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# Corrigendum: The comparison and use of tools for quantification of antimicrobial use in Indonesian broiler farms

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## A Corrigendum on

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In the published article, a correction has been made to **Abstract**, paragraph three. The incorrect sentence was written as “The correlation varied between 0.4 and 0.8.” This should have been written as “The correlation varied between 0.5 and 0.8.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph one. The incorrect sentence was written as “In total, 150 different VMPs were used, 53 of which contained antimicrobials.” This should have been written as “In total, 150 different VMPs were used, 41 of which contained antimicrobials.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph one. The incorrect sentence was written as “The antimicrobials used belong to nine different antimicrobial classes, three of which are classified by the WHO as HPCIA, three as Critically Important Antimicrobials (CIA), and three as Highly Important Antimicrobials (HIA). Twenty-three VMPs contained a combination of two different antimicrobial substances.” This should have been written as “The antimicrobials used belong to nine different antimicrobial classes, three of which are classified by the WHO as HPCIA, two as Critically Important Antimicrobials (CIA), three as Highly Important Antimicrobials (HIA), and one as Important Antimicrobial (IA). Twenty-five VMPs contained a combination of two different antimicrobial substances.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph two. The incorrect sentence was written as “The mean AMU per standardized production cycle ( $n=98$ ) expressed in a mass-based indicator was 46.9 mg/PCU (SD: 58.3 mg/PCU). For the dose-based indicators, the mean  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$  was 0.3 (SD: 0.3) and  $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  was 0.6 (SD: 0.6). The mean  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  was 0.3 (SD 0.2).” This should have been written as “The mean AMU per standardized production cycle ( $n = 98$ ) expressed in a mass-based indicator was 58.5 mg/PCU (SD: 89.1 mg/PCU). For the dose-based indicators, the mean  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$  was 0.4 (SD: 0.4) and  $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  was 0.6 (SD: 0.7). The mean  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  was 0.4 (SD 0.2).”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph three. The incorrect sentence was written as “On average, there were 10.2 antimicrobial treatment days per cycle. During the first six days of age, there is a high treatment incidence of fluoroquinolones (HPCIA) (e.g. in 39% of the monitored cycles, broilers were under fluoroquinolone treatment on Day

4 of the cycle), and a second period of high fluoroquinolone macrolide (HPCIA) and macrolide (both HPCIA) treatment incidence from Days 17 to 23.” This should have been written as “On average, there were 10.9 antimicrobial treatment days per cycle. During the first six days of age, there is a high treatment incidence of fluoroquinolones (HPCIA) (e.g. in 43% of the monitored cycles, broilers were under fluoroquinolone treatment on Day 3 of the cycle), and a second period of high macrolide (HPCIA) and tetracycline (HIA) treatment incidence from Days 17 to 23.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph three. The incorrect sentence was written as “For example, in Cycle 2 on Farm 12 (12.2) or Cycle 5 on Farm 13 (13.5), the proportion HPCIA versus CIA that were used differ considerably depending on whether  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$  or  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  was used.” This should have been written as “For example, in Cycle 4 on Farm 5 (5.4) or Cycle 2 on Farm 9 (9.2), the proportion HPCIA versus CIA that were used differ considerably depending on whether  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$  or  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  was used.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph four. This incorrect sentence was written as “The percentage HPCIA use differs between indicators from 60.3% (mg/PCU), to 77.2% ( $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$ ) ([Figure 2](#)).” This should have been written as “The percentage HPCIA use differs between indicators from 56.7% (mg/PCU), to 70.5% ( $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$ ) ([Figure 2](#)).”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Results**, *Application of the four different AMU monitoring tools*, paragraph six. This incorrect sentences were written as “The lowest correlation found between two indicators was 0.4 ( $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  and  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$ ) and the highest correlation was 0.8 (mg/PCU and  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$ ) ([Table 3](#), [Figures 4A–F](#)). The Bonferroni adjusted  $p$ -value for each of the six pairwise comparisons between indicators was  $< 0.05$ . Seven of the 25 production cycles in the upper quartile were classified as “High AMU” by all four indicators. Fourteen out of the 25 production cycles in the upper quartile were only marked as “High AMU” by just one indicator.” This should have been written as “The lowest correlation found between two indicators was 0.5 ( $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  and  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$ ) and the highest correlation was 0.8 (mg/PCU and  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$ ) ([Table 3](#), [Figures 4A–F](#)). The Bonferroni adjusted  $p$ -value for each of the six pairwise comparisons between indicators was  $< 0.05$ . Ten of the 25 production cycles in the upper quartile were classified as “High AMU” by all four indicators. Sixteen out of the 25 production cycles in the upper quartile were only marked as “High AMU” by just one indicator.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Discussion**. The incorrect sentence was written as “Nineteen production cycles were categorized as “high AMU” (upper quartile of AMU) for both the dose-based UM  $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  and the mass-based UM  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  together. Only ten cycles were categorized as “high AMU” when calculated for both the mass-based UM mg/PCU and the dose-based UM  $TF_{UDD\text{indo}}$  together.” This should have been written as “Twelve production cycles were categorized as “high AMU” (upper quartile of AMU) for both the dose-based UM  $TF_{DD\text{vet}}$  and the count-based UM  $TF_{\text{count-based}}$  together. Sixteen cycles were categorized as “high AMU” when calculated

