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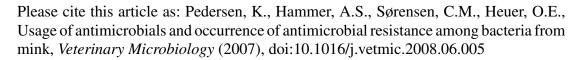
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25	The usage of antimicrobials for treatment of mink and the occurrence of
26	antimicrobial resistance among the most important bacterial pathogens in mink was
27	investigated. The aim of the study was to provide data, which may serve as a basis for the
28	formulation of recommendations for prudent use of antimicrobials for mink. A total of 164
29	haemolytic staphylococci, 49 haemolytic streptococci, 39 Pseudomonas aeruginosa, 13
30	Pasteurella multocida, and 1093 Escherichia coli isolates from Danish mink were included in
31	the study. A high frequency of resistance among S. intermedius was found for tetracyclines
32	(54.7%), followed by penicillin (21.7%), lincosamides (20.4%), macrolides (19.1%), and
33	spectinomycin (18.5%). Very low frequencies of resistance were recorded for other
34	antimicrobials. The highest frequency among the E. coli isolates was recorded for ampicillin,
35	streptomycin, sulphonamides, and tetracyclines, whereas resistance to other antimicrobials
36	was rare. All P. aeruginosa were sensitive to gentamicin and colistin and sensitive or
37	intermediate to enrofloxacin, whereas most isolates were resistant to all other antimicrobials.
38	All P. multocida and haemolytic streptococci were sensitive to penicillin.
39	There was a steady increase in the use of antimicrobials during the period $2001 - 2006$ , the
40	majority of the prescribed amount being extended spectrum penicillins followed by
41	aminoglycosides, sulphonamides with trimethoprim, and macrolides.
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#### 1. Introduction

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46	Mink may suffer from a number of infectious diseases, which demand therapy.
47	The most important bacterial infections include Escherichia coli (enteritis, pneumonia,
48	septicaemia), Pseudomonas aeruginosa (haemorrhagic pneumonia), haemolytic
49	staphylococci, most often Staphylococcus intermedius and occasionally Staphylococcus
50	aureus (mastitis, pneumonia, pleuritis, dermatitis, metritis, urinary tract infection,
51	septicaemia, and others), Pasteurella multocida (respiratory tract infection, pleuritis, wound
52	infection, and others), haemolytic streptococci, mostly Lancefield's group G and less
53	frequently group C (respiratory tract infection, pleuritis, dermatitis, wound infection,
54	septicaemia, and others). Other bacterial infections occur occasionally, such as infections
55	caused by Salmonella, Plesiomonas shigelloides, Streptococcus bovis, Streptococcus
56	pneumoniae, Aeromonas spp., and others. Although viral infections cannot be treated with
57	antibiotics, it is not unusual that such treatment is initiated in an attempt to reduce mortality
58	due to secondary bacterial infections to specific viral diseases, such as mink virus enteritis,
59	distemper, and "sticky kits". An increase in the prescription of antimicrobials for fur animals
60	has been noted from 659 kg active compound in 2001 to 1694 kg in 2006 (Anon. 2002, 2007).
61	but during the same period also an increase in production. So far, few investigations have
62	been carried out on antimicrobial resistance in bacteria from fur animals and the current
63	knowledge of antimicrobial resistance in important bacterial pathogens in mink is sparse. The
64	present investigation was undertaken in order to elucidate the occurrence of antimicrobial
65	resistance among important bacteria from infections in mink, and to present data on the
66	consumption of antimicrobials in mink in Denmark.

