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# Musculoskeletal Disorders in Farm Animals: Lameness, Welfare, and Productivity

### Message from the Guest Editor

The widespread use of antibiotics to treat infectious lameness is being challenged, while the direct involvement of veterinary surgeons to control livestock disease on-farm is falling. Hence, there is a need in the current economic and political climate to reassess the impact of lameness occurring in ruminants and indicate where future research efforts should be directed. As demand worldwide on the human food chain increases and the inevitable consequences of climate change become more obvious, the pressures on livestock farmers to provide more beef, lamb, and milk in a more sustainable way will increase inexorably. We need to know how to move forward at all levels in the food production industry, especially with cattle and sheep.

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