

WOAH Collaborative Centre Reports Activities 2023

Activities in 2023

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TOR1 AND 2: SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Activities as a centre of research, expertise, standardisation and dissemination of techniques within the remit of the mandate given by WOA

Category	Title of activity	Scope
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment, (true)	Meeting of the WOA Biological Standards Commission, Paris, 6-10th February, 2023	Dr. KAWAJI Satoko participated as an expert of a member of OIE Biological Standards Commission.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Regional Short-term Online Training on Antimicrobial Resistance (Japan, from 28th	This training consisted of one-day webinar on 28th February and e-mail-based discussion for 2 weeks until 14th March. In terms of the webinar, we had 41 participants from 15 countries or regions, and total 37 trainees took a whole term of this training. Objectives of this training were • to provide follow-ups for the past AMR training held by NVAL. • to enhance the engagement in regional AMR activity. • to maintain/ strengthen the network among the previous participants in the AMR Laboratory Trainings provided by NVAL. Dr. KUGITA Hirofumi, regional representative of WOA and Dr. SHIMAZAKI Tomoaki , director general of NVAL gave us opening remarks and Dr. IEDA Nahoko from WOA introduced RRAP activities. Dr. KAWANISHI

	February to 14th March, 2023)	Michiko, Dr. KUMAKAWA Mio, Dr. MATSUDA Mari gave presentations about NVAL's updated techniques, provisional break points and monitoring in companion animals. Assoc. Prof. Dr. USUI Masaru from Rakuno Gakuen University (WOAH collaborating Center for Food Safety) was a special lecture guest. Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari had shared results of the questionnaire. Trainee from Nepal, Hong Kong (SAR-PRC), Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam had introduced their national action plan, AMR monitoring results, challenges, future plans etc. in their presentation. There were active exchange of opinions and information via live chat box and oral.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	13th Meeting of OIE AMU Database Technical Reference Group (TRG) 15th February, 2023	Dr. MATSUDA Mari participated as a member of TRG.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Tokyo AMR One-Health Conference 17th February, 2023	Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko and Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari participated as an expert of AMR.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Regional ANIMUSE Training for WOA H Focal Points for Veterinary Products 22-24th February, 2023, Bangkok, Thailand	Dr. MATSUDA Mari participated as a guest speaker.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	The Asia Pacific Quadripartite (FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOA H) organized 1st Asia Pacific Quadripartite One Health Workshop from 5-8th September, 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.	Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro participated as an expert.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	3rd MFDS Global Conference on Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance, 12-13th September, 2023	Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko and Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari participated as an expert of AMR.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Regional Short-term Training on Antimicrobial Resistance (Basic Course) At NVAL, Tokyo, Japan On 27-30th November, 2023	This training was held at the National Veterinary Assay laboratory, aiming the transferring the basic knowledge and techniques of Antimicrobial Susceptibility tests to Asia-Pacific countries. The invitations were sent to Asia-Pacific countries' representatives. Three participants from Mongolia, Myanmar and Thailand joined this training. Dr. SHIMAZAKI Tomoaki, Dr. OCHIAI Mariko, Dr. OGURA Aki, Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro, Dr. SEKIGUCHI Hideto, Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko, Dr. MATSUDA Mari, Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari, Dr. HARADA Saki, Dr. KUMAKAWA Mio, Dr. HOSOI Yuta, Dr. KOKUBUN Reiko, Dr. KOBAYASHI Yuka, and Dr. HOSODA Yuko were engaged in this training. Training contents: Broth microdilution method, Disk diffusion method, CBDE Method, PCR assay for the detection of antibiotic resistance genes (mecA and mcr genes), Agar dilution method, and MALDI TOF-MS. Presentation: Japanese Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), trials for breakpoint setting.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Comment on the revision of WOA H Terrestrial Animal Health Standards (CHAPTER 6.10. RESPONSIBLE AND PRUDENT USE OF	Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro, Dr. SEKIGUCHI Hideto, Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko, Dr. MATSUDA Mari, Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari, Dr. HARADA Saki, Dr. KUMAKAWA

	ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE)	Mio, Dr. HOSOI Yuta commented on the draft.
Veterinary medicinal products (true)	Comment on the revision of WOAHS Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals (Chapter 2.1.1. Laboratory methodologies for bacterial antimicrobial susceptibility testing)	Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko created the map for the revision of this chapter. Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro, Dr. SEKIGUCHI Hideto, Dr. MATSUDA Mari, Dr ABO Hitoshi, Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari, Dr. HARADA Saki, Dr. KUMAKAWA Mio, and Dr. HOSOI Yuta supported this work.
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment (true)	The 3rd Joint Meeting of Veterinary Science in East Asia, Pingtung, Taiwan, 1st - 3rd May, 2023	Dr. KOBAYASHI Sota participated as an expert of AMR. , Dr. KOKUHO Takehiro participated as an expert of African swine fever., Dr. SHIMOJI Yoshihiro participated as an expert of vaccine development.
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment (true)	Meeting of the WOAHS Biological Standards Commission, Paris, 4-8th September, 2023	Dr. KAWAJI Satoko participated as an expert of a member of OIE Biological Standards Commission.
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment, (true)	The 2023 Global African Swine Fever Research Alliance (GARA) scientific meeting, Manila, Philippines, 5-7th December, 2023	Dr. MASUJIN Kentaro and Dr. KITAMURA Tomoya participated as an expert of African swine fever.
Epidemiology, surveillance, risk assessment (true)	The 5th Veterinary Technology & Nursing International Seminar, Bangkok, Thailand, 13-14th December, 2023	Dr. TAKAMATSU Daisuke participated as an expert of fowl brood.

TOR3: HARMONISATION OF STANDARDS

2. Proposal or development of any procedure that will facilitate harmonisation of international regulations applicable to the main focus area for which you were designated

Proposal title	Scope/Content	Applicable area
Revision of the VICH GLs concerning studies to evaluate the safety of residues of veterinary drugs in human food.	To revise the VICH GL23R (genotoxicity testing) To revise the VICH GL22 (reproduction studies)	Veterinary products
Development or revision of the VICH GLs concerning studies to evaluate the metabolism and residue kinetics of veterinary drugs in food-producing animals/species.	To revise the VICH GL49R (guidelines for the validation of analytical methods used in residue depletion studies)	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GLs concerning testing of biologicals.	To develop the new VICH GL (test on the presence of extraneous viruses in veterinary vaccines) To develop the new VICH GL (test on safety evaluation of biotechnology- derived/biological products) To develop the new VICH GL (transition to in vitro methods for batch potency tests in veterinary immunological)	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GL concerning quality testing of new drug substances.	To revise the VICH GL18R (guidelines for impurities: residual solvents in new veterinary medicinal products, active substances and excipients)	Veterinary products
Revisions of the VICH GLs concerning studies to evaluate the efficacy of anthelmintics	To revise the VICH GLs 7, 12 to 16 and 19 to 21.	Veterinary products

Development of VICH GL concerning combination products.	To develop the new VICH GL (General GL on Pharmaceutical Combination Products)	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GL concerning waiving on bioequivalence testing.	To develop the new VICH GL	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GL concerning stability on medicated premixes.	To develop the new VICH GL	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GL concerning quality on GMP for active pharmaceutical ingredients.	To develop the new VICH GL	Veterinary products
Development of VICH GL for pharmaceutical development.	To develop the new VICH GL	Veterinary products

3. In exercising your activities, have you identified any regulatory research needs* relevant for WOA?H?

No

4. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOA?H Collaborating Centres (CC), Reference Laboratories (RL), or organisations designated for the same specialty, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

Yes

Name of WOA?H CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
National Institute of Infectious Diseases	Japan	Asia and Pasific	Development of One Health Surveillance
Animal Health Research Institute, Taiwan	Japan	Asia and Pasific	Exchange information about activities of WOA?H Collaborating centre and WOA?H Reference Laboratory.
National Institute of Veterinary Research (NIVR), Vietnam	Vietnam	Asia and Pasific	Collaborative research on surveillance, etiology, diagnosis, prevention, and control of viral infections of livestock importance in Vietnam
Polish National Veterinary Research Institute (PIWet-PIB)	Poland	Europe	Collaborative research on African swine fever, highly pathogenic avian influenza, and transmissible spongiform encephalopathy
Animal Health Research Institute Council of Agriculture (AHRI), Taiwan	Taiwan	Asia and Pasific	Collaborative research on surveillance, diagnosis and control of transboundary animal diseases including foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine fever, highly pathogenic avian

			influenza, and arbovirus infections
State Central Veterinary Laboratory, Mongolia	Mongolia	Asia and Pasific	Technological cooperation, information exchange, and interchange of researchers to promote research on transboundary animal diseases including foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever
Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea (MAFRA) ("APQA")	Korea	Asia and Pasific	Development of the research cooperation in the field of avian influenza, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever and arbovirus infections
Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (FLI), Germany	Germany	Europe	Exchange of information of epidemiology and etiology of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds and poultry, and cooperative research on development and evaluation of diagnostic techniques
National Institute of Veterinary Research (NIVR), Vietnam	Vietnam	Asia and Pasific	Field tests of diagnostic tools for African swine fever and investigation of its prevalence in Vietnam