#### 2. Material and methods

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70	Bacterial isolates were obtained from clinical samples submitted to the National
71	Veterinary Laboratory during the period 2000 – 2005. The isolates originated from more than
72	870 mink farms in Denmark and the number of isolates from each farm varied from 1 to 11,
73	the majority of farms being represented by $1-4$ isolates of different bacterial species.
74	Therefore, the isolates were considered representative for the whole country.
75	The haemolytic staphylococci (n=164), of which 157 were S. intermedius and 7
76	were S. aureus were derived from a variety of samples: skin, intestine or faeces, the urogenital
77	tract, lung, brain, abscesses, pleural cavity, mammary glands, spleen or liver. The E. coli
78	isolates included in this investigation (n=1093) were obtained from the intestinal tract,
79	including faeces, from the urogenital organs, mammary glands, lungs, liver, or spleen. When
80	E. coli was isolated from internal organs, they were assumed to be causative organisms,
81	whereas isolates from the intestine or from faeces could not with certainty be concluded to be
82	causative agents, as <i>E. coli</i> is also a natural inhabitant of the intestinal tract. The haemolytic
83	streptococci (n=49) belonged to Lancefield's group G (Streptococcus canis) (n=35) or C
84	(Streptococcus dysgalactiae subsp. equisimilis or Streptococcus equi subsp. zooepidemicus)
85	(n=14) were derived from a variety of sites including the respiratory tract and pleural cavity,
86	skin, mammary glands, urogenital system, or from liver or spleen in case of septicaemia. The
87	Pseudomonas aeruginosa isolates included in the study (n=39) were all derived from cases of
88	haemorrhagic pneumonia. The <i>Pasteurella multocida</i> isolates (n=13) were derived from a
89	variety of sites, but mainly from the respiratory tract. Primary cultures were made on blood
90	agar (blood agar base, OXOID, supplemented with 5% calf blood), Drigalski agar (Vulfson et
91	al. 2001) and Enteric medium (Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen, Denmark) and
92	subcultured on blood agar. All media were incubated aerobically at 37°C for 18 – 24 h.

Bacteria were identified from their appearance on agar media, haemolysis, odour, cell
morphology, catalase and oxidase reaction and Gram properties. Rapid identification kits
were used as necessary (API ID 32E for <i>E. coli</i> and, API 20NE for <i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>P.</i>
multocida, API ID 32 STAPH for S. intermedius, and API rapid ID 32 STREP for
streptococci, bioMérieux, Marcy l'Étoile, France). Identification of haemolytic streptococci
was supplemented with a test for positive reaction with Lancefield's group G or C antiserum
(OXOID Diagnostic Reagents), and identification of S. intermedius and S. aureus with a
positive test for coagulase and a negative and positive test, respectively, for hyaluronidase.
2.2. Antimicrobial susceptibility testing
A semi-automated antimicrobial sensitivity testing system (Sensititre, Trek
Diagnostic Systems, East Grinstead, UK), based on the broth dilution method, was used
together with customised ready-to-use microtitre plates containing two-fold dilution amounts
of antimicrobials. Different panels were used for different bacterial species. MIC breakpoints
were as defined by CLSI (NCCLS) (2004), or, when not available here, Pedersen et al.
(2007).
2.3. Usage of antimicrobials
The usage of antimicrobials for fur animals was based on data extracted from
the Danish database on veterinary prescriptions of antimicrobials, VetStat. The prescription of
specific antimicrobials for treatment of specific infectious diseases was sought elucidated
through a survey among practicing veterinarians.

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116	2.4. Statistics
117	Significance tests for differences between proportions of resistant isolates were
118	calculated using StatCal in Epi-Info™ version 6 or SigmaStat version 3.0. A significance
119	level of 5% was applied (p< 0.05). Fisher's exact test (2-tailed) was used when appropriate.
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121	3. Results
122	3.1. Antimicrobial susceptibility
123	No S. intermedius isolate showed resistance to amoxicillin with clavulanic acid
124	or fluoroquinolones, and resistance was also low for fusidic acid, cephalothin, kanamycin,
125	potentiated sulphonamides, and chloramphenicol (Table 1). The far highest frequency of
126	resistance was recorded for tetracycline with 54.7% of the isolates, while resistance to
127	penicillin, macrolides, lincosamides and spectinomycin was around 20%. The S. aureus
128	isolates were significantly more often resistant to penicillin ( $p$ = 0.009) and spectinomycin ( $p$ =
129	0.030) compared to the S. intermedius isolates. Among isolates that were resistant to
130	tetracycline, a significantly higher proportion were also resistant to clindamycin than among
131	tetracycline sensitive isolates, and vice versa, (p=0.04). A similar correlation was recorded for
132	clindamycin and penicillin (p=0.002).
133	Resistance among E. coli isolates was highest for ampicillin, streptomycin,
134	sulphonamides, and tetracycline. (Table 2) whereas very low frequencies of resistance (<5%)
135	were recorded to fluoroquinolones, gentamicin, florfenicol, amoxicillin with clavulanic acid,
136	ceftiofur, chloramphenicol, colistin, nalidixic acid, and apramycin. Among isolates that were
137	resistant to ampicillin, a significantly higher proportion were also resistant to tetracycline than

recorded for ampicillin and sulphonamides (p<0.001), ampicillin and trimethoprim (p<0.001),

among ampicillin sensitive isolates, and vice versa, (p<0.001). Similar connections were

