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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 A calf tissue cage model was used to study the pharmacokinetics (PK) and
26 pharmacodynamics (PD) of oxytetracycline in serum, inflamed (exudate) and non-inflamed
27 (transudate) tissue cage fluids. After intramuscular administration, the PK was characterised
28 by a long mean residence time of 28.3h. Based on Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations
29 (MICs) for six isolates each of *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Pasteurella multocida*,
30 measured in serum, integration of *in vivo* PK and *in vitro* PD data established area under
31 serum concentration-time curve ($AUC_{0-\infty}$)/MIC ratios of 30.0 and 24.3h for *M.haemolytica*
32 and *P.multocida*, respectively. Corresponding $AUC_{0-\infty}$ /MIC ratios based on MICs in broth
33 were 656 and 745h, respectively. PK-PD modelling of *in vitro* bacterial time-kill curves for
34 oxytetracycline in serum established mean AUC_{0-24h} /MIC ratios for $3\log_{10}$ decrease in
35 bacterial count of 27.5h (*M.haemolytica*) and 60.9h (*P.multocida*). Monte Carlo simulations
36 predicted target attainment rate (TAR) dosages. Based on the potency of oxytetracycline in
37 serum, the predicted 50% TAR single doses required to achieve a bacteriostatic action
38 covering 48h periods were 197mg/kg (*M.haemolytica*) and 314mg/kg (*P.multocida*)
39 respectively, against susceptible populations. Dosages based on the potency of
40 oxytetracycline in broth were 25- and 27-fold lower (7.8 and 11.5mg/kg) for *M.haemolytica*
41 and *P.multocida*, respectively.

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43 *Key words:* Oxytetracycline, calf, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, *M.haemolytica*,
44 *P.multocida*

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46 INTRODUCTION

47

48 The spectrum of activity of oxytetracycline includes two major bacterial species causing
49 bovine pneumonia, *Mannheimia haemolytica* and *Pasteurella multocida* (Nouws *et al.*, 1985;
50 Nouws *et al.*, 1985; Nouws *et al.*, 1990). Oxytetracycline remains in extensive use for the
51 treatment of calf pneumonia as it possesses the advantage of availability in both low (5-
52 10%w/v) and high (20-30%w/v) strength injectable products. The latter provide high dose
53 (20-30mg/kg) long acting formulations; single dose therapy may be clinically effective when
54 these formulations are administered intramuscularly. These depot formulations provide
55 sustained absorption from the intramuscular injection site, leading to flip-flop
56 pharmacokinetics (PK) (Nouws & Vree, 1983; Toutain & Raynaud, 1983; Nouws *et al.*,
57 1990).

58 Dosages for oxytetracycline were set many years ago and it may now be appropriate to re-
59 evaluate them in light of currently accepted PK/pharmacodynamic (PD) concepts.

60 Scientifically, the soundest approach to prediction of dosage for antimicrobial drugs (AMDs)
61 is to link PK parameters and variables with an appropriate PD index of potency and efficacy,
62 applying the universal equation for systemically acting drugs:

$$63 \quad Dose = \frac{Cl \times AUC}{F} \quad (1)$$

64 Where Dose is the computed dose, Cl=body clearance, F=bioavailability and AUC=area
65 under plasma/serum concentration-time curve (Toutain & Bousquet-Melou, 2004). For those
66 AMDs for which the PK/PD index that best predicts efficacy is AUC_{0-24h}/MIC , such as
67 oxytetracycline in the present investigation (see Results and Discussion), this equation was
68 adapted by Aliabadi & Lees (2001; 2002) and Toutain & Lees to:

$$69 \quad Dose_{(per\ day)} = \frac{Cl \times \frac{AUC_{(0-24h)}}{MIC_e} \times MIC_{distribution}}{f_u \times F} \quad (2)$$

70 where Cl =body clearance per h, AUC_{0-24h}/MIC_e (in h) = *in vitro* ratio of experimentally
71 determined area under the serum or broth concentration-time curve over 24h to the Minimum
72 Inhibitory Concentration (MIC_e) of the tested experimental isolates for a target end-point
73 (bacteriostatic or bactericidal effect), $MIC_{distribution}$ =distribution of MICs of oxytetracycline
74 from an epidemiological literature survey, f_u (from 0 to 1)=fraction of drug not bound to
75 serum protein and F =bioavailability (from 0 to 1). MIC distributions for *P.multocida* (498
76 strains) and *M.haemolytica* (481 strains) were obtained from infected cattle; MICs were
77 measured at the Iowa state Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Data from 2000, 2001, 2002
78 and 2003 (<http://vads.vetmed.vt.edu/index.cfm>). From this, it is clear that selection of an
79 optimal dose depends on: (1) assessment of both PK (Cl , F , f_u) and PD (MIC) properties; and
80 (2) determination of an appropriate breakpoint value of the AUC_{0-24h}/MIC ratio for
81 bacteriostatic or bactericidal effect.

82 The internationally accepted European Union Committee on Antimicrobial Testing
83 (EUCAST) and the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI, 2004; CLSI, 2008)
84 methods for MIC determinations are based on the use, almost universally, of non-biological
85 growth media, such as Mueller Hinton Broth (MHB) (Papich, 2013; Papich, 2014). Whilst
86 such media are specifically formulated to provide optimal *in vitro* growth conditions, they
87 differ in composition from body fluids. For example, most broths contain small amounts of
88 protein including negligible amounts of albumin, whereas treatment of disease *in vivo*
89 depends on drug concentration in the biological fluid of the biophase. Concentration in the
90 latter is driven by the plasma concentration of free drug. As the protein bound fraction is
91 microbiologically inactive, it is common to link the free rather than total serum concentration
92 with an *in vitro* MIC (or MBC) value (f_u in equation 2). A potential problem with this
93 approach is the assumption that the differences in MIC determined in broth, serum and the
94 local biophase milieu are attributable solely to drug protein binding in the latter two fluids. It

95 is potentially flawed *additionally*, because artificial broths are quantitatively dissimilar to
96 biological fluids in most chemical constituents (not only albumin, to which most drugs bind
97 to some degree) and also in the absence of proteins such as serum complement, which may
98 impact on drug potency. Therefore, bacterial growth and AMD action may commonly differ
99 in differing growth matrices.

100 For the foregoing reasons, experiments in our laboratory have routinely compared MIC and
101 MBC for calf pathogens in broth and biological fluids (serum, transudate and inflammatory
102 exudate) obtained from calves, to provide more biologically relevant growth matrices and to
103 identify any possible matrix effect (Aliabadi & Lees, 2002; Aliabadi *et al.*, 2003; Sidhu *et al.*,
104 2010; Brentnall *et al.*, 2012). The latter group reported that protein concentrations in exudate
105 (44.7 g/L) and transudate (40.7 g/L) were lower than in calf serum (61.9 g/L). For example,
106 for tulathromycin and the bovine pneumonia pathogens, *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida*,
107 serum:broth MIC ratios were of the order of 1:50, despite some 40% binding to serum protein
108 (Illambas *et al.*, 2009). In stark contrast, for a single strain of *M.haemolytica*, oxytetracycline
109 MICs ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) were higher in serum (14.8) exudate (12.8) and transudate (11.2) than in MHB
110 (0.5) (Brentnall *et al.*, 2012). These marked differences between artificial broth and biological
111 fluids are both drug and microbial species dependent and cannot be explained by binding to
112 plasma protein.