TOR4 AND 5: NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

5. Did your Collaborating Centre maintain a network with other WOAHO Collaborating Centres, Reference laboratories, or organisations in other disciplines, to coordinate scientific and technical studies?

Yes

Name of WOAHO CC/RL/other organisation(s)	Location	Region of networking Centre	Purpose
Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association (RL)	Japan	Asia and Pasific	Cooperation for proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison
Research center for food safety (University of Tokyo)	Japan	Asia and Pasific	To deepen the analysis of antimicrobial usage pattern in the field
Hokkaido University	Japan	Asia and Pasific	Cooperation for proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison, and research on avian influenza and classical swine fever

TOR6: EXPERT CONSULTANTS

6. Did your Collaborating Centre place expert consultants at the disposal of WOAHO?

Yes

NAME OF EXPERT	KIND OF CONSULTANCY	SUBJECT
Dr. NODA Ken (-March), Dr. IWAMOTO Shoko (April-), Dr. EGUCHI Kaoru	VICH Steering Committee	Member
Mr. OHMORI Junichi	VICH Steering Committee	Coordinator
Dr. SATO Kota	VICH Biologicals Expert Working Group	Chairperson
Dr. KIKUTANI Yuto	VICH Biologicals Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. KIDA Moeko	VICH Biologicals Expert Working Group	Advisor
Dr. OGATA Tomoko	VICH Quality Expert Working Group	Chairperson
Dr. TAKAHASHI Chikako(-June), Dr. HOSODA Yuko (July-), Dr. EGUCHI Kaoru,	VICH Quality Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. TANITA Natsumi(-March), Dr. ISHIKAWA Ryoko (-March), Mr. TAMURA Naoya (April-), Dr. AKIYAMA Kaoru (-November)	VICH Quality Expert Working Group	Advisor
Ms. IWASAKI Masako	VICH Bioequivalence Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. OGINO Tomoe	VICH Bioequivalence Expert Working Group	Advisor
Mr. KOIKE Ryoji	VICH Metabolism and Residue Kinetics Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. OZAWA Manao	VICH Safety Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. OGATA Tomoko	VICH Safety Expert Working Group	Advisor
Dr. OGURA Aki (-November), Dr.	VICH Expert Working Group for a General Guideline on	Member

EGUCHI Kaoru (November-)	Pharmaceutical Combination Products	
Dr. NODA Ken (-March), Dr. EGUCHI Kaoru (-November)	VICH Expert Working Group for a General Guideline on Pharmaceutical Combination Products	Advisor
Dr. OGINO Tomoe	VICH Anthelmintics Expert Working Group	Member
Mr. KOIKE Ryoji	VICH Anthelmintics Expert Working Group	Advisor
Dr. OGATA Tomoko	VICH Medicated premix Expert Working Group	Member
Ms. KANEHARA Mariko	VICH Pharmacovigilance Expert Working Group	Member
Dr. EGUCHI Kaoru, Mr. MIYAZAKI Teruki	VICH Pharmacovigilance Expert Working Group	Advisor
Dr. SEKIGUCHI Hideto, Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko, Dr. MATSUDA Mari, Dr. HOSOI Yuta, Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari, Dr. HARADA Saki, Dr. KUMAKAWA Mio	WOAH RRAP Experts on AMR monitoring	Member
Dr. KAWAJI Satoko	WOAH Biological Standards Commission	Member
Dr. YANASE Tohru	WOAH Regional Resource Persons about arthropod vectors surveillance and control	Member
Dr. KOKUHO Takehiro	FAO-WOAH Rinderpest Holding Facility, Category A	Contact Person
Dr. TAKAGI Michihiro	FAO-WOAH Rinderpest Holding Facility, Category B	Contact Person
Dr. IWAMARU Yoshifumi	WOAH Reference Laboratory, BSE	
Dr. FUKAI Katsuhiko	WOAH Reference Laboratory, CSF	
Dr. MINE Junki	WOAH Reference Laboratory, Swine Influenza	

Dr. KOKUHO Takehiro	WOAH Reference Laboratory, Rinderpest
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TOR7: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

7. Did your Collaborating Centre provide advice/services to requests from Members in your main focus area?

Yes

To China: We answered the question about international quality assurance test for antimicrobial susceptibility test.