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tetracycline and sulphonamides (p<0.001), tetracycline and trimethoprim (p<0.001), and
sulphonamides and trimethoprim (p<0.001). Haemolytic isolates were generally more often
resistant than non-haemolytic ones (data not shown), but the differences were only
statistically significant for ampicillin, streptomycin, sulphonamides, and tetracycline (p<0.001
in all cases). Some differences in resistance patterns between isolates from different origins
were observed. Non-haemolytic isolates from the lungs were significantly more often resistant
to streptomycin ( $p$ = 0.041) and trimethoprim ( $p$ = 0.009) than isolates from faeces or
intestines, and were also significantly more often resistant to trimethoprim ( $p=0.002$ ) than
isolates from the spleen or liver. For haemolytic isolates, frequencies of resistance to
ampicillin ( $p$ = 0.017) were significantly higher in isolates from the urogenital tract or
mammary glands than in isolates from faeces or intestine.
All P. aeruginosa isolates were sensitive to gentamicin and colistin and only
5.1% of the isolates were resistant to enrofloxacin. In contrast, all isolates were resistant to
ampicillin, amoxicillin with clavulanic acid, cefalothin, chloramphenicol, lincosamides,
macrolides, and spectinomycin and most isolates were resistant to sulphonamides with
trimethoprim (92.3%), tetracycline (89.7%), and kanamycin (66.7%).
P. multocida isolates were invariably sensitive to penicillin and ampicillin,
chloramphenicol, gentamicin, colistin, spectinomycin, tetracycline, sulphonamides with
trimethoprim, cefalothin, enrofloxacin and kanamycin. In contrast, all isolates were resistant
or intermediately sensitive to erythromycin and clindamycin, the majority being resistant
(61.5% and 92.3%, respectively).
Isolates of haemolytic streptococci were all sensitive to penicillin, cephalothin,
and sulphonamides with trimethoprim. The highest frequency of resistance was recorded for
clindamycin and erythromycin, followed by tetracycline (Table 3). Although a difference was

noticed for tetracycline in resistance between group G (17.1%) and C (42.9%) isolates, this difference was not statistically significant (p=0.075).

#### 3.2. Usage of antimicrobials

The usage of antimicrobials for mink in Denmark during the period 2001 – 2006 is recorded in Table 4 (Anon. 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007). There has been a steady increase in usage every year during this period. The increase was noted for all antimicrobial classes.

#### 4. Discussion

#### 4.1. Antimicrobial susceptibility

S. intermedius is mostly associated with mink, dogs and other carnivores, and is one of the most commonly isolated pathogenic bacteria in these animals. This bacterial species is involved in a plethora of infectious conditions in mink, such as pneumonia and pleuritis, dermatitis, urinary tract infections, metritis, and mastitis. Reliable data for comparison only exist for dogs and to a lesser extent cats. There was considerable difference between antimicrobial resistance of S. intermedius from mink compared to canine isolates from the same period (Pedersen et al. 2007). The frequency of resistance was much lower to penicillin, 21.7% of the mink isolates compared to 60.2% in dogs, and fusidic acid, 3.8% in mink compared to 30.9% in dogs, whereas the frequency of resistance to tetracycline was considerably higher, 54.7% in mink compared to 23.9% in dogs. The differences for fusidic acid can be explained by the fact that this compound is never used for mink, but often in dogs for treatment of skin-, ear-, and eye infections. Explanations for the differences observed for penicillins and tetracyclines are less obvious but they may be due to usage patterns or to co-selection as there seemed to be some correlation in resistance between certain antimicrobials.

Thus, there was a significantly higher proportion of tetracycline resistant isolates that were
also resistant to clindamycin than among tetracycline sensitive isolates, and vice versa, and
similar for clindamycin and penicillin. Any genetic background for these correlations is not
known but deserves to be investigated. A small number of S. intermedius and S. aureus
isolates were found to be resistant to cephalothin although they were sensitive to amoxycillin
with clavulanic acid. This may seem contradictory, but is likely to be a methodolic problem,
i.e. MIC values close to the breakpoints, or similar.