113 Determination of PD properties of oxytetracycline in biological matrices is therefore a pre-
114 requisite for the use of PK-PD integration and modelling approaches to dose determination,
115 aimed at eradication of bacteria and/or minimising opportunities for the emergence of
116 antimicrobial resistance (Lees *et al.*, 2004; Martinez & Silley, 2010; Mouton *et al.*, 2011;
117 Papich, 2014). For other drugs, smaller broth serum differences in potency have been
118 reported, but it should be noted that a difference in MIC, between serum and broth, generally
119 regarded as small in microbiological terms, could readily lead, when the objective is

120 prediction of dosage for bacteriological cure in diseased animals, to significant over or under
121 estimation of dose required.

122 Three integrated PK-PD surrogates for clinical efficacy; maximum serum concentration
123 (C_{max})/MIC, time of serum concentration exceeding MIC ($T>MIC$) as a percentage of the
124 inter-dose interval, and area under curve (AUC)/MIC, the ratio of the area under the
125 plasma/serum concentration-time curve to MIC (in steady-state conditions) have been widely
126 used (Craig, 1998; Schentag, 2000; Fridodt-Moller, 2002; Lees & Shojaee Aliabadi, 2002;
127 Mouton *et al.*, 2002; Toutain *et al.*, 2002; Toutain & Lees, 2004; Martinez & Silley, 2010;
128 Mouton *et al.*, 2011; Martinez *et al.*, 2012; Papich, 2014). This study focusses on AUC/MIC,
129 as oxytetracycline has a long terminal half-life and it was shown that this index is the most
130 appropriate for any AMD having a long terminal half-life (Nielsen & Friberg, 2013).

131 The objectives of this investigation were: (1) to establish the serum concentration-time profile
132 and to derive PK data for oxytetracycline in 10 healthy calves after intramuscular
133 administration at the dose rate of 20mg/kg; (2) to determine the rate and extent of
134 oxytetracycline penetration into and elimination from carrageenan-inflamed (exudate) and
135 non-inflamed (transudate) fluids in a tissue cage model; (3) to integrate these *in vivo* PK
136 findings with *in vitro* PD (MIC) data for oxytetracycline against *M.haemolytica* and
137 *P.multocida*; (4) to model *in vitro* time-kill profiles of oxytetracycline against six isolates
138 each of *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* in both serum and MHB, in order to generate
139 AUC/MIC breakpoints for each organism to achieve bacteriostatic and bactericidal levels of
140 growth inhibition; (5) to use the derived PK and PD data, with epidemiological MIC
141 distributions, to calculate, using Monte Carlo simulations, dosages of oxytetracycline for both
142 an empirical (probabilist) therapeutic response i.e. taking into account the entire MIC
143 distribution but also considering only susceptible subpopulations of *P.multocida* and *M.*
144 *haemolytica*. Such dual simulations are necessary to investigate the clinical value of an

145 antimicrobial sensitivity test (AST) and also to determine its appropriate numerical value.
146 Simulations were undertaken for: (a) each bacterial species; (b) two levels of growth
147 inhibition (bacteriostatic and bactericidal); and (c) both a single dose (efficacious over the
148 subsequent 48h) and a maintenance dose administered every 48h under steady-state
149 conditions for 50 and 90% Target Attainment Rates (TARs).

150

151 MATERIALS AND METHODS

152 *Animals and surgical procedures*

153 An *in vivo* study was conducted in 10 healthy female Aberdeen Angus calves. Weights were
154 in the range 145-204kg (mean=179kg, S.D.=16.7) and ages ranged from 79-131 days (mean
155 =108, S.D.=15 days). Tissue cages were implanted subcutaneously in the paralumbar fossa,
156 as previously described (Sidhu *et al.*, 2003). Oxytetracycline hydrochloride (Alamycin LA,
157 Norbrook Laboratories Ltd., Newry, Co. Down, N. Ireland) was injected intramuscularly into
158 gluteal muscles (two equal volumes into right and left muscles) at a dose rate of 20mg/kg at
159 zero time. Also at zero time, 0.5mL of 1%w/v sterile lambda carrageenan solution in saline
160 (Viscarin, Marine Colloids, Springfield, U.S.A.) was injected into a single tissue cage. This
161 was used to harvest inflammatory exudate. A second, unstimulated cage was used to collect
162 non-inflammatory extracellular fluid (transudate). The study was approved by the Royal
163 Veterinary College Ethics Committee.

164

165 *Sampling procedures*

166 Blood samples (10mL) were collected, protected from light, from a jugular vein, into
167 vacutainers (Becton, Dickinson and Company, Oxford, Oxon, U.K.) without anticoagulant,
168 prior to and at times of 15, 30 and 45min and 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24, 32, 48, 72, 96 and
169 120h after injection of oxytetracycline. Exudate and transudate samples (1.5mL) were

170 collected, protected from light, before and at pre-determined times of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24,
171 32, 72, 96 and 120h. All samples were centrifuged to remove cells at 2,000g for 10min at 4°C
172 and supernatants were stored at -70°C until analysed for oxytetracycline.

173

174 *Analysis of oxytetracycline*

175 A high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) method with ultraviolet detection was used
176 for analysis of oxytetracycline concentrations in serum, exudate and transudate (Brentnall et
177 al., 2012). All reagents were HPLC grade and obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Chemicals
178 (Poole, Dorset, UK). Chromatographic data were analysed using Chromeleon™ Version 6.80
179 (Dionex Corporation) and concentrations of oxytetracycline were calculated using peak area
180 ratios. Standards were prepared by spiking blank serum, exudate and transudate with
181 oxytetracycline, using eight concentrations over the range 0.1 to 25µg/mL (serum) and 0.1 to
182 5µg/mL (exudate and transudate). They were run with every assay to evaluate linearity and
183 reproducibility. For linearity r^2 was >0.98. The lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) for
184 oxytetracycline in all three fluids was 0.1µg/mL. The LLOQ had a coefficient of variation of
185 less than 20% and all other standards were less than 15% of nominal concentration. The intra-
186 and inter-assay percentage inaccuracies were 3.50% and 9.57%, respectively, at a
187 concentration of 10µg/mL, 1.43% and 4.78%, respectively, at a concentration of 5µg/mL and
188 2.06% and 10.6%, respectively, at a concentration of 0.1µg/mL.

189

190 *Pharmacokinetic analyses*

191 Oxytetracycline concentration-time data in serum, exudate and transudate in individual calves
192 were analysed using the WinNonlin® regression programme (version 5.2, Pharsight
193 Corporation, Mountain View, California, USA). Data for each fluid were submitted to non-
194 compartmental analysis using the statistical moment approach described by (Yamaoka *et al.*,

195 1978). The linear trapezoidal rule was used to calculate AUC values and area under the first
196 moment curve (AUMC). The mean residence time (MRT) was determined as AUMC/AUC.

197

198 *PK-PD integration*

199 The PK-PD surrogates C_{max}/MIC , AUC_{0-24h}/MIC (first 24h after dosing) and $AUC_{0-\infty}/MIC$
200 were calculated for each fluid (serum, exudate and transudate) harvested in the tissue cage
201 study from 10 calves. Results were expressed as ratios of geometric mean C_{max} , AUC_{0-24h} and
202 $AUC_{0-\infty}$ for individual calves (n=10) and geometric mean MIC (n=6 for each bacterial
203 species). Geometric means were selected for measurements which are lognormally
204 distributed. In addition, the ratios of average serum concentration (C_{av})/MIC, for four
205 consecutive 24h periods after administration of oxytetracycline, were calculated.