To South Korea: We provided the information about assessment guideline for the Effect of Food on Human Health Regarding Antimicrobial-Resistant Bacteria Selected by Antimicrobial Use in Food-producing Animals.

To Taiwan: We gave opinions and advice to Dr. Zeng-Weng Chen who is the Director of Animal Technology Research Center, Agricultural Technology Research Institute, Taiwan to make a traditional Chinese version handbook for prudent use of Veterinary antimicrobial medicines for companion animals that based on JMAFF handbook in Japanese. (<https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/tikusui/yakuzi/attach/pdf/amr3pets-11.pdf>) They have finished creating their handbook and released in Taiwan in 29th December, 2023. (<https://www.aphia.gov.tw/ws.php?id=22850>)

To South Korea: We gave information about Japanese veterinary vaccine approval system and National assay system.

To RRAP Staff: Responding to the request from WOAHR RAP staff related to WHO project in Indonesia, we provided advice and useful information on the use of praziquantel in cattle.

8. Did your Collaborating Centre provide scientific and technical training, within the remit of the mandate given by WOAHR, to personnel from WOAHR Members?

Yes

a) Technical visit : 0

b) Seminars : 0

c) Hands-on training courses: 0

d) Internships (>1 month) : 0

TYPE OF TECHNICAL TRAINING PROVIDED (A, B, C OR D)	CONTENT	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE EXPERT(S) PROVIDED WITH TRAINING	NO. PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CORRESPONDING COUNTRY
B	This training consisted of one-day webinar on 28 February and e-mail based discussion for 2 weeks until 14 March, 2023. •Updating drug resistance monitoring knowledge and technology •Reminders of past training content and materials •Introduction of provisional breakpoints for animal pathogens •Drug sensitivity test method for CL (Colistin Broth Disk Elution method) •Monitoring scheme for pets •Guidelines for antimicrobial treatment •Drug resistance in the livestock environment •Information and opinion exchange from each country •Presentation of the status of monitoring in each country •Create mailing lists to continuously share information and disseminate information	Japan	41
C	This training aimed the transferring the basic knowledge and techniques of Antimicrobial Susceptibility tests to Asia-Pacific countries. It was held at the National Veterinary Assay laboratory from 27th to 30th November, 2023. Training contents: Broth microdilution method, Disk diffusion method, CBDE Method, PCR assay for the detection of antibiotic resistance genes	Japan	3

	(mecA and mcr genes), Agar dilution method, and MALDI TOF-MS. Presentation: Japanese Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), trials for breakpoint setting.		
A	Technical visits by 5 JICA trainees in Japan on 4th August, 2023. We gave the presentation about activities against antimicrobial resistance(AMR) in Japan and introduced our labs.	Japan	5
A	Technical visits by members from veterinary associations from 12 Asian countries on 15th September, 2023.	Japan	14
C	Training course titled as 'Improvement of basic technique of livestock disease diagnosis' (Japan International Cooperation Agency: JICA) from 27th June to 25th October,2023	Namibia, Paraguay, Philippines, Uzbekistan, Zambia	5

TOR8: SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

9. Did your Collaborating Centre organise or participate in the organisation of scientific meetings related to your main focus area on behalf of WOA?H?

Yes

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL	TITLE OF EVENT	CO-ORGANISER	DATE (MM/YY)	LOCATION	NO. PARTICIPANTS
International	VICH coordinators 10th teleconference meeting	VICH	2023-02-21	Teleconference	8
International	VICH Steering Committee 3rd Special Virtual meeting	VICH	2023-06-21	Teleconference	21
International	VICH Discussion Group on Global Regulatory Dossier Framework 1st virtual meeting	VICH	2023-07-07	Teleconference	12
International	VICH SC Task Force 2023 for re-organisation 1st virtual meeting	VICH	2023-07-18	Teleconference	13
International	VICH Safety EWG virtual meeting on GL22	VICH	2023-08-07	Teleconference	14
International	VICH Safety EWG virtual meeting on GL23	VICH	2023-08-08	Teleconference	13
International	VICH coordinators 11th teleconference meeting	VICH	2023-09-11	Teleconference	8
International	VICH SC Task Force 2023 for re-organisation 2nd virtual meeting	VICH	2023-09-11	Teleconference	14
International	VICH Discussion Group on Global Regulatory Dossier Framework 2nd virtual meeting	VICH	2023-09-26	Teleconference	12