The resistance patterns for the *S. aureus* isolates seemed different from those of *S. intermedius* from both mink and dogs (Table 1), although the differences were only statistically significant for few antimicrobials. This may indicate a different origin of the *S. aureus*. Thus, *S. intermedius* is closely connected with mink and other carnivores, and the infections are therefore possibly caused by strains from the mink themselves, whereas the infections with *S. aureus* may have been acquired from other sources. *S. aureus* is often associated with cattle, poultry, and humans and although a certain host specificity of different *S. aureus* clones has been recorded, transmission between hosts occur (van Leeuwen *et al.* 2005). However, clonality studies of staphylococci from mink have not been carried out, and thus, the origin and transmission of strains is not well elucidated.

A previous study by Vulfson *et al.* (2001) demonstrated considerable differences in antimicrobial resistance of *E. coli* between different farms. The present study included isolates from a large number of farms but usually only one isolate from each farm, and the figures do therefore not allow for comparison between farms, nor do they allow for calculations as to whether a high frequency of resistance to certain antimicrobials on a farm in one bacterial species also leads to high frequency of resistance in other bacterial species.

The relatively high level of resistance to tetracyclines may seem surprising as tetracyclines are rarely used in the mink production, and has not been used to any significant

extent during resent years. The investigation by Vulfson et al. (2001) revealed a connection
between resistance to tetracyclines and sulphonamides and in the present investigation, we
also demonstrated significant correlations between resistance factors. Thus, among isolates
that were resistant to ampicillin, a significantly higher proportion were also resistant to
tetracycline than among ampicillin sensitive isolates, and vice versa, and similar correlations
were recorded between ampicillin and sulphonamides, ampicillin and trimethoprim,
tetracycline and sulphonamides, tetracycline and trimethoprim, and sulphonamides and
trimethoprim. The genetic background for these correlations is unknown but the phenomenon
deserves further investigation as genetic linkages may very well lead to co-selection of
resistance and thereby maintenance of a high frequency of resistance to certain antimicrobials,
even if they are not used for treatment.
Investigations of antimicrobial resistance among E. coli isolates from Denmark
have shown marked differences between animal species (Anon. 2006), and frequencies of
resistance among indicator E. coli are considerably lower than those among pathogenic E. coli
isolates. In the present investigation, we found 33.1% of the haemolytic isolates and 20.9% of
the non-haemolytic isolates resistant to tetracycline. In an investigation of <i>E. coli</i> from
clinical submissions, resistance frequencies among isolates from cattle and pigs were 91%
and 72%, respectively, to tetracycline, 93% and 37% to ampicillin, 85% and 75% to
sulphonamides, and 54% and 31% to trimethoprim (Anon. 2006). These proportions of
resistant isolates are higher than those found in the present study.
We found no haemolytic streptococci resistant to penicillins, cephalosporins or
sulphonamides with trimethoprim. A high frequency of resistance was recorded for
tetracycline, in particular among the group C isolates, although tetracyclines, as previously
mentioned, are not extensively used for mink. The highest resistance was recorded to
lincosamides and macrolides, both with 68.6% resistance among the group G streptococci.

is probably a methodological problem.

This is much higher than recorded for group G streptococci from dogs isolated during the
same period (15.5% and 10.8%, respectively (Pedersen et al. 2007). The reason for this is not
clear, but may be explained by the frequent use of tylosin or lincospectin for mink, whereas
macrolides and lincosamides account for a smaller fraction of the total usage of antimicrobials
for dogs (Pedersen et al. 2007). S. canis (group G) is almost restricted to carnivores and
resistance data are only available from dogs – and now from mink -, whereas group C
streptococci cause infections in many animal species, including humans.
P. multocida is a common causative agent of infections of the respiratory tract,
the urogenital tract and skin infections in several animal species. We found all isolates
sensitive to all antimicrobials, except for macrolides and lincosamides, to which all isolates
were resistant or intermediate sensitive. This is in accordance with a recent observation on
isolates from dogs (Hirsh and Jang 1994, Pedersen et al. 2007). In investigations on P.
multa sida from nice (Lizoneza et al 2006 Cutionnés Montin & Podrésuez Forni 1002 Folos et

multocida from pigs (Lizarazo et al. 2006, Gutierréz Martin & Rodríguez Ferri 1993, Fales et
al. 1990), it has generally been reported that isolates were susceptible to penicillins,
cephalosporins, aminoglycosides, tetracyclines, and fluoroquinolones, whereas results for
macrolides and lincosamides have been contradictory. Lizarazo et al. (2006) reported
resistance to tylosin but sensitivity to erythromycin, something which is not very likely. This