206

207 *PK-PD modelling of in vitro time-kill data*

208 For six isolates each of *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* growth inhibition curves over 24h
209 were determined in two matrices, MHB and calf serum, as previously described (Lees et al.,
210 2015). Ratios of AUC_{0-24h}/MIC were calculated for each of the six isolates of the two
211 organisms at each of the five oxytetracycline concentrations tested (from 0.25 to 4xMIC
212 multiples). AUC_{0-24h} values were computed in terms of MIC multiples (*vide infra*). The data
213 were modelled to the sigmoidal E_{max} equation (Equation 3) using the non-linear regression
214 WinNonlin® programme:

$$215 \quad E = E_0 + \frac{E_{max} \times X^N}{EC_{50}^N + X^N}. \quad (3)$$

216 where E_0 is the bacterial growth after 24h incubation in the absence of oxytetracycline
217 (control samples), expressed as $\log_{10}cfu/mL$ subtracted from the initial inoculum \log_{10}
218 cfu/mL ; E_{max} is the maximum antimicrobial growth inhibition determined as the change in
219 $\log_{10}cfu/mL$ after 24h incubation with oxytetracycline; EC_{50} is the AUC_{0-24h}/MIC value

220 providing 50% of the maximum antibacterial effect; X is the predictive variable (expressed as
221 AUC_{0-24h}/MIC) and N is the Hill coefficient, which describes the slope of the AUC_{0-24h}/MIC -
222 effect curve. Bacteriostatic ($E=0$, no change from initial inoculum count), bactericidal ($E=-3$,
223 a $3\log_{10}$ reduction from initial inoculum count) and $E=-4$, a $4\log_{10}$ reduction from initial
224 inoculum count AUC_{0-24h}/MIC values, were determined for each isolate of each organism in
225 MHB and serum. $E=-4$, a $4\log_{10}$ reduction in count, represents a 10,000-fold decrease from a
226 starting count of 10^7 cfu/mL to a count of 10^3 cfu/mL; therefore it does not indicate virtual
227 eradication.

228 The AUC_{0-24h}/MIC values are proportionality factors between the MIC of the test pathogen
229 (i.e. AUC/MIC_e in equation 2) and the average MHB or serum oxytetracycline concentration
230 required to achieve each level of growth inhibition. From the AUC_{0-24h}/MIC values, the
231 average concentrations corresponding to the three levels of kill over 24h were calculated and
232 expressed as multiples of MIC by dividing each value of AUC_{0-24h}/MIC by 24h (Toutain *et*
233 *al.*, 2007).

234

235 *Dosage prediction using Monte Carlo simulations*

236 *General principles*

237 Equation 1 (see Introduction) is the general equation used to determine dosage for
238 systemically acting drugs. For those AMDs, for which the PK-PD index that best predicts
239 efficacy is AUC_{0-24h}/MIC , such as oxytetracycline in the present investigation, this equation
240 was adapted to Equation 2 (see Introduction).

241 *Dosage determination using a steady state approach (48h dosing interval)*

242 In Equation 2, the term AUC_{0-24h}/MIC (h) is the experimentally determined PK-PD index to
243 be achieved, expressed as the ratio of area under the serum concentration-time curve over 24h
244 to MIC, obtained using a test pathogen for a given bacteriological effect (bacteriostatic,

245 bactericidal or 4log₁₀ reduction in count). For greater clarity, we replaced the AUC_{0-24h}/MIC
 246 ratio in h, by a more readily understood dimensionless equivalent PD factor: κ_{PD}, (Toutain et
 247 al., 2007). κ_{PD} is obtained by dividing AUC_{0-24h}/MIC in h by 24h and this requires, for
 248 consistency, serum clearance to be expressed per day (Cl_{day}) where Cl_{day}=24h x Cl expressed
 249 per h as for equation 2, when the computed dose is a daily dose. Hence, κ_{PD} represents the
 250 scaling factor by which the clinical MIC (or any MIC from the MIC distribution) should be
 251 multiplied to obtain the appropriate serum concentration to be achieved for a given PD effect
 252 (bacteriostatic, bactericidal or 4log₁₀ reduction in count). When κ_{PD} is substituted in Equation
 253 2, it yields:

$$254 \quad Dose_{(maintenance\ per\ day)} = \frac{Cl_{day} \times \kappa_{PD} \times MIC_{distribution}}{F \times f_u} \quad (4)$$

255 where Dose_(maintenance per day) is a daily maintenance dose in steady-state equilibrium conditions.
 256 The expression can be extended to time intervals longer than 24h (Toutain et al., 2007). For
 257 the long-acting formulation of oxytetracycline used in this study, with a recommended
 258 interval of 48h between two doses at steady-state, Cl_{day} is substituted in equation 5 by Cl_{48h}
 259 (where Cl_{48h} = 48h x Cl expressed per h as for equation 2).

$$260 \quad Dose_{(maintenance\ per\ 48h)} = Cl_{(48h)} \times \frac{\kappa_{PD} \times MIC_{distribution}}{F \times f_u} \quad (5)$$

261

262 *Dosage determination for a single dose (active over the first 48h period)*

263 It is relevant, for a long-acting formulation, to estimate the *single* dose required to achieve
 264 bacteriostatic, bactericidal and 4log₁₀ reductions in count over the first dosage interval (in this
 265 case 48h) *i.e.* before reaching steady-state conditions, if achieved. This first dose is a loading
 266 dose, whilst the dose computed by equation 5 is a maintenance dose. The ratio between the
 267 loading dose and the maintenance dose is equal, by definition, to the accumulation ratio and
 268 for the present formulation is indicated by equation 6 (Toutain & Bousquet-Mélou, 2004):

269
$$R = \frac{AUC_{(loading\ dose)}}{AUC_{(maintenance\ dose)}} \quad (6)$$

270 Assuming that administration of the dose $n+1$ occurs at a time after which the distribution of
 271 the previous dose n is complete (pseudo-steady state) the accumulation ratio can be
 272 simplified as per equation 7:

273
$$R = \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-K_{10} \times \tau)} \quad (7)$$

274 with k_{10} expressed in h^{-1} and τ is the dosing interval in h. Therefore, R is dimensionless. For
 275 further explanation see Lees et al. (Lees *et al.*, 2015). Combining equations 6 and 7 and
 276 assuming PK linearity (clearance identical with two dose levels), the loading dose for 48h
 277 effect for the i^{th} calf $Dose_{i(loading\ dose)}$ is calculated from equation 8:

278
$$Dose_{(loading\ dose\ 48h)} = \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-K_{10} \times \tau)} \times Dose_{(maintenance\ per\ 48h)}$$

279 i.e.

