

Update on antibiotic reduction project and next steps with MAPAQ and other stakeholders

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Outline

Context

Our project (EQSP)

• Results: targets exceeded

Next steps





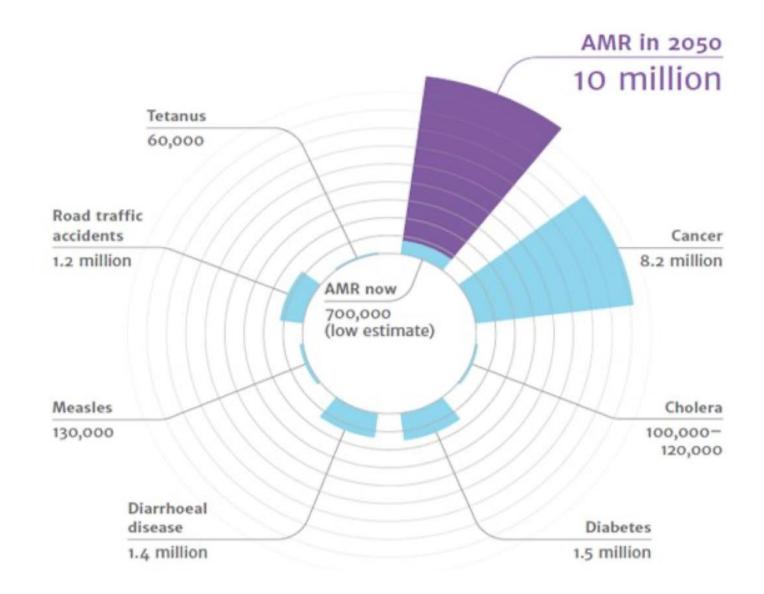
Context





Why?

To prevent antibiotic resistance (and safeguard effective treatment for humans and animals alike)

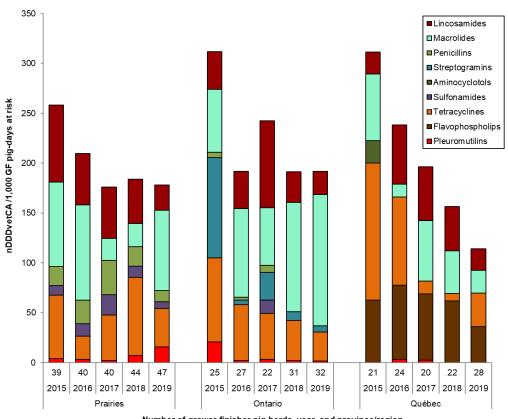






The situation in Quebec

- Prescriptions mandatory for nearly 30 years
- Numerous sector initiatives for a judicious use of antibiotics ("less and more") since 2006
- A provincial regulation on Category 1 use, effective February 25, 2019



Number of grower-finisher pig herds, year, and province/region



Our project (EQSP)



Robust and well recognized governance



Members:
Slaughterhouses,
AQINAC and Les
Éleveurs de porcs

Emerging diseases coordinator

Martin Pelletier

3 advisory committees

Healthcare tech team

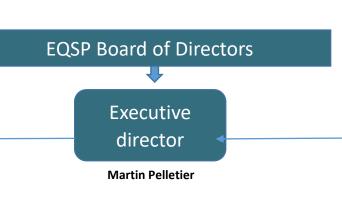
All committee members are veterinarians

Nutritionists committee

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Emergency plan advisory committee

Committee members include EQSP plus CDPQ, ACIA, MAPAQ, AVIA, and FMV representatives





New since 2017

Endemic diseases coordinator

2 Advisory committees Raphaël Bertinotti

Biosafety and endemic diseases tech team

Committee of veterinarians, breeders, and stakeholders from various organizations involved in swine health in Quebec

CCUJM

Advisory Committee on Appropriate Use of Medications – Members include veterinarians, pork producers, and other stakeholders



A clear voluntary target

20%

overall decrease in

AIM use by 2020

compared to 2016

- Credible = Less antibiotic use
- Flexible = No outright bans on use
- Realistic = After consultation with and validation by pork producers and veterinarians (2016 data)
- Objective: Category 1 antibiotics as a last resort only





Advisory Committee on Judicious Use of Medications (CCUJM)* A credible, effective task force

