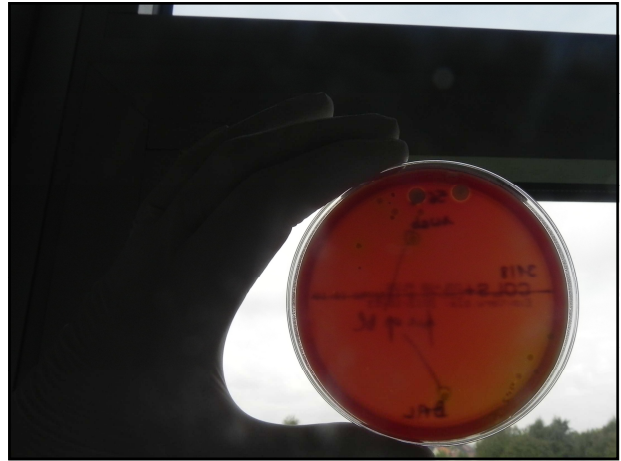


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## Sample 'quality'

- No difference in number positive culture results between swab and BAL (except: *H. somni*) (53,5% vs. 43,7% ( $P>0,05$ ))
- BAL → more negatives (40,3% vs. 14,6%) ( $P<0,001$ )
- BAL → more pure cultures (29,2% vs. 8.3%) ( $P<0,001$ )
- BAL → less polymicrobial results (20,8% vs. 68,8%) ( $P<0,001$ )
- BAL returns a clinically interpretable result in 79,2% of the samples
- → large 'herd or sampler' effect

Van Driessche et al., JVIM 2017



## Interpretation PCR assays on BAL

- Viral
  - Detected= virus present and involved
  - Attention: detection of live vaccine virus (e.g. intranasal- 14 days detectable (Timsit et al., 2009))
- Bacterial
  - *M. bovis*, *H. somni*, *M. haemolytica*: presence on farm aanwezig op bedrijf
  - *H. somni*, *M. haemolytica*: not sure of involvement in disease process
  - *M. bovis*: almost always involved in disease proces
  - *P. multocida*: almost on every farm, not informative?

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