280
$$Dose_{(loading\ dose\ 48h)} = \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-K_{10} \times 48)} \times Cl_{(48h)} \times \frac{K_{PD} \times MIC_{distribution}}{F \times f_u} \quad (8)$$

281

282 *Monte Carlo simulation for the two approaches to dose estimation:*

283 Dosages were computed using Monte Carlo simulations in Oracle Crystal Ball (Oracle
 284 Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA, USA). The maintenance dose (per 48h) was calculated
 285 using equation (5) and the loading dose (for 48h interval) was calculated using equation 8.
 286 Loading and maintenance doses were determined to achieve bacteriostatic and bactericidal
 287 responses. The probabilistic approach took into account the different distribution of variables
 288 embedded in Equations 5 and 8. The average point estimate of the serum κ_{PD} was calculated
 289 from the data obtained with four isolates of each species, but variability in κ_{PD} was not
 290 included in the Monte Carlo simulation, as the number of isolates was small and inter-isolate
 291 variability was low. The distribution of individual plasma clearances within the sample
 292 population (10 calves in the present study) was included for calculation of the maintenance

293 dose (Equation 5). The observed statistical distribution of products of individual serum
294 clearance by individual accumulation ratio for a 48h dosing interval (determined by
295 individual k_{10} values) was incorporated for calculation of the loading dose (Equation 8).
296 The distribution of field MIC values for *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* (considered
297 separately) were included in the simulation. MIC_{distribution} is the MIC for *M.haemolytica* (481
298 isolates) and *P.multocida* (498 isolates); these were published online by the Iowa State
299 Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory data (2000-2003) and are represented in Fig. 2a and 2b.
300 These distributions reflect the current U.S.A. situation and prompted us to determine the
301 corresponding susceptible wild-type population; the latter is expected to be the same
302 throughout the world, see Discussion). This wild-type distribution was statistically
303 determined by calculation of the 99.9% wild-type cut-off values plotted in Fig. 2c and 2d
304 (Turnidge *et al.*, 2006). Only the MIC distribution of wild type bacteria was included in the
305 simulation, corrected by the experimentally determined value of f_u to allow for
306 oxytetracycline protein binding in serum, as the reported MIC literature values were
307 determined in broth. A further correction factor was applied to account for MIC differences
308 between broth and serum for both species. The probabilities of distribution for each dosage
309 estimation were run for 50,000 simulated trials.

310 *Figure 1*

311 *Statistical analyses*

312 PK variables are presented as geometric, harmonic or arithmetic means and SD. MIC and
313 MBC data are presented as geometric means and SD. Differences in MIC and MBC values
314 between MHB and serum were compared with the paired t-test or the non-parametric
315 Wilcoxon test, depending on whether the data passed a normality test. Mean differences in
316 AUC_{0-24h}/MIC ratios determined in MHB compared with those determined in serum for
317 bacteriostatic, bactericidal and 4log₁₀ reductions in count were compared by ANOVA.

318

319 RESULTS

320 *Pharmacokinetics*

321 The mean (\pm SEM) concentrations of oxytetracycline in calf fluids after intramuscular
322 administration at a dose rate of 20mg/kg are presented in Fig. 2. PK variables are presented in
323 Table 1. In 6 of 10 calves the serum concentration-time profile was characterised by two
324 peaks, the first occurring within 1h and the second between 1.5 and 4h.

325 Oxytetracycline penetration into exudate and transudate was quantitatively similar. Exudate
326 and transudate C_{\max} were significantly lower than peak serum concentration ($P<0.01$).

327 However, from 32 to 120h oxytetracycline concentrations in tissue cage fluids were greater
328 than those in serum (Fig.1). Numerically lower $AUC_{0-\text{last}}$ values were obtained in exudate and
329 transudate, 125 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ and 105 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, respectively, compared to 153 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$ in serum,
330 but these differences were not statistically significant ($P>0.05$). For all three fluids, the
331 percentage of $AUC_{0-\infty}$ occurring after the last sampling time (120h) was $<12\%$. Mean
332 residence times were similar in exudate and transudate and both were significantly longer
333 ($P<0.01$) than MRT in serum (Table1).

334 *Table 1*

335 *Fig.2*

336 *PK-PD integration*

337 PK-PD integration established the surrogates, C_{\max}/MIC , $T>\text{MIC}$, $AUC_{0-24\text{h}}/\text{MIC}$ (first 24h)
338 and $AUC_{0-\infty}/\text{MIC}$, derived from *in vivo* oxytetracycline serum concentrations in the PK study
339 and *in vitro* MICs of the test organisms measured in both MHB and serum. Data are
340 presented in Appendix 1.

341 Average oxytetracycline concentrations (C_{ave}) in serum in the PK study, over four successive
342 24h time periods, from 0-24 to 72-96h, were determined. Based on MHB MICs, $C_{\text{ave}}/\text{MIC}$

343 ratios exceeded 1.5:1 up to 72-96h, whereas based on serum MICs the ratios were less than
344 1:1 for all four time intervals (Table 2). Ratios of oxytetracycline C_{ave} in exudate and
345 transudate relative to mean MICs for *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* over each of the five
346 successive time periods, from 0-24 to 96-120h, were greater than 1:1 for all periods based on
347 MHB MICs but less than 0.4:1 for all periods based on serum MICs (data not shown).

348 *Table 2*

349 *PK-PD modelling and dosage determination*

350 Time-kill curves for oxytetracycline for six isolates each of *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida*
351 were determined in MHB and calf serum (data reported in Lees et al., 2016a). The killing
352 patterns were judged to be co-dependent. Values of AUC_{0-24h}/MIC producing three levels of
353 bacterial kill [bacteriostatic, $3\log_{10}$ reduction (bactericidal) and $4\log_{10}$ reduction from initial
354 inoculum count] were determined for both MHB and serum (Tables 3 and 4). For
355 *M.haemolytica* 3 or $4\log_{10}$ reductions in count were not obtained for all isolates (Table 3).
356 Mean AUC_{0-24h}/MIC serum values (with AUC_{0-24h} expressed in terms of multiple of MIC for
357 a given matrix and the MIC of the test bacteria for the same matrix) producing bacteriostatic
358 and bactericidal responses for *M.haemolytica* were 19.1 and 27.5h, respectively,
359 corresponding to average concentrations over 24h incubation (κ_{PD} values) of 0.79 and 1.15
360 multiples of MIC for the given matrix (Toutain et al., 2007). Corresponding AUC_{0-24h}/MIC
361 and κ_{PD} values using MHB as growth medium were 25.2 and 46.0h and 1.05 and 1.92,
362 respectively. For both matrices and both pathogens, bacteriostatic and bactericidal effects
363 were obtained with concentrations of the same order of magnitude and observed differences
364 are likely due to the limited precision of the killing curve measurements.

365 *Tables 3 and 4*

366 Predicted doses for both single dose administration and dosing at steady state are presented in
367 Table 5. For single administration (duration of action of 48h), the Monte Carlo derived doses

368 for TARs of 50 and 90% providing a bacteriostatic action against *M.haemolytica* were 197
369 and 283 mg/kg, respectively, based on serum MICs of the sensitive population (Table 5).
370 However, based on broth MICs, corresponding values were much lower, 7.81 and 11.24
371 mg/kg (Appendix 2). Higher dosages were required for TARs to provide a bactericidal level;
372 for MICs determined in serum 50 and 90% TARs were 314 and 452 mg/kg, respectively.
373 For *P.multocida* and a bacteriostatic action with single dose administration and a duration of
374 action of 48h, 50 and 90% TARs were 314 and 682 mg/kg, based on serum MICs (Table 5).
375 However, based on broth MICs corresponding values were much lower, 11.5 and 24.9 mg/kg
376 (Appendix 2). As for *M.haemolytica*, for a bactericidal action, higher doses were predicted.
377 As expected from the accumulation ratio over a dosing interval of 48h (approximately 1.5-
378 1.6), the predicted alternate day doses, at steady state, were lower than those calculated for
379 the single dose approach. Thus, based on serum MICs and a bacteriostatic action, TARs of 50
380 and 90% were 125 and 141 mg/kg for *M.haemolytica* and 200 and 424 mg/kg for *P.multocida*
381 (Table 5). Much lower doses were predicted for alternate day administration at steady state
382 based on broth MICs. Predicted doses were 4.97 and 5.58 mg/kg for *M.haemolytica* for 50
383 and 90% TARs for bacteriostasis. Corresponding predicted doses were 7.28 and 15.4 mg/kg
384 for *P.multocida* (Appendix 2).