International	VICH Safety EWG face-to-face meeting	VICH	2023-11-09	Tokyo	9
International	42th VICH steering committee meeting	VICH	2023-11-13	Tokyo	35
International	16th VICH Forum meeting	VICH	2023-11-15	Tokyo	51

TOR9: DATA AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

10. Publication and dissemination of any information within the remit of the mandate given by WOAHA that may be useful to Members of WOAHA

a) Articles published in peer-reviewed journals:

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- 12) Hayama Y, Sawai K, Murato Y, Yamaguchi E, Kondo S, Yamamoto T. Analysis of effective spatial range of oral vaccination against classical swine fever for wild boar. *Prev Vet Med.* 2023 Dec;221:106080. doi: 10.1016/j.prevetmed.2023.106080.
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b) International conferences:

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- 1) Dr. KOBAYASHI Sota attended on The 3rd Joint Meeting of Veterinary Science in East Asia, May 1-3, 2023, gave the presentation about Achievements from the Recent AMR Research Project in Japan.
- 2) Dr. SHIMOJI Yoshihiro. attended on The 3rd Joint Meeting of Veterinary Science in East Asia, May 1-3, 2023, and gave the presentation about *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* as a potential vaccine platform for mucosal immunization of pigs.
- 3) Dr. KOKUHO Takehiro. attended on The 3rd Joint Meeting of Veterinary Science in East Asia, May 1-3, 2023, and gave the presentation about Tackling with swine fevers.
- 4) Dr. TAKAMATSU Daisuke. attended on The 5th Veterinary Technology & Nursing International Seminar, December 13-14, 2023, and gave the presentation about Bacteria in the environment pose a risk of antimicrobial resistance in *Paenibacillus* larvae, the causative agent of American foulbrood of honeybees.
- 5) Dr. SHIMAZAKI Tomoaki, Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro, Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko, Dr. MATSUDA Mari, and Dr. HIRAOKA Yukari attended on 5th G7 Chief Veterinary Officers Forum on 21st September, 2023. Dr. SEKIYA gave the presentation about actions and challenges for containment of AMR in Japan.
- 6) Dr. HOSOI Yuta attended the Regional Antimicrobial Resistance Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting for the animal health sector on 29th-30th November 2023 and gave the presentation about the Japanese Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System.
- 7) Dr. SEKIYA Tatsuro and Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko attended G7 High-Level Technical Meeting on One Health held virtually on 31st October, 2023 with the participation of ministries, competent authorities and agencies in the fields of human and animal health, food safety, agriculture and environment, and Dr. SEKIYA gave a remark of one health activities in animal health sector including AMR.
- 8) Dr. SEKIGUCHI Hideto and Dr. KAWASHIMA Taiki attended on the International Workshop on Veterinary Products 2023 on 30th October - 3rd November in Republic Korea. Dr. KAWASHIMA gave the presentation titled "Approval and Import Procedure for Veterinary Medical Products (VMs) and Feed Additives in Japan".

c) National conferences:

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- Dr. KAWANISHI Michiko attended the Japan Veterinary Medical Association Annual Veterinary Conference on 1st-3rd December, 2023 and gave the presentation about the achievements and challenges of National Action plan on AMR (2016-2020).

d) Other (Provide website address or link to appropriate information):

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11. What have you done in the past year to advance your area of focus, e.g. updated technology?

- 1) Discovery of interference by "non protein coding RNA" of bovine leukemia virus
- 2) Development of a simple pre-processing method for the detection of virus-derived genetic materials in blood samples (for diagnosis of classical swine fever and African swine fever)
- 3) Development of a new molecular testing method that allows the differentiation of field and vaccine strains of classical swine fever virus
- 4) Scheme and data from JVARM (Japanese Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System) has been published in English on HP of NVAL.
https://www.maff.go.jp/nval/yakuzai/yakuzai_p3.html

12. Additional comments regarding your report: