Recognizing, characterizing, and responding to the IAV pandemic

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Influenza A virus monitoring:



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Tracking incidence of bacterial disease



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Diagnostic codes system

Farm-level monitoring & control:



Pathogen response:

frontiers in Veterinary Science

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Next Generation of Voluntary PRRS Virus Regional Control Programs

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A collaborative project across leading US swine-centric VDLs

Domestic disease monitoring program: collaboration between USA VDLs:

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VDL-specific projects: further describing pathogen detection in the USA swine industry



Supporting the U.S. swine industry during crisis events: tracking emerging PRRSV strains (RFLP 1-4-4 L1C variant)



← We can track the IAV epi curve, reporting it by:

- Age group
- Production phase
- State
- Time (day or week)



Visualization of IAV activity over space & time

Legend • 2-3 STD above baseline • 2-3 STD below baseline • 3+ STD above baseline • 3+ STD below baseline • Within +/- 2 STD of baseline



This is a PEDV (enteric coronavirus affecting pigs) example: USA, 2022



Monitoring of disease diagnosis (diagnostic codes at ISU) over time, age group, farm type, US state



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Weekly monitotoring of diagnostic codes



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Weekly monitoring of disease diagnosis: works for any disease!





Implementation of ongoing automated monitoring of clinically relevant indicators of disease activity (pig mortality, abortions, feed & water disappearance)

From early detection to control

Biocontainment (reducing shed & spread of IAV between farms):

- Herd immunization
 - Significantly reduce the duration and magnitude of viral shedding
 - Break the transmission cycle, controlling the infection in herds
- Flow of pigs and people based on test results
 - Bio-management practices (i.e., hygiene, shower in-out)
- In short, practicing veterinarians have the knowledge and expertise to <u>manage Influenza A virus infection</u> in herds without depopulation!

From early detection to control

Coordinated IAV control & elimination efforts @ regional level

- Implementation of <u>contingency plans</u> based on routine monitoring and pressure of infection in the region.
 - Early identification of infected sites
 - Vet-to-vet communication
 - Adjust people/pig flow (shared labor, shared supplies, transportation of pigs, feed, and other resources)



SDRS-related projects: macro-epidemiological aspects of IAV & associated bacterial infections over time, space, age groups, farm type.

Farm-level tools for rapid response:

- Ongoing automated monitoring of clinically relevant indicators of disease activity (pig mortality, abortions, feed & water disappearance)
- Control of Influenza A virus from infected farms
- Alert systems, communications, and action plans at the regional level

Steps to implement this plan

Tracking IAV activity: we are ready

- Technically ready to go
- Agreement between participating labs & state & federal officers
- Financial support to increase active surveillance

Tracking antimicrobial resistance patterns

Need to develop

Farm-level tools to identify and respond to IAV infection

- Technically ready to go
- Can be further improved with next-gen vaccines

Regional level disease control programs

- Technically ready to go
- Need to raise funds to support ongoing PCR-based monitoring (surveillance)

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Also possible (work in progress): monitoring of AMR patterns over time, region, age group, production phase.

