

## Special Issue

# Biosecurity and Antimicrobial Use in Animal Production

### Message from the Guest Editor

Antimicrobial resistance has been declared by the WHO as one of the top 10 global public health threats facing humanity. Misuse and overuse of antimicrobials are considered the main drivers in the development of drug-resistant pathogens. On the other hand, antimicrobials are essential to protect human and animal health, as well as animal welfare. Responsible and prudent use should be ensured to safeguard their efficacy. In order to reduce the need for antimicrobial treatment in animals, animal health should be optimized. Prevention of disease is the key. The optimization of the level of biosecurity is an important preventive tool. There is some research available that has shown that by optimizing herd management and the biosecurity status, animal health and production can improve, while antimicrobial usage can be reduced. The number of papers describing the direct link between interventions in herd management and biosecurity level and antimicrobial usage is, however, still limited. The aim of this Special Issue is to present recent research and reviews on the implications of biosecurity measures on animal health, production, welfare, and especially antimicrobial usage.

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