13 to 16 members

EOSP coordinator Raphaël Bertinotti

Cécile Ferrouillet Committee coordinator Mohammed Rhouma [CRSV] Martine 2 CRSV/FMV representatives

Denicourt [FMV]

1 AQINAC representative **Charles Surprenant**

1 veterinarian representing slaughterhouses/meat marketing companies

2 veterinarians representing major food chains

2 unaffiliated veterinarians

1 veterinary pharmacist

1 veterinarian representing AVIA

1 veterinary health supervisor, Quebec Centre for Swine Development (CDPQ)

1 veterinarian representing MAPAQ

1 pork producer

1 full-time Éleveurs de porcs employee

Nadia Bergeron

Martin Choinière and Charles Surprenant

F. Beaulac, Déméter and Simon Vaillancourt

F. Beaulac

M. Choinière

Christian Klopfenstein

Soulyvane Nguon

Yvan Fréchette

Marie-Pier Lachance

If neccessary, the committee may add members – persons involved with specific problems or issues

^{*}Comité consultatif sur l'utilisation judicieuses des médicaments



Major support from MAPAQ

- Funding of preceding project (Monitoring in 2016 an Éleveurs de porcs du Québec project)
- Funding for this project (EQSP-MAPAQ): 75-250 K\$
- Membership on EQSP committees (CCUJM and CMEP)
- Other support: introduction of an integrated animal health (PISAQ) campaign





Pork producers are ready to do their part

Mid-2019 Survey

Number of respondents: 150

- 90% are concerned about antibiotic resistance
- 95% agree that antibiotic use should be reduced
- 92% intend to continue their efforts until the target is reached
- 74% believe they can reduce antibiotics by over 10%, and 42% by over 20%
- 16% believe they can decrease their use by over 50%

However

- Only 17% know that the EQSP target was 20%
- Only 36% have had visits by the PISAQ (MAPAQ)

Concerns associated with decrease antibiotics use

- Higher animal mortality rates
- Lower average daily weight gain and feed conversion ratio
- Increased time allotted to animal care



Veterinarians are convinced

Number of respondents: 16 (about 50% of all veterinarians practicing in Quebec)

100% of respondents

- Are confident the target can be reached
- Believe it's possible to continue reducing use until the target is reached
- Are concerned about antibiotic resistance

Greatest concerns over decreased antibiotic use

- Higher animal mortality rates
- Lower daily weight gain and feed conversion ratio



Conclusions

On the plus side

- Consensus is that antibiotic resistance is a major issue
- There is a willingness to continue antibiotic reduction until the target is reached

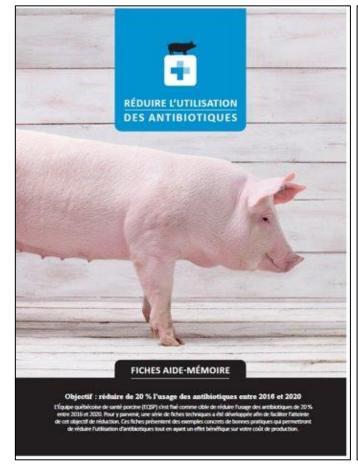
On the downside

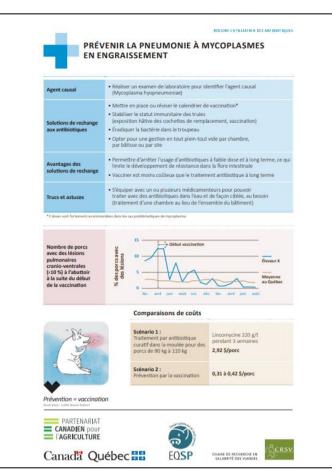
- Many pork producers don't know much about the target and the tools to help them reach it
 - => Continuing to promote the strategy is crucial



Getting out the message about model solutions to our pork producers and veterinarians

- Info posters showing alternative solutions to antibiotics for 7 classic diseases
- Over 1300 copies enclosed in *Porc Québec ->* producers only
- Veterinarians were able to get posters for PISAQ visits







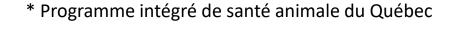
PISAQ visits: individual support

PISAQ Quebec's integrated animal health program*

Target group: primarily independent pork producers (but also some chains)

