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# New approaches to fill surveillance gaps in West Africa

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## **Towards global control and eradication of FMD**

- o FMD still endemic in several area of the world
- Control of the disease requires implementing adequate control measures based on risk assessment and risk based control strategies



Identification of circulating virus strains
Understanding the dynamics of the virus

### REQUIRES



Regular submission of samples to reference laboratories for virus caracterisation



#### Samples submitted to OIE/FAO RLs in 2017



Figure 2-4: Distribution of samples collected from suspect cases of FMD (highlighted in purple) and tested by the OIE/FAO FMD Laboratory network during 2017.

Figure 2-6: Summary of results for characterised isolates (n=1183) from FMD endemic countries were reported by the Network during 2017. FMDV GD denotes samples that were only positive using molecular (RT-PCR methods), while a further 674 samples were tested but found to be negative for FMDV using all diagnostic methods.



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Few or no samples submitted from endemic countries in West and Central Africa



■ O ■ A ■ C ■ ASIA-1 ■ SAT 1 ■ SAT 2 ■ SAT 3 ■ FMDV GD











## The lateral flow device (LFD): a support for shipment

#### Early diagnosis method routinely used on field: immunodetection method on strip



Selection and shipment of positive LFDs







### How to inactivate the virus ?

**FMDV** is sensitive to pH is lnactivation with Citric acid & Sodium hydroxide

Mix 160µl virus + 160µl solution  $\rightarrow$  15mn incubation at RT  $\rightarrow$  Inoculation to cells

•	Virus titer	<b>•</b> •• ••	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	(%)	NaOl	H (%)
Assays	FMDV O/IRN/13/2012	Cell line	0.3 0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Assay 1	10 <sup>6.36</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml	ZZ-R-127	Tx -	CPE	Tx	CPE
		IBRS-2	Tx -	CPE	Tx	-
Assay 2	10 <sup>6.09</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml	ZZ-R-127	Tx -	CPE	Tx	CPE
		IBRS-2	тх -	СРЕ	Tx	-

Tx = toxicity effect

- = no toxicity and no cytopathic effect

CPE = cytopathic effect

0.2% citric acid solution completely inactivates FMDV O in solution in 15mn



### What is the minimum incubation time needed ?

160µl virus + 160µl C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 0.2%  $\rightarrow$  incubation at RT at different times  $\rightarrow$  Inoculation to cells

	Virus titer FMDV O Manisa	Time of contact between live virus and $C_6H_8O_7$ 0.2%									
Assays		15s	30s	1mn	2mn	4mn	6mn	8mn	10mn	12mn	15mn
Assay 1	10 <sup>6.85</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml	CPE	CPE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assay 2	10 <sup>4.95</sup> TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml	CPE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- = no toxicity and no cytopathic effect

CPE = cytopathic effect

1 min incubation with 0.2%  $C_6H_8O_7$  solution is sufficient to inactivate FMDV O in solution.

To increase safety, we chose 15 min incubation time.



A 15 minutes-contact time inactivates different FMDV serotypes in solution while the 3D coding region is still detected by rtRT-PCR

Strains	Virus titers (TCID₅₀/ml)	Live virus rtRT-PCR 3D Ct	Inactivated virus	CPE on cells (ZZ-R-127 & IBRS-2)
	(			after 2 <sup>nd</sup> passage
O Manisa TUR/8/69	10 <sup>6.72</sup>	16.64	18.60	-
O1 BFS 1860	10 <sup>7.99</sup>	12.94	14.29	-
OMayenne (O/FRA/1/2001)	10 <sup>7.36</sup>	13.19	14.19	-
O/IRN/13/2012	10 <sup>7.48</sup>	13.29	13.27	-
A5 Allier	10 <sup>5.95</sup>	15.30	14.77	-
A22Iraq	10 <sup>6.72</sup>	17.28	17.09	-
A24Cruzeiro	10 <sup>6.95</sup>	15.08	16.04	-
Alran96	10 <sup>6.95</sup>	18.33	17.52	-
A/IRN/37/2009	10 <sup>6.23</sup>	15.24	15.31	-
A/IRN05	10 <sup>7.23</sup>	15.04	14.68	-
C1 Noville	10 <sup>8.15</sup>	14.09	13.99	-
SAT1/KEN/2/2011	10 <sup>5.82</sup>	13.11	13.68	-
SAT2/ZIM/5/81	10 <sup>7.23</sup>	17.77	17.38	-
SAT2/EGY3/2012	10 <sup>7.69</sup>	22.07	22.08	-
SAT2/LIB40/2012	10 <sup>7.72</sup>	13.79	13.50	-
SAT2/BAR 12/2012	10 <sup>7.48</sup>	11.36	11.83	-
SAT2/ERI	10 <sup>5.72</sup>	13.41	13.96	-
SAT3 Zim 4/81	10 <sup>6.95</sup>	16.63	16.42	-
Asia/ISR/3/89	10 <sup>7.15</sup>	15.38	16.78	-

- = no toxicity and no cytopathic effect

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## Inactivation of live FMD virus on LFD





#### Detection of FMDV RNA and rescue of live virus after inactivation?



Samples	3D Ct values	IRES Ct values	Transfection ZZ-R-127		
LFD without inactivation	15.41	17.33	Total CPE at less than 18hpt		
LFD soaked in 0.2% C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	17.48	17.10	Total CPE at less than 18 hpt		