385 *Table 5*

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387 DISCUSSION

388 *Pharmacokinetics*

389 Tissue cages comprise hollow perforated devices, which become surrounded by and partially
390 infiltrated with granulation tissue, when implanted subcutaneously (Higgins *et al.*, 1984; Lees
391 *et al.*, 1987). When using tissue cages to study the extravascular distribution of drugs, it is
392 important to recognise that the time courses of penetration into and removal from tissue cage

393 fluid are model (shape) dependent. Thus, solute (including drug) penetration and elimination
394 rates vary with each drug/solute, tissue cage age, size, location and geometry, most notably
395 with surface area:volume ratio of the cage.

396 Intracaveal injection of the mild irritant carrageenan provides an ethical means of generating
397 and readily sampling inflammatory exudate (Lees et al., 1987; Sidhu et al., 2003). The tissue
398 cage model therefore provides a mean of studying a possible matrix effect when investigating
399 *ex vivo* PD of AMDs not only in serum (which is not the ultimate site of AMD action) but
400 also in matrices that better reflect composition of the AMD biophase for extracellular
401 pathogens namely exudate (in the presence of inflammation as appropriate for curative
402 treatment) and transudate (in the absence of inflammation as appropriate for prophylaxis and
403 for metaphylaxis) (Aliabadi et al., 2003; Sidhu et al., 2010; Brentnall et al., 2012). The tissue
404 cage model thus facilitates comparison of PD data with findings generated in non-biological
405 growth matrices, such as MHB.

406 The serum concentration-time profile of oxytetracycline, using a high strength depot
407 formulation, was similar to those reported in earlier studies with the same dose rate of 20
408 mg/kg administered intramuscularly (Nouws & Vree, 1983; Toutain & Raynaud, 1983;
409 Davey *et al.*, 1985; El Korchi *et al.*, 2001; Mestorino *et al.*, 2007; Brentnall et al., 2012).
410 Toutain and Raynaud (1983) reported that oxytetracycline absorption occurred in two phases;
411 the first was rapid and the second slower phase led to a flip-flop PK profile. The findings in
412 this study, likewise, indicated rapid initial absorption and, in most animals, two early
413 concentration peaks. It is very likely that, as in previous studies, the PK profile was flip-flop,
414 with slow passage of the drug into solution at the injection site (Nouws et al., 1990). Thus, in
415 the previous studies and the present investigation, the terminal half-life, representing a slow
416 absorption phase, was prolonged, ranging from 21.7h (Brentnall et al., 2012) to 30.1h (this
417 investigation).

418

419 *PK-PD integration*

420 The underlying cause(s) of marked serum/MHB differences in potency of oxytetracycline, as
421 reflected in MICs, have not been established. Approximately two-fold higher MICs in serum
422 compared to MHB would be anticipated from the binding of oxytetracycline to serum
423 proteins, which was shown to be 53% of total concentration in calves (Lees et al., 2016). This
424 is well short of the approximately 25-fold differences in MIC obtained experimentally (Lees
425 et al., 2016). Serum/MHB MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) ratios were 6.75/0.25 (*P.multocida*) and 5.46/0.22
426 (*M.haemolytica*).

427 Mean serum MIC of *M.haemolytica* in this study was 5.46 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. Esaki et al. (2005) reported
428 MIC₅₀ and MIC₉₀ values, in broth, of 0.25 and 32 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for oxytetracycline against 27
429 bovine strains of *M.haemolytica*. If MICs of these strains in serum had been 25 times greater
430 than in artificial growth media (as for the six strains used in this investigation), the
431 corresponding predicted MICs would be 6.3 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (MIC₅₀) and 800 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (MIC₉₀).
432 Similarly, in the data from Iowa State University, broth MICs were $\geq 8\mu\text{g/mL}$ for 50% of
433 *M.haemolytica* and 38% of *P.multocida* isolates; applying the 25-fold broth/serum scaling
434 factor equates to $>200\mu\text{g/mL}$ for a significant proportion of field isolates.

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436 The most appropriate PK/PD index to correlate with clinical efficacy depends on AMD
437 terminal half-life; when this is relatively long, as for oxytetracycline in this study, AUC/MIC
438 ratio is the index of choice (Nielsen & Friberg, 2013). From the present data, the predicted
439 clinical efficacy of oxytetracycline *in vivo* would be at most slight, insofar as it depends on
440 both serum MIC and a direct inhibitory action on cell division. This conclusion was
441 confirmed in a previous study by *ex vivo* findings; time-kill curves obtained with near

442 maximum oxytetracycline concentrations in serum produced little or no growth inhibition of
443 *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* isolates (Lees et al., 2016).

444

445 *PK/PD modelling*

446 For both *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida* a bacteriostatic action was achieved with AUC_{0-24h}/MIC
447 values in the range 19.1 to 28.0h in both MHB and serum. Breakpoint AUC_{0-24h}/MIC_e
448 values for a bactericidal action were 46.1h (MHB) and 27.5h (serum) for
449 *M.haemolytica* and 25.8h (MHB) and 60.9h (serum) for *P.multocida*. Also of potential
450 clinical significance is the inter-isolate within-species variability in breakpoint values, which
451 was greater for *M.haemolytica* than *P.multocida*. However, these differences, for a small
452 number of isolates, remain to be confirmed with more isolates in future studies and were not
453 taken into account in our Mont Carlo simulations.

454

455 *Dosage prediction*

456 Predicted (TAR) doses for oxytetracycline were calculated using scientific literature values
457 for oxytetracycline MIC distributions together with data from this study for PK variables
458 (Cl/F and f_u) and PK-PD breakpoints (AUC_{0-24h}/MIC_e). Fifty and 90% TAR dosages were
459 calculated for steady state and for single doses with a duration of action of 48h in both cases.
460 All doses based on oxytetracycline MICs in serum were some 25-fold greater than doses
461 based on MICs measured by the CLSI method in broth. For example, for single dosing and a
462 period of 48h the 90% TAR dosages for a bactericidal action (serum first, broth second) were
463 452 and 17.9 mg/kg (*M.haemolytica*) and 1,523 and 55.6 mg/kg (*P.multocida*).