for both the mass-based UM mg/PCU and the dose-based UM  $TF_{UDD_{\text{indo}}}$  together.”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Discussion, Data analysis**, paragraph three. This incorrect sentence was written as “These variations were clear in this study, where the dosage of enrofloxacin used in the different cycles varied from 0.0017 to 203 mg/kg (the standardized dose according to EMA is 10 mg/kg).” This should have been written as “These variations were clear in this study, where the dosage of enrofloxacin used in the different cycles varied from 1.49 mg/kg to 273 mg/kg (the standardized dose according to EMA is 10 mg/kg).”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Discussion, Data analysis**, paragraph three. This incorrect sentence was written as “Furthermore, comparing  $UDD_{\text{indo}}$  and  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  shows that in this dataset the actual used dose ( $UDD_{\text{indo}}$ ) for colistin and enrofloxacin, both HPCIA, was a 3-fold higher than the standardized  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  as calculated by EMA (Table 1). In contrast, all other  $UDD_{\text{indo}}$  values were much lower than the  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  values (Table 1).” This should have been written as “Furthermore, comparing  $UDD_{\text{indo}}$  and  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  shows that in this dataset the actual used dose ( $UDD_{\text{indo}}$ ) for enrofloxacin, an HPCIA, was 3-fold higher than the standardized  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  as calculated by EMA (Table 1). In contrast, most other  $UDD_{\text{indo}}$  values were much lower than the  $DDD_{\text{vet}}$  values (Table 1).”

In the published article, a correction has been made to **Discussion, Benchmarking**, paragraph one. This incorrect sentences were written as “Although some studies performed in broilers (34) and pigs (26) showed a correlation between the

mass- and dose-based indicator, the correlation in this study was considerably lower [ $\sim 0.6$  (this study) compared to 0.8 (26)]. An explanation for this could be that the other studies were performed using data from countries where the administered dosages were more according to the SPC than in this study. A consistent over- or underestimation of the dosage would still result in a similar ranking of antimicrobial users, even though the exact values differ. However, if the over- or underestimation varies strongly, like in this study, the correlation automatically decreases.” This should have been written as “Similar to some studies performed in broilers (34) and pigs (26) that showed a correlation between the mass- and dose-based indicator, the correlation in this study was comparable [ $-0.8$ ]. However, greatly varying over- or underestimation of the dosage, like in this study, poses a risk of incorrect ranking.”

The authors apologize for these errors that occurred in the calculations, but state that this does not change the scientific conclusions and key messages of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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TABLE 1 Overview of UDDindo values and DDDvet values.

Antimicrobial ass	Antimicrobial	DDDvet (mg/kg)	UDD <sub>indo</sub> (mg/kg)
Polymyxins (HPCIA)	Colistin	5.1	5.7
Fluoroquinolones (HPCIA)	Ciprofloxacin	Not available	27.6
Fluoroquinolones (HPCIA)	Enrofloxacin	10.0	43.7
Fluoroquinolones (HPCIA)	Flumequine	14.0	5.2
Macrolides (HPCIA)	Tylosin	81.0	32.9
Macrolides (HPCIA)	Erythromycin	20.0	13.3
Macrolides (HPCIA)	Spiramycin	73.0	8.2
Fosfomycin (CIA)	Fosfomycin	Not available	21.5
Aminoglycosides (CIA)	Neomycin	24.0	5.7
Penicillins (CIA)	Amoxicillin	16.0	39.5
Sulfonamides (HIA)	Sulfadiazine (in combination with trimethoprim)	34.0	26.4
Sulfonamides (HIA)	Sulfaquinoxaline, natrium, pyrimethamin	60.0	13.5
Lincosamides (HIA)	Lincomycin (in combination with spectinomycin)	22.0	31.8
Tetracyclines (HIA)	Doxycycline	15.0	8.2
Tetracyclines (HIA)	Oxytetracycline	39.0	16.0
Aminocyclitol (IA)	Spectinomycin (in combination with lincomycin)	38.0	63.7

The Antimicrobial groups are: Highest Priority Critically Important Antimicrobials (HPCIA), Critically Important Antimicrobials (CIAs) and Highly Important Antimicrobials (HIAs). DDDvet values were obtained from the EMA (20). The UDD's were calculated as described in the material and method.

TABLE 3 Pairwise comparison of AMU indicators using Spearman Rank Correlation; The values within the cell indicate the rho ( $\rho$ ) coefficient and the number of farms ranked as "High AMU" [threshold upper quartile of AMU (N=25)] with one indicator but below the threshold in the other indicator in the pairwise comparison.

	mg/PCU	TF <sub>UDDindo</sub>	TF <sub>DDDvet</sub>	TF <sub>count-based</sub>
mg/PCU	1.00	$\rho = 0.83$	$\rho = 0.80$	$\rho = 0.73$
	N = 0	N = 18	N = 8	N = 20
TF <sub>UDDindo</sub>		1.00	$\rho = 0.73$	$\rho = 0.67$
		N = 0	N = 14	N = 26
TF <sub>DDDvet</sub>			1.00	$\rho = 0.53$
			N = 0	N = 26
TF <sub>count-based</sub>				1.00
				N = 0

The p-value for all Spearman rank correlation calculations was < 0.05.