From a veterinary point of view, *P. aeruginosa* is often involved in chronic otitis externa in dog and it is the causative agent of haemorrhagic pneumonia in mink. Apart from these conditions, this bacterial agent is usually only a sporadic pathogen in animals, such as in septicaemia in chickens or bovine mastitis. *P. aeruginosa* is reputed for its innate resistance to most antimicrobials (Murray *et al.* 1999). Complete sensitivity was only found for two antimicrobials in this investigation: colistin and gentamicin. For enrofloxacin, only 5.1% of the isolates were resistant, but for most other antimicrobials, most or all isolates were

resistant. It should be mentioned, though, that 18 of 39 isolated showed intermediate susceptibility to enrofloxacin, indicating that the MIC values of this bacterium lie close to the breakpoints. In a study of *P. aeruginosa* from Danish dogs, 35.9% were found to be resistant to enrofloxacin, and low levels of resistance were also noted for colistin (2.56%) and gentamicin (15.4%). These differences may be related to the use of gentamicin and polymyxins for treatment of ear infections in dogs. Considering the results of the sensitivity testing it is surprising that practicing veterinarians often prescribe vaccination in combination with treatment with potentiated sulphonamides during outbreaks of haemorrhagic pneumonia. In spite of the lack of *in vitro* susceptibility, these antimicrobials are reported clinically to limit the course of an outbreak.

#### 4.2. Usage of antimicrobials

Use of antimicrobials in mink (and all other animals) in Denmark is based on veterinary prescription only. This would prevent misuse or overuse of antimicrobials, as it must be assumed that all antimicrobial use in mink is based on needs deemed by a veterinary practitioner. The usage of antimicrobials for fur animals during the period 2001 – 2006 is listed in Table 4. There has been a steady increase in consumption during this period, which may be explained by an increase in production and increased problems with specific disease problems, in particular haemorrhagic pneumonia caused by *P. aeruginosa*, distemper, mink virus enteritis, and "sticky kits". The increase in usage was recorded for all major classes of antimicrobials. From 2001 to 2006 the total increase was 1035 kg corresponding to 157%. The highest increase in terms of kg active compound was penicillins with 302 kg, but in terms of percent it was potentiated sulphonamides with 275 kg or 833%. The incease has been highest on compounds for which the dosage per animal is high, and this makes the increase seem more dramatic. The most used antimicrobials were extended spectrum penicillins,

mainly amoxicillin. An unofficial survey among Danish veterinarians working with fur animals, indicated that amoxicillin was used for treatment of a number of infectious diseases, i.e. "sticky kits", diarrhoea, urinary tract infections, pneumonia, pleuritis, and abscesses. The second most used antimicrobials were aminoglycosides; this seemed to be mostly apramycin and neomycin, which was used for treatment of diarrhoea. Sulphonamides with trimethoprim came up third. Potentiated sulphonamides, which was sulphadiazine with trimethoprim available from various companies, both for oral and parenteral application, were used against a broad spectrum of diseases, e.g. diarrhoea, urinary tract infections, and pneumonia (P. aeruginosa-associated). Sulphonamides with trimethoprim are the drug of choice for treatment of haemorrhagic pneumonia caused by P. aeruginosa. The fourth most used antimicrobials were macrolides, almost exclusively tylosin, which was mostly used for sticky kits. Lincosamides and tetracyclines were less often used, but in similar amounts. Lincosamides were mainly used in the form of lincospectin. This was used for a number of infectious diseases, e.g. "sticky kits", diarrhoea, pneumonia, and pleuritis. Tetracyclines were used for treatment of "sticky kits", pneumonia (not *P. aeruginosa*-associated), and maybe other infections. Other antimicrobials were used only in negligible amounts.