464 Despite these considerations, it should be noted that oxytetracycline is usually classified as a
465 bacteriostat and it is therefore assumed that efficacy will generally require the support of the
466 body's natural defence mechanisms. Moreover, the challenge presented to the killing action

467 of oxytetracycline in our time-kill experiments, with a starting inoculum count of the order of
468 10^7 cfu/mL, may be described as heavy, in comparison with bacterial load in clinical subjects
469 with natural infection. It is also approximately 100-fold higher than the inoculum count
470 recommended for AMD PD studies by CLSI, the higher count being deliberately selected to
471 represent a heavy load in this study. In those cases where infection is mild and treated early,
472 when biophase bacterial counts would be predicted to be low, as discussed by Mouton et al.
473 (2011), Martinez et al. (2012) and Papich (2013; Papich, 2014) lower doses of
474 oxytetracycline are likely to suffice. Nevertheless, the calculated doses based on serum data
475 were considerably higher than the recommended dose rate of 20 mg/kg oxytetracycline.
476 These high dosages for both 50 and 90% TARs were calculated using the oxytetracycline
477 epidemiological MIC distributions for *P.multocida* and *M.haemolytica* measured from 2000
478 to 2003 and published on the Veterinary Antimicrobial Decision Support Website
479 (<http://vads.vetmed.vt.edu/index.cfm>). Distributions were bimodal, with 39-50% of isolates
480 having broth MICs of $8\mu\text{g/mL}$ or greater and 48-55% with MICs of $1\mu\text{g/mL}$ or less. This
481 suggests that the wild-type populations for *P.multocida* and *M.haemolytica* are characterised
482 by a MIC of approximately $1\mu\text{g/mL}$ or less. In this regard, the MICs of the related drug,
483 tetracycline, are of interest. Isolates obtained from four USA and one Canadian regions,
484 yearly over a 10 year period, had similar bimodal distributions for *P.multocida* and
485 *M.haemolytica*, with MICs of the order of $\leq 1.0\mu\text{g/mL}$ for approximately 50% of isolates and
486 $\geq 8.0\mu\text{g/mL}$ for some 30-50% of isolates (Portis *et al.*, 2012).
487 These data suggest that epidemiological information obtained for tetracycline might also be
488 relevant for oxytetracycline. In this regard, de Jong et al. (de Jong *et al.*, 2014) reported for
489 EU tetracycline isolates essentially unimodal distributions for *P.multocida* and
490 *M.haemolytica* of bovine origin; 94 and 84 % of isolates, respectively, had MICs of $2\mu\text{g/mL}$
491 or less, which is consistent with a wild type distribution for *P.multocida* and *M.haemolytica* .

492 This could be explained by the fact that these authors collected samples from diseased or
493 recently deceased calves not exposed to AMD treatment for at least 15 days prior to sampling
494 i.e. having not been subjected to any selective pressure with an enrichment of less susceptible
495 pathogens to oxytetracycline. We are not aware of any recent data of EU origin for
496 oxytetracycline against these species but EUCAST provides a cut-off value for
497 *M.haemolytica* for tetracycline of 2µg/mL and the EUCAST distribution for oxytetracycline
498 for *P.multocida* also suggests a cut-off of 2µg/mL. The MIC distribution of field strains
499 represents isolates that might be submitted to the laboratory in cases of failure with first
500 intention treatment and for this reason the Monte Carlo simulations were performed using
501 only the wild type sub-population. It should be noted that Epidemiological Cut Off values are
502 useful tools for epidemiologists but clinicians require clinical breakpoints.

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504 *Clinical efficacy of oxytetracycline*

505 In early field studies, usually with small animal numbers, oxytetracycline was reported as
506 effective for metaphylaxis and therapy in cases of calf pneumonia, as assessed by resolution
507 or improvement of clinical signs (Laven & Andrews, 1991; Morck *et al.*, 1993; Deleforge *et*
508 *al.*, 1994; Musser *et al.*, 1996). On the other hand, O'Connor *et al.* (O'Connor *et al.*, 2013)
509 used a mixed treatment comparison meta-analysis to compare the efficacy of 12 AMD
510 treatments versus a non-active control for bovine respiratory disease in beef cattle. They
511 concluded that oxytetracycline had the lowest ranking (11.24 with a credibility interval of 9-
512 13) close to the ranking of the non-active control (12.52 with a credibility interval of 11-13).
513 They also drew attention to the lack of recent data for oxytetracycline.

514 These clinical findings and the present data focus consideration on possible mechanisms of
515 action of oxytetracycline, in addition to its direct growth inhibiting action, as discussed
516 previously (Brentnall *et al.*, 2012; Lees *et al.*, 2015). Drugs of the tetracycline group have

517 been shown to possess anti-inflammatory and host immune modulating actions, as well as
518 reducing pathogen ability to attach to host cells Furthermore, in limited support of the
519 20mg/kg dose of oxytetracycline, in a *M.haemolytica*-induced model of calf pneumonia, the
520 bronchial secretion count of *M.haemolytica* was reduced from 4.10^6 to 1.10^3 cfu/mL at 48h
521 and rectal temperature rise was decreased by 0.5°C , compared to nil treatment. However,
522 oxytetracycline did not reduce the bacterial count in lung tissue.

523 In summary, it is concluded, that oxytetracycline doses for a direct killing action, based on
524 PK/PD relationships and using serum MIC data, are not achievable in clinical use. Moreover,
525 it is unlikely that Antimicrobial Sensitivity Testing for this drug, against the calf pneumonia
526 pathogens, *M.haemolytica* and *P.multocida*, can be used to predict clinical efficacy.

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529 The authors have no conflicts of interest.

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685 **Table 1.**

686 Pharmacokinetic parameters for oxytetracycline in serum, exudate and transudate (geometric
 687 mean, unless stated, and SD, n=10)

| Variable (units) | Serum | | Exudate | | Transudate | |
|--|--------|-------|---------|-------|------------|-------|
| | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| C_{\max} ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) | 5.23 | 0.61 | 2.20 | 0.31 | 2.09 | 0.38 |
| T_{\max} (h)* | 3.60 | 0.84 | 11.6 | 0.84 | 10.99 | 1.93 |
| $T_{1/2}$ (h)** | 30.10 | 10.23 | 31.4 | 5.47 | 34.75 | 8.65 |
| $AUC_{0-\text{last}}$ ($\mu\text{g.h/mL}$) | 153.2 | 17.22 | 125.2 | 21.22 | 105.24 | 16.05 |
| $AUC_{0-\infty}$ ($\mu\text{g.h/mL}$) | 163.9 | 16.05 | 138.3 | 22.98 | 118.8 | 16.55 |
| AUC_{0-24} ($\mu\text{g.h/mL}$) | 86.98 | 10.69 | 40.7 | 5.12 | 36.71 | 7.01 |
| AUC_{0-48} ($\mu\text{g.h/mL}$) | 121.90 | 16.32 | 78.4 | 10.78 | 68.86 | 10.51 |
| $MRT_{(0-\text{last})}$ (h)* | 28.31 | 2.12 | 42.3 | 2.39 | 40.7 | 1.16 |
| CI/F (mL/kg/h) | 122.0 | 10.83 | NA | - | NA | - |

688 *Arithmetic mean **Harmonic mean

689 T_{\max} : Time following dosing at which the maximum concentration (C_{\max}) occurred.

690 $T_{1/2}$: Half-life

691 $AUC_{0-\text{last}}$: Area under the concentration-time graph from 0 to the last sample

692 $AUC_{0-\infty}$: Area under the concentration-time graph from 0 to infinity

693 AUC_{0-24} : Area under the concentration-time graph from 0 to 24h

694 AUC_{0-48} : Area under the concentration-time graph from 0 to 48h

695 MRT: Mean residence time

696 CI/F: Clearance scaled by bioavailability

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698 **Table 2**

699 Average serum oxytetracycline concentration (C_{ave})/MIC ratios for four consecutive 24h
 700 periods after oxytetracycline administration (n=10 calves)

| | | C_{ave}/MIC | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Time period after dosing (h) | | 0-24 | 24-48 | 48-72 | 72-96 |
| | Based on mean serum MIC | 0.54 | 0.22 | 0.10 | 0.06 |
| <i>P.multocida</i> | (6.75 μ g/mL) | | | | |
| | Based on mean MHB MIC | 14.6 | 5.88 | 2.71 | 1.52 |
| | (0.25 μ g/mL) | | | | |
| | Based on mean serum MIC | 0.67 | 0.27 | 0.12 | 0.07 |
| <i>M.haemolytica</i> | (5.46 μ g/mL) | | | | |
| | Based on mean MHB MIC | 16.6 | 6.68 | 3.08 | 1.73 |
| | (0.22 μ g/mL) | | | | |