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#### Inactivation and detection of FMDV RNA and rescue of live

#### virus for other serotypes

Strains	Virus titers (TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml)	LFD result*	Dipping solution	CPE on cells after elution	3D Ct	IRES Ct	CPE on cells after RNA transfection
	10 <sup>7.48</sup>	++	Water	++ 24 hpi	19.60	21.76	++ 24 hpt
A/IKNUJ			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	-	19.15	20.46	++ 48 hpt
	10 <sup>7.72</sup>	+++	Water	++ 24 hpi	18.01	24.01	++ 24 hpt
C1 Noville			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	-	17.29	23.21	++ 48 hpt
SAT1/KEN/2/2011	10 <sup>5.82</sup>	++	Water	++ 5 hpi	18.48	21.42	++ 24 hpt
			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	-	16.91	20.71	++ 24 hpt
SAT2/LIB40/2012	10 <sup>8.36</sup>	+	Water	++ 24 hpi	14.12	39.37	++ 24 hpt
			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	-	12.73	37.75	++ 24 hpt
SAT3 Zim 4/81	10 <sup>6.95</sup>	++	Water	++ 5 hpi	19.75	29.49	++ 24 hpt
			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	- /	18.24	26.88	++ 24 hpt
Asia/ISR/3/89	4 06 60		Water	++ 24 hpi	30.42	29.44	++ 48 hpt
	10 <sup>6.69</sup>	+	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	-	30.76	26.61	++ 48 hpt

\*LFD positive results: +++ = strong, ++ = intermediary, + = weak

- = no cytopathic effect after two passages on cells

hpi: hours post-inoculation

hpt: hours post-transfection

### Application of inactivation method on archival field samples

Sample	Virus titre (TCID <sub>50</sub> /ml)	LFD result <sup>a</sup>	Soaking solution	CPE on cells after inocula	tion 31	O Ct IRES C	VP1 sequence	CPE on cells after RNA transfection
FMDV/TUN/1771/2014	10 <sup>5.95</sup>	+	H <sub>2</sub> O	+24 hpi	25	5.56 NA	100%	+24 hpt
			$C_6H_8O_7 0.2\%$	-	25	5.00 NA		+24 hpt
BEN/1/2011	10 <sup>3.48</sup>	+	H <sub>2</sub> O	+48 hpi	25	5.41 36.46	100%	+48 hpt
			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2%	-	23	3.58 33.14		+48 hpt
O/FRA/DPT77/2001	104.23	+++	H <sub>2</sub> O	+48 hpi	19	9.98 21.45	100%	\- /
			C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2%	-	20	0.23 20.95		
FMDV, foot-and-mouth disease virus; LFD, lateral flow device; –, no cytopathic effect after two passages on cells; hpi, hours post-inoculation; hpt, hours post-transfection; NA, not applicable.								

<sup>a</sup>+++ = strong, + = weak.

<sup>b</sup>Based on comparison of the 639 bp of the serotype O VP1.

The inactivation protocol is applicable on field samples: virus eluted from inactivated LFD can be still detected and characterized.

Recovery of live virus after chemical transfection was obtained for 2/3 samples (protocol needs improvement).



#### Inactivation at 37°C and inactivation with 5% C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub>



Dipping solution	Temperature	CPE on cells after soaking step	3D Ct	IRES Ct	CPE on cells after RNA transfection
Water	RT	++ 24 hpi	19.45	22.05	++ 48 hpt
Water	37 °C	++ 24 hpi	20.62	22.97	++ 48 hpt
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	RT	-	20.65	17.53	++ 48 hpt
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 0.2 %	37 °C	-	18.40	20.18	++ 48 hpt
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>7</sub> 5 %	RT	-	17.39	17.45	++ 48 hpt

 - = no cytopathic effect after two passages on cells hpi: hours post-inoculation hpt: hours post-transfection



#### Example of procedure to apply on field...





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### Still some issues to address:

- Improvement of RNA transfection;
- Validation of the protocol on the field with fresh samples;
- Testing the efficacy of inactivation on highly concentrated virus (Vesicular fluid)











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#### Samples collection and inactivation of LFD in the field



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### Safety tests in the lab



### **Molecular detections in the lab**



### Virus rescue in the lab





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- 1. Establish the feasibility of engaging paraveterinarians, private animal health service providers or other non-state actors in FMD sample collection and submission to the national laboratories/authorities;
- 2. A study on the demand of livestock keepers and other stakeholders for services for prevention or management of FMD, to establish if a market potential exists for services (including early warning of risk) and which will identify what will need to change if the demand is to be met and/or the service to be introduced

#### Application of inactivation protocol in Mali











## CONCLUSION

- 15 min incubation in 0.2% citric acid is sufficient for inactivation of FMDV on LFD
- FMDV RNA can be extracted from LFD and FMDV detected by rtRT-PCR, VP1 sequenced and live virus rescued after RNA transfection
- Validation of the protocol on the field is ongoing (FAR 2017 & 2018)
- The protocol should facilitate the transport of samples and thus increase the submissions
- The protocol needs to be evaluated and validated by the Biorisk Working Group of the EuFMD

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