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#### 4.3. Final remarks

Very few investigations on antimicrobial resistance among bacteria from mink have been carried out. A study by Martino and Stanachi (1997) comprised too few isolates of each bacterial species to draw meaningful conclusions, and included a number of bacterial species that were irrelevant from a therapeutic point of view. Thus, the present study is, to our knowledge, the first thorough investigation of the occurrence of antimicrobial resistance among important bacterial pathogens from mink and the usage of antimicrobials for fur animals. Valid comparison of the amounts of antimicrobials used in mink in Denmark and

other countries is difficult, as few countries have comparable production regimes and
consumption data is sparse. Our data on antimicrobial resistance and usage of antimicrobials
are therefore mainly descriptive, and do hardly allow conclusions to be drawn as to the
appropriateness of resistance and usage levels. However, the present data constitute a
baseline, which is applicable for development of recommendations to veterinarians on prudent
use of antimicrobials in fur animal production.
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Table 1. Antimicrobial resistance among haemolytic staphylococci from Danish mink

Antimicrobial compound	% resistant isolates		
	S. intermedius	S. aureus (n=7)	
	(n=157)		
Tetracycline	54.7	28.6	
Penicillin	21.7	71.4	
Clindamycin	20.4	14.3	
Erythromycin	19.1	14.3	
Spectinomycin	18.5	57.1	
Fusidic acid	3.8	14.3	
Cephalothin	1.9	14.3	
Kanamycin ¤	1.7	0	
Chloramphenicol	0.6	0	
Sulfamethoxazole with	0.6	0	
trimethoprim			
Enrofloxacin	0	0	
Amoxycillin with	0	0	
clavulanic acid			

Kanamycin: for *S. intermedius* n=57 and for *S. aureus* n=3.

Table 2. Antimicrobial resistance of E. coli isolates from Danish mink

Antimicrobial	% resistance of <i>E. con</i> isolates from Danish mink					
compound	Faeces or	Lung (n=195)	Spleen or	Urogenital	Total	
	intestine		liver (n=173)	tract or	(n=1093)	
	(n=700)			mammary		
				glands (n=25)		
Ampicillin	38.7	48.2	39.3	60.0	40.9	
Streptomycin	26.3	36.4	30.1	36.0	28.9	
Tetracycline	24.2	29.7	25.4	42.0	24.5	
Sulfamethoxazole	24.0	30.2	20.8	32.0	24.4	
Spectinomycin	11.3	11.2	9.2	4.0	10.7	
Trimethoprim	9.0	16.4	7.0	8.0	10.0	
Neomycin	7.3	6.7	6.3	8.0	7.1	
Chloramphenicol	4.3	5.6	3.5	0	4.3	
Cephalothin*	3.9	3.9	3.5	9.0	4.0	
Nalidixic acid	3.0	3.1	2.3	8.0	3.0	
Apramycin	2.3	2.1	1.7	4.0	2.2	
Colistin	2.0	1.0	0.6	0	1.6	
Gentamicin	0.4	0	1.1	4.0	0.5	
Ceftiofur	0.6	0.5	0	0	0.4	
Amoxicillin with	0.3	0	0	8.0	0.3	
clavulanic acid (2:1)						
Florfenicol	0.5	0	0	0	0.3	
Ciprofloxacin	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	

<sup>\*</sup> Cephalothin: for faeces or intestine n=462, for lungs n=155, for spleen or liver n=115, for urogenital tract or mammary glands n=20, for total n=752.

Table 3. Antimicrobial resistance of haemolytic streptococci (n=49) from Danish mink

Antimicrobial compound	% resistant			
	Group G (n=35)	Group C (n=14)		
Clindamycin	68.6	57.1		
Erythromycin	68.6	42.9		
Tetracycline	17.1	42.9		
Spectinomycin	8.6	14.3		
Kanamycin	5.9	7.1		
Enrofloxacin	2.9	0		
Sulfamethoxazol with trimethoprim	0	0		
Cephalothin	0	0		
Penicillin	0	0		

Table 4. Antimicrobials (kg active compound) sold for use in fur animals in Denmark during the period 2001 - 2006

Antimicrobial class	Kg active compound					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Penicillins, extended spectrum	341	375	381	457	659	643
Aminoglycosides	166	167	206	285	304	369
Sulfonamides/trimethoprim	33	38	32	126	186	308
Macrolides	65	104	94	116	154	215
Lincosamides	34	45	44	43	63	63
Tetracyclines	19	36	14	39	53	89
Quinolones	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amphenicols	0	0	0	0	<1	0
Cephalosporins	0	0	0	<1	<1	<1
Penicillins, narrow spectrum	0	<1	0.2	<1	<1	<1
Pleuromutilins	0	0	0	<1	<1	5
Others	0	<1	0	<1	<1	<1
Fluoroquinolones	1	1_	0.1	<1	0	<1
Total	659	766	771	1066	1420	1694