Dalmose, April 16, 2013

Dear Madam/Sir,

In the latest Health Monitoring Report, April 2013, it is specified that 5 out of 10 samples from Barrier 3 showed seropositive titers regarding Lawsonia intracellularis. These results were confirmed by more samples. Fecal samples were negative for Lawsonia intracellularis. There are no clinical signs in the Minipigs in Barrier 3 which could be related to the findings.

In 2010 one minipig from Barrier 2 was tested positive for Lawsonia intracellularis (more information: http://minipigs.dk/fileadmin/filer/hmr/Health_monitoring_information_letter_January_2011.pdf)

The Minipigs in Barrier 2 were closely monitored for seroconversion and detection of the bacteria in feces. All results have been negative ever since which gave the indication that we were not dealing with a true infection. A tentative prediction of the recent findings indicates that it is also the case in Barrier 3.

The status of Lawsonia intracellularis will be monitored closely in Barrier 3 and any new findings will be communicated to you.

Sincerely,

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Head of Veterinary Services