Activities: awareness and implementation of an action plan for appropriate use of medications on farms

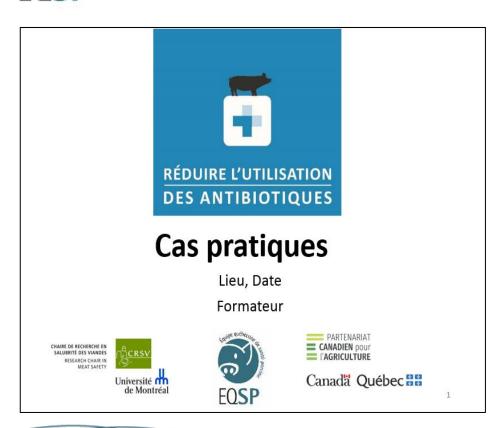
How it works: 2 to 3 visits by a veterinarian, paid for by MAPAQ (no cost to producers)







Rolling out a training program: another type of communication



Target audience

• Pork producers, technicians, agronomists, etc.

Length

- Sessions: 1 hour maximum
- Kitchen-party-type session

Content

- Review general guidelines for appropriate use of medications
- Discuss 2 or more data sheets in detail, based on audience

Who can attend?

• Regional unions, farm tech days, etc.

Results

- 4 veterinarians trained on February 12, 2020 to provide training
- 3 training sessions, 50 participants (Fall 2020)



Easy access to project information put online









Réduction des antibiotiques

gagnante!

et régionalisation, une formule





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Juin 2020 Port Québec

March 2019: PISAQ visit and 20% reduction target

June 2019: Pork producers talk about PISAQ visits

September 2019: A veterinarian's story

December 2019: A nursery worker's story

2020: Webinar on antibiotic reduction

June 2020: A farrow-to-finish operator's story







Webinar – February 18, 2020

Tips and tricks for reducing antibiotic use

Panelists

- Jean Brochu, veterinarian at Sollio Agriculture
- Jean-Philippe Fortin, nursery owner, Ferme A Thanase, Saint-Aubert
- Suzanne Duquette, farrow-to-finish owner, Ferme Duquette et compagnie,
 Sainte-Julienne

March 3, 2020

43 viewings

All participants rated webinar excellent

https://studiocast.ca/client/upa/event/7270/fr/



Review of publications on the impact of decreased antibiotic use on production costs

- Work in progress by the faculty of veterinary medicine
- Student: Mélodie Langlais
 - Supervisors: Cécile Ferrouillet and Alexandre Thibodeau
- Objectives
 - Alternative approaches to reducing antimicrobials (health, breeding programs, social and economic factors)
 - Effectiveness of reducing antimicrobials: economic impact, performance



Surveillance for re-emerging diseases

MAPAQ will support surveillance programs for diseases that could reemerge with decreased antibiotic use

- Free testing and easier access to necropsies
- Monitoring and surveillance where necessary (example: swine dysentery)
- It helps to maintain ongoing sector mobilization



Results: target exceeded!





Data collection by Université de Montréal

Objectives

- Describe antibiotic use in the pork production sector
- Evaluate reduction in use (2016 to 2020)

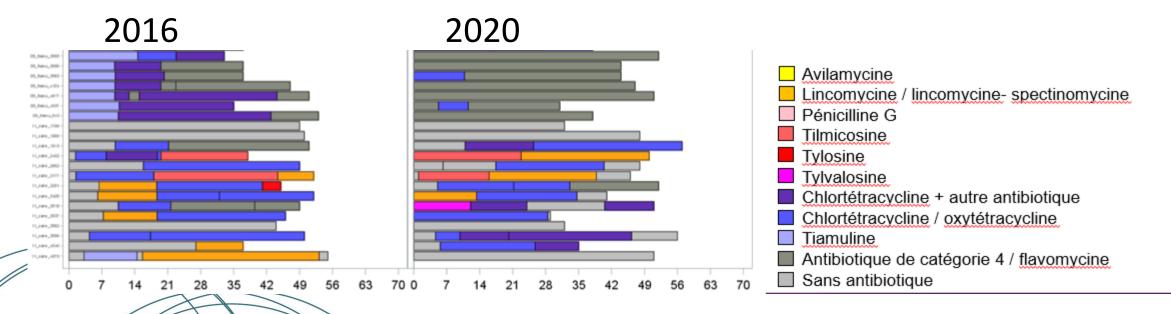
Site selection (voluntary)

- Paint the most realistic possible picture of Quebec pork production
 - Representative types of operations
 - Representative sizes of enterprises
- 176 sites sourced in 2016 <u>and</u> 2020 (matching data points)
 - 38 farrowing units, 48 nurseries, 119 finishing units = 205 phases of operation



Data collection by Université de Montréal

- Data include method of administration (feed, water, injection)
- Database helps track antibiotic use by farm and by age of pigs





Results of decreased use

- 36% decrease in mg/kg per animal in all pork production operations
- 2020 a tough year: backlog (higher slaughter weights) and numerous PRRS crises
- AB₁₀₀ = nDDDvet*/100 animal-days

		(nDDD /100 animal-days)	
Number of Daily Defined Doses		Value in 2016	Value in 2020
	Farrowing (n=38)	8.18	4.74
	Nursery (n=37)	274.87	28% 197.31
	Finishing (n-102)	15 //7	5 3/1

AB₁₀₀



Results in farrowing operations: -42%

	AB ₁₀₀	
	2016	2020
Feed	6.00	1.75
Oral (except feed)	0.55	0.76
Injection	1.64	2.23
Total	8.18	4.74



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Results in nursery operations: -28%

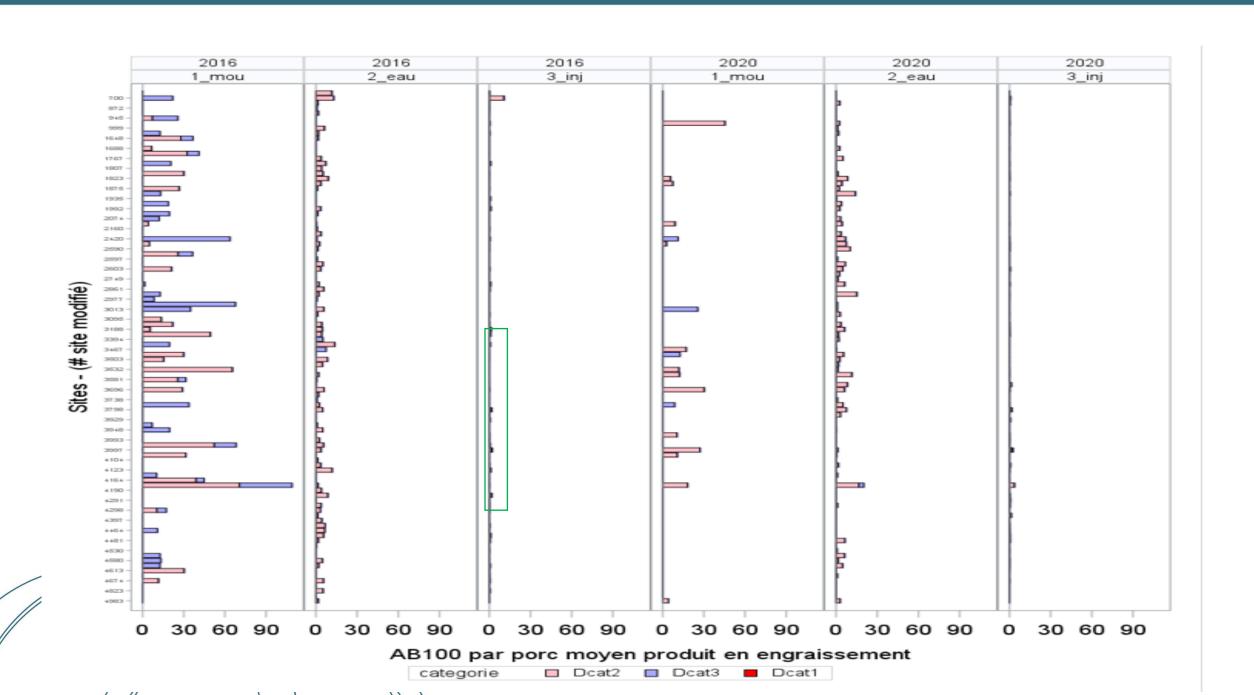
	AB ₁₀₀	
	2016	2020
Feed	244.73	157.40
Oral (except feed)	23.67	30.51
Injection	6.48	9.40
Total	274.87	197.31

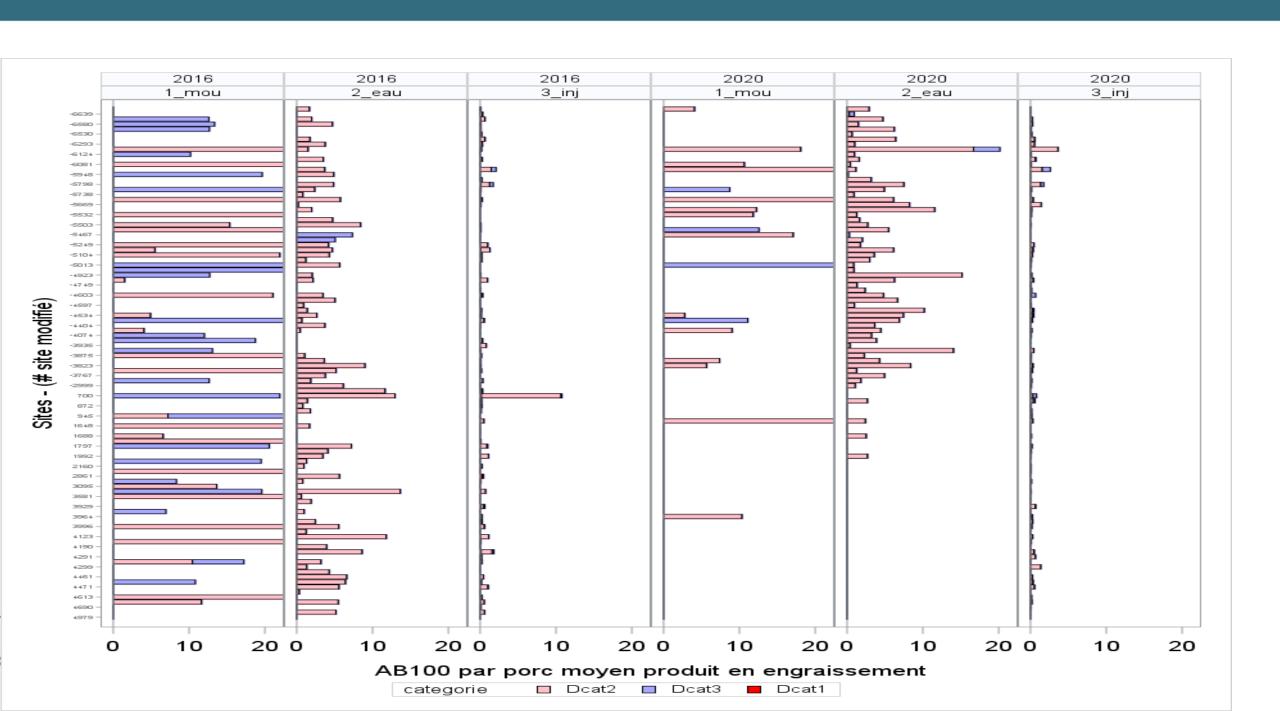


Results in finishing operations: -65%

	AB ₁₀₀	
	2016	2020
Feed	12.29	2.65
Oral (except feed)	2.80	2.43
Injection	0.38	0.27
Total	15.47	5.34









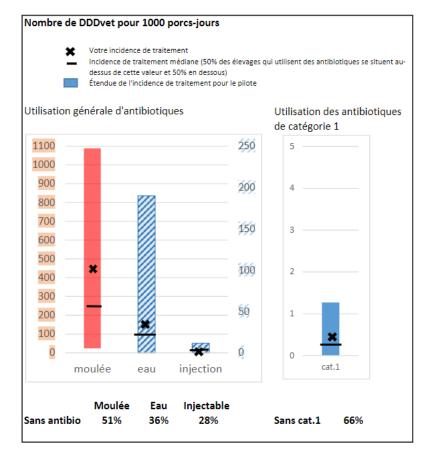
Benchmark, example of report to pork producers