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702 **Table 3**

703 PK-PD modelling of in vitro time-kill data (mean and SD, n=6 unless stated) for three levels
 704 of growth inhibition of *M.haemolytica* by oxytetracycline in MHB and serum

| Variable | MHB | | Serum | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| Log E _{max} (cfu/mL) | -4.36 | 0.97 | -5.08 | 3.88 |
| Log E ₀ (cfu/mL) | 1.73 | 1.07 | 0.89 | 0.91 |
| Log E _{max} – log E ₀ (cfu/mL) | -6.10 | 0.70 | -5.94 | 4.52 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for bacteriostatic action (h) | 25.2 | 15.19 | 19.1 | 18.30 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for 3log ₁₀ count reduction (h) | 46.0 | 22.76 | 27.5* | 15.95 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for 4log ₁₀ count reduction (h) | 71.3* | 33.98 | N.D. | - |
| N (slope) | 7.95 | 6.05 | 8.17 | 7.50 |

705 *n=4; ND=not determined

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707 **Table 4**

708 PK-PD modelling of *in vitro* time-kill data (mean and SD, n=6 unless stated) for three levels
 709 of inhibition of *P.multocida* by oxytetracycline in MHB and serum

| Measurement | MHB | | Serum | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| Log E _{max} (cfu/mL) | -5.48 | 1.00 | -4.35 | 1.98 |
| Log E ₀ (cfu/mL) | 1.93 | 0.67 | 2.63 | 1.50 |
| Log E _{max} – log E ₀ (cfu/mL) | -7.41 | 0.69 | -6.96 | 2.42 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for bacteriostatic action (h) | 19.2 | 11.53 | 28.0 | 3.43 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for 3log ₁₀ count reduction (h) | 25.8 | 10.75 | 60.9* | 12.65 |
| AUC _{0-24h} /MIC for 4log ₁₀ count reduction (h) | 30.2 | 13.78 | N.D. | |
| N (slope) | 13.47 | 8.08 | 4.55 | 4.44 |

710 *n=5; ND=not determined

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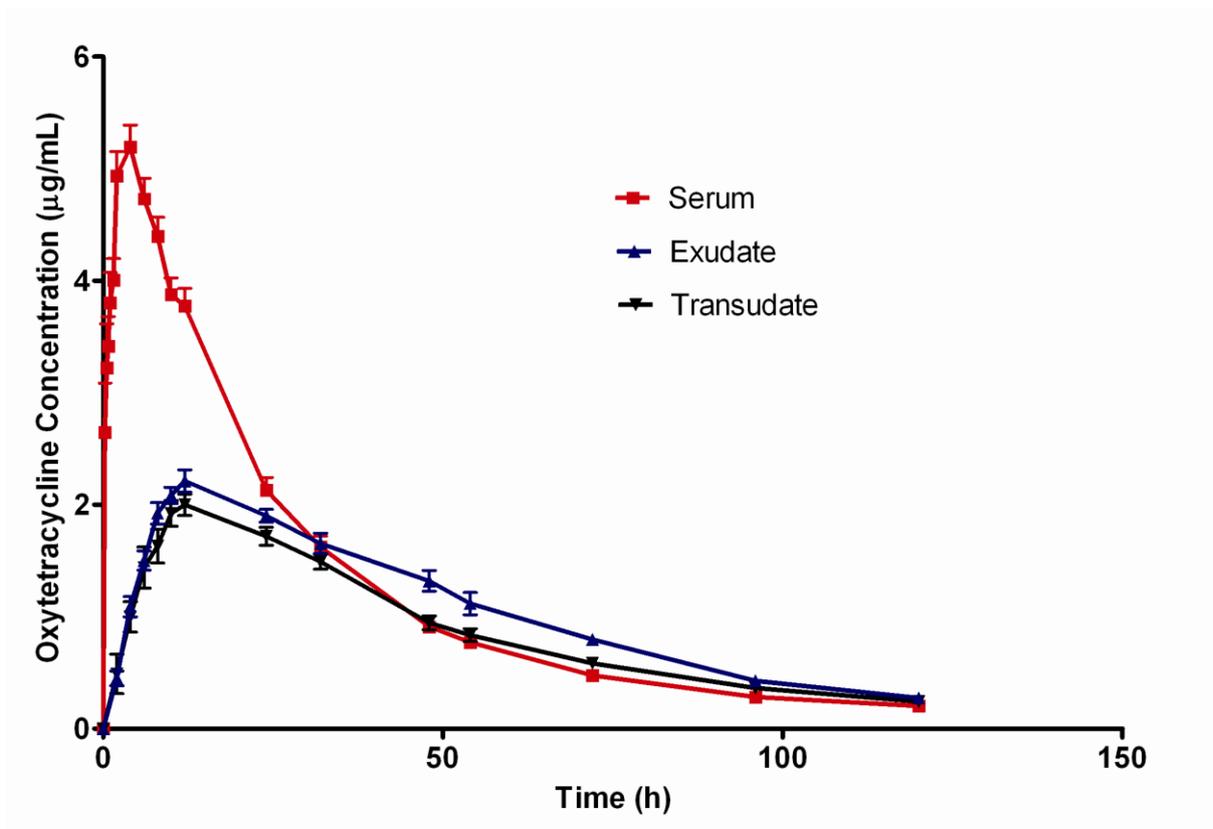
713 **Table 5.**

714 Predicted dosage (mg/kg) based on PK-PD modelling and Monte Carlo simulation of
 715 oxytetracycline data in serum using either steady state or single dose (long duration of action)
 716 for computation with application of serum:broth MIC ratio

| Computed dose to guarantee average serum concentration of K_{PD} -fold MIC for a duration of 48h: | Steady state approach | | Single dose approach | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| | TAR | TAR | TAR | TAR |
| Predicted doses for <i>P.multocida</i> | 50% | 90% | 50% | 90% |
| Bacteriostatic | 199.5 | 423.6 | 313.7 | 682.3 |
| Bactericidal | 434.0 | 921.2 | 701.2 | 1523.2 |
| | TAR | TAR | TAR | TAR |
| Predicted doses for <i>M.haemolytica</i> | 50% | 90% | 50% | 90% |
| Bacteriostatic | 125.2 | 140.6 | 196.8 | 283.2 |
| Bactericidal | 180.2 | 202.6 | 313.5 | 451.6 |

717 TAR = target attainment rate (probability for the serum concentration to exceed the PD
 718 endpoint for efficacy). Dosages were computed by Monte Carlo simulation using equations 5
 719 and 8 for steady state and loading dose approaches, respectively, with: (1) Wild Type MIC
 720 distributions ranging from 0.25 to 2µg/mL (n=498) for *P.multocida* and 0.25-1µg/mL
 721 (n=481) for *M.haemolytica* determined by the Turnidge method; (2) average $AUC_{0-24h}/MIC_e)/24h = K_{PD}$
 722 calculated for experimentally obtained bacteriostatic or bactericidal
 723 action (data from three or four strains) ; (3) individual animal clearance and elimination rate
 724 constant (K_{10}) empirical distributions obtained for 10 healthy calves (present study)
 725 receiving the dose recommended by the manufacturer (20mg/kg) ; (4) fu the average
 726 oxytetracycline free fraction determined experimentally; and (5) the difference in MIC
 727 broth:serum ratio of 27.4:1 for *P.multocida* and 25.2:1 for *M.haemolytica*.

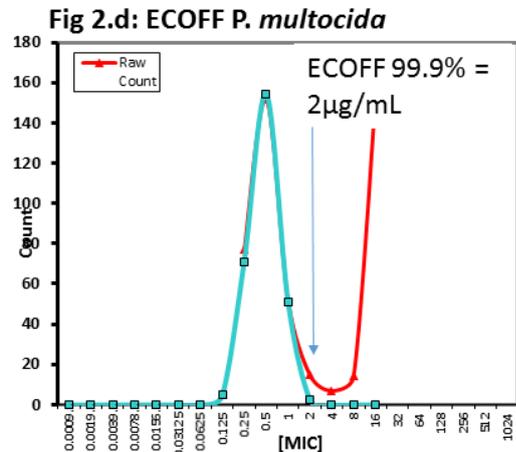
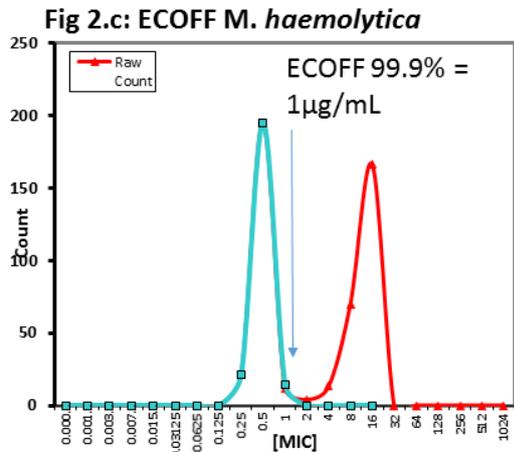
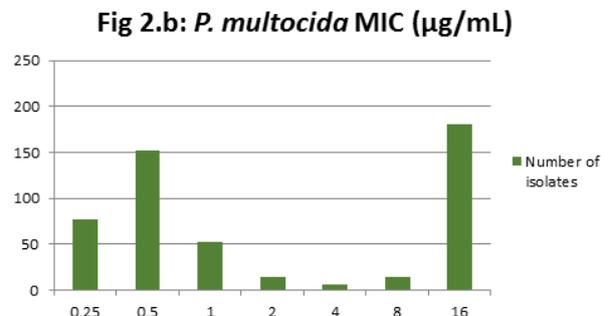
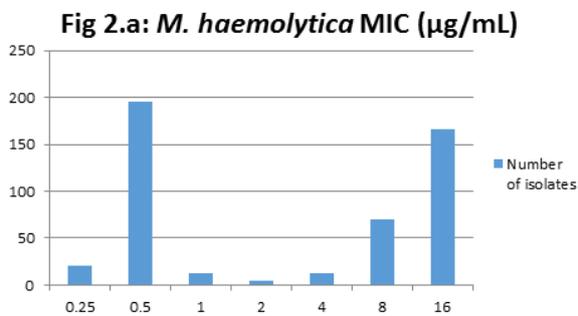
728 **Figure 1:** Mean \pm SEM oxytetracycline concentration in serum, exudate and transudate of
729 calves after intramuscular injection of oxytetracycline at a dose rate of 20mg/kg.



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732 **Figure 2:** MIC distributions for *P. multocida* (498 strains, Fig 2.a) and *M. haemolytica* (481
 733 strains, Fig 2.b). All specimens were collected from infected cattle and MIC measured at the
 734 Iowa state Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Data from 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003
 735 (<http://vads.vetmed.vt.edu/index.cfm>). The wild type populations were statistically
 736 determined according to Turnidge et al. (2006) to calculate the 99.9th percentile of the
 737 Epidemiological Cut-off (ECOFF). The WT distributions for *P. multocida* (Fig 2.c) and
 738 *M. haemolytica* (Fig 2.d) were fitted with a blue curve.



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746 **Supplementary data**

747 **Appendix 1**

748 PK-PD integration for oxytetracycline in calf serum for *P.multocida* and *M.haemolytica*:

749 mean values (n=10 calves)

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| Variable (units) | <i>P.multocida</i> | | <i>M.haemolytica</i> | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Based on mean serum MIC (6.75 µg/mL) | Based on mean MHB MIC (0.25 µg/mL) | Based on mean serum MIC (5.46 µg/mL) | Based on mean MHB MIC (0.22 µg/mL) |
| C_{max}/MIC | 0.77 | 20.92 | 0.96 | 23.77 |
| AUC_{0-24h}/MIC (h) | 12.97 | 350.1 | 16.03 | 397.8 |
| $AUC_{0-\infty}/MIC$ (h) | 24.28 | 655.5 | 30.01 | 744.9 |
| $T>MIC$ (h) | 0 | 104.4 | 1.14 | 110.5 |

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754 **Appendix 2**

755 Predicted dosage (mg/kg) based on PK-PD modelling and Monte Carlo simulation of
 756 oxytetracycline data in MHB using either steady state or single dose (long duration of action)
 757 for computation without application of serum:broth MIC ratio
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| Predicted doses for <i>P.multocida</i> | 50% | 90% | 50% | 90% |
| Bacteriostatic | 7.28 | 15.46 | 11.45 | 24.9 |
| Bactericidal | 15.84 | 33.62 | 25.59 | 55.59 |
| | TAR | TAR | TAR | TAR |
| Predicted doses for <i>M.haemolytica</i> | 50% | 90% | 50% | 90% |
| Bacteriostatic | 4.97 | 5.58 | 7.81 | 11.24 |
| Bactericidal | 7.15 | 8.04 | 12.44 | 17.92 |

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 761 for efficacy). Dosages were computed by Monte Carlo simulation using equations 5 and 8 for
 762 steady state and loading dose approaches, respectively, with: (1) Wild Type MIC distributions
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 767 empirical distributions obtained for 10 healthy calves (present study) receiving the dose

768 recommended by the manufacturer (20 mg/kg) ; (4) f_u the average oxytetracycline free

769 fraction determined experimentally

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| Amoxicillin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 36 | 104 | 90 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | |
| Ampicillin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 120 | 55 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Benzylpenicillin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 60 | 124 | 79 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | |
| Cefotaxime | 1 | 15 | 103 | 35 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.032 | |
| Chloramphenicol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 107 | 139 | 45 | 10 | 9 | 44 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 | |
| Ciprofloxacin | 0 | 9 | 61 | 135 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.064 | |
| Doxycycline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 122 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | |
| Enrofloxacin | 0 | 8 | 33 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ND | |
| Florfenicol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 50 | 202 | 378 | 58 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | |
| Flumequine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 73 | 56 | 80 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 68 | 4 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ND | |
| Gentamicin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 27 | 118 | 225 | 90 | 43 | 29 | 67 | 45 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8.0 | |
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| Neomycin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 32 | 66 | 169 | 84 | 93 | 64 | 54 | 19 | 0 | 0 | ND | |
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| Spectinomycin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 96 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ND |
| Tetracycline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 58 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| Tilmicosin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 46 | 28 | 31 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ND |
| Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 24 | 38 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ND |

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