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A systemic integrative framework to describe comprehensively a swine health system, Flanders as an example

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Summary:

The objective of this study was understand the complexity of a swine health system. To that end, qualitative interviews were held with 33 relevant stakeholders in Flanders. Findings show the Flemish swine health system features coordinates well policies and sector's agreements to reduce the antimicrobial use in the pig sector and is adequately complemented with good education of health professionals.

However, the lack of an adequate professional representation of swine veterinarians, the tradition that veterinary advice is provided for 'free' by feed companies, and the shortage of reliable farm productivity data are problems. Furthermore, often the business model used by veterinarians is based on the sale of medicines. This leads to conflicts of interest on preventive vaccinations advice and, in turn, farmers distrust their advice. The results of this study can aid policy makers to anticipate the effects of proposed interventions and regulations, leading to better estimates of their effectiveness.

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