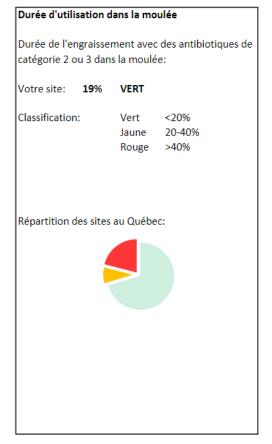
Rapport sur l'utilisation des antibiotiques en engraissement

Numéro AQC du site: Date de début de la période enquêtée: Date de fin de la période enquêtée:

Nom du site:

Nom du vétérinaire:









Summary of findings

DECREASE in use of Category 1 antibiotics

MAJOR DECREASE (statistically significant) in AIM use (>20%)

MASSIVE DECREASE of antibiotics in animal feed

- Slight to moderately increased use in water and by injection in farrowing units and nurseries
- Decreased water and injection use in finishing operations
- Use discontinued for long periods
- Less frequent use of chlortetracycline in nurseries



Next steps





A new reduction target?

Discussions (ongoing)

- Need for consultation
- Need to stabilize PRRS and influenza on our farms
- Influenza: regional autovaccination project

Type of target: most likely in line with the federal mg/kg indicator



MAPAQ and EQSP: an aligned vision

EQSP

- Precise comparisons for the sector = use patterns to detect ways for improvement
- Comparisons by site = benchmark
- Maintain public trust

MAPAQ

 Monitor antibiotic use in animal production in Quebec, and disseminate this information to pork producers, veterinarians, and consumers.



Ways to realize our vision

Position our sector (following consultations with other animal production sectors carried out by the Université de Montréal for MAPAQ)

- Need to automate monitoring to make it sustainable
- Collect information as near to farms as possible: feed mills, veterinarians, pork producers (numbers of animals treated)



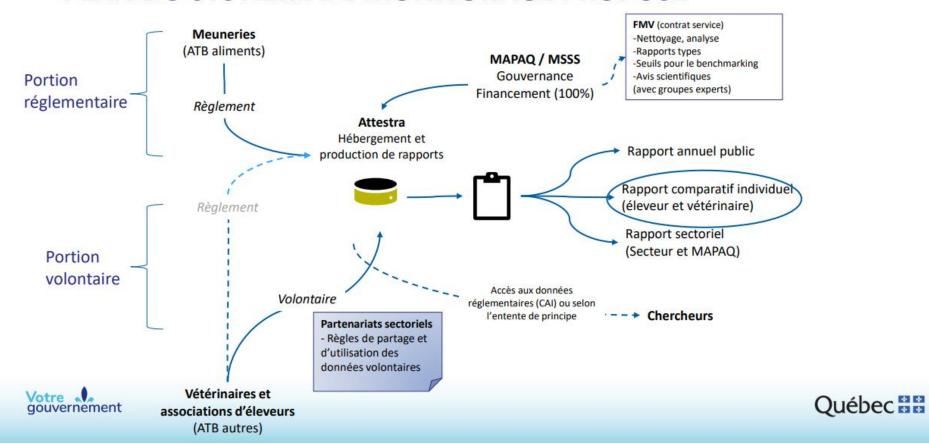
Steps

- 1. Completed: amendment of the regulation on premixed and medicated animal feeds (MAPAQ) => from now on, mills must declare their antibiotic sales by client site
- 2. To do (2023–2024): On a voluntary basis, the sector would report its own purchasing data (data to be collected from veterinarians and pharmacies)
- 3. To do (2023–2024): On a voluntary basis, pork producers would report the numbers of animals per site (data to be collected from the provincial producers' association: les Éleveurs de porcs du Québec)

There remains the challenge of database interoperability and how we, as a sector, can produce our own reports by cross-referencing monitoring data with other data available to us.



PLAN DU SYSTÈME DE MONITORAGE PROPOSÉ



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Main takeaways

- We must reduce our consumption of antibiotics in order to preserve their effectiveness
- We have clearly exceeded our reduction target thanks to a major mobilization among our stakeholders
- The agriculture department (MAPAQ) supports our initiatives
- We have indicated our interest in being one of the first sectors to work with MAPAQ on a voluntary basis to introduce a permanent, sustainable monitoring system in Quebec. The job of reducing antibiotic use must continue



THANK YOU!



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