

# MRSA CC398 occurrence in Danish swine herds - analyses of potential risk factors

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## Background

- Livestock-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (LA-MRSA) is an opportunistic human pathogen.
- Main reservoir in pigs, but also isolated from other species and the environment.



## Objectives

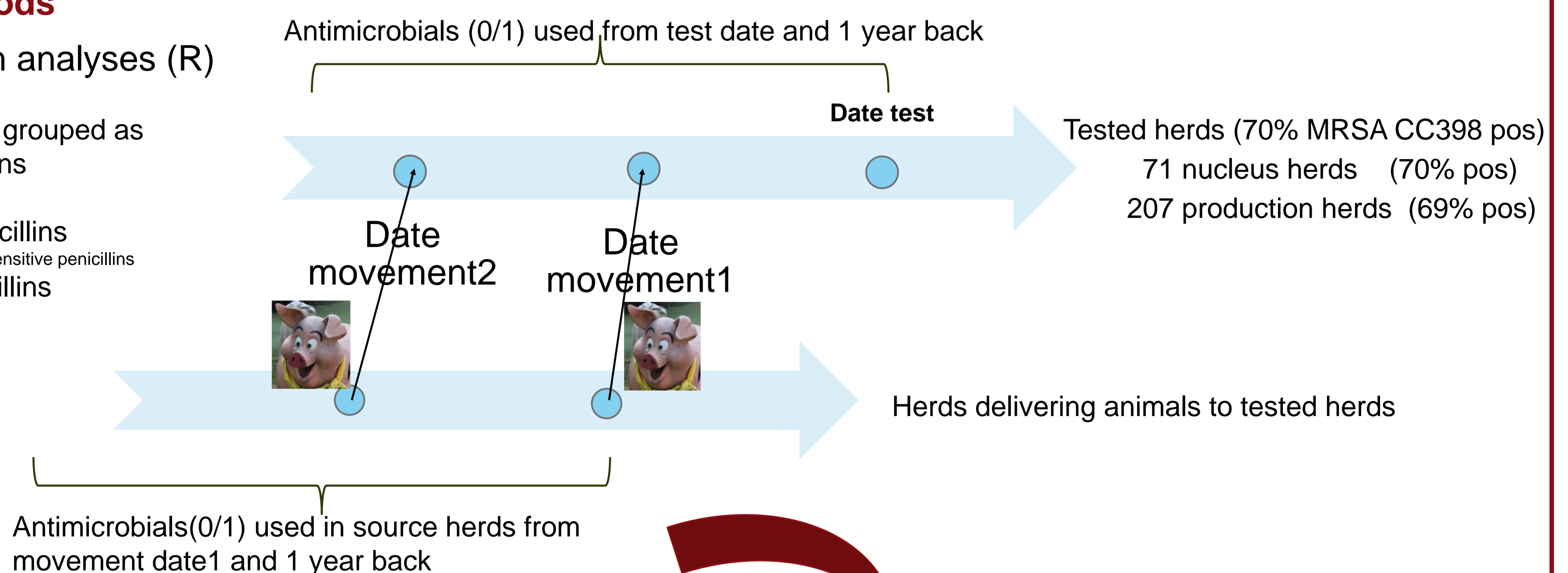
- Identify potential risk factors for MRSA CC398 based on register data
- Explanatory variables: *herd size, #source herds, #purchase dates, #purchased animals, use of 5 groups of antimicrobials and zink (yes/no)*

## Materials and methods

- Logistic regression analyses (R)

Antimicrobials grouped as

- LincoSpectins
- Macrolides
- Simple penicillins
  - $\beta$ -lactamase sensitive penicillins
  - Aminopenicillins
- Tetracyclins
- Zink



## Results

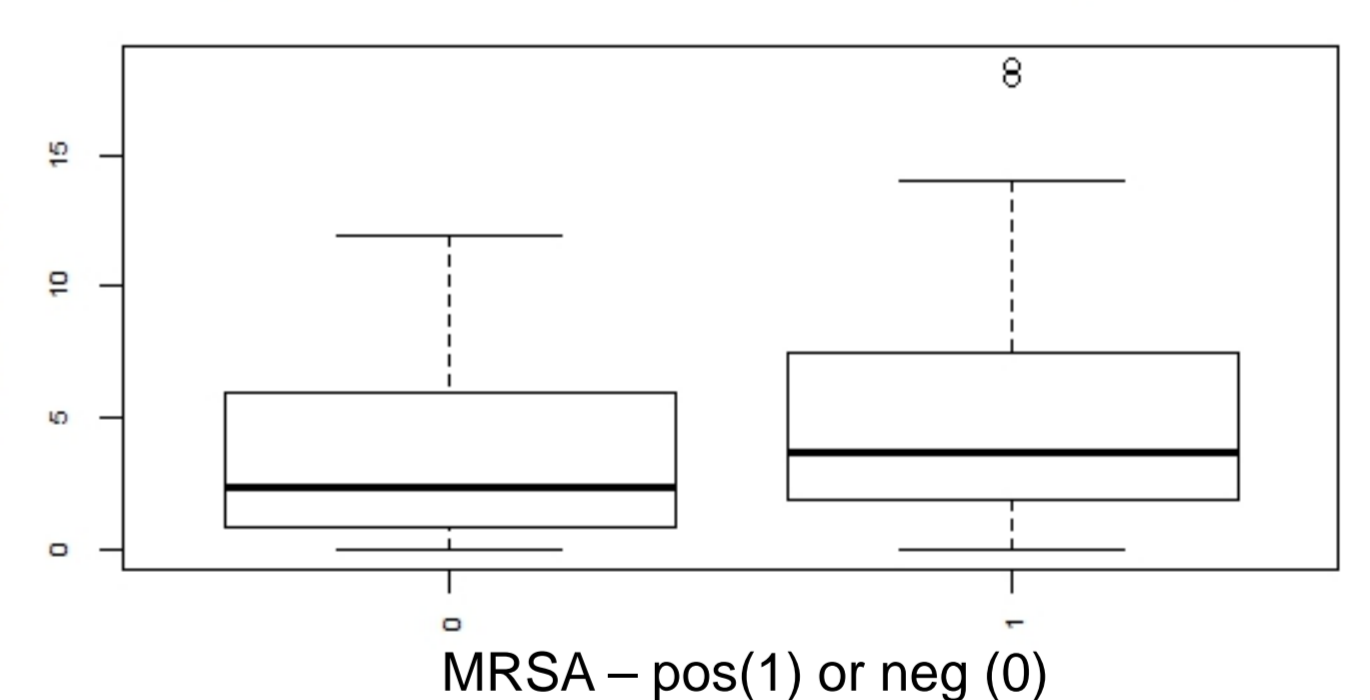
- Weaners
- Tetracyclines →  $OR_{MRSA} = 2.66 (1.34-5.65)$
- Simple penicillins →  $OR_{MRSA} = 0.31 (0.14-0.67)$

No significant effect of used antibiotics in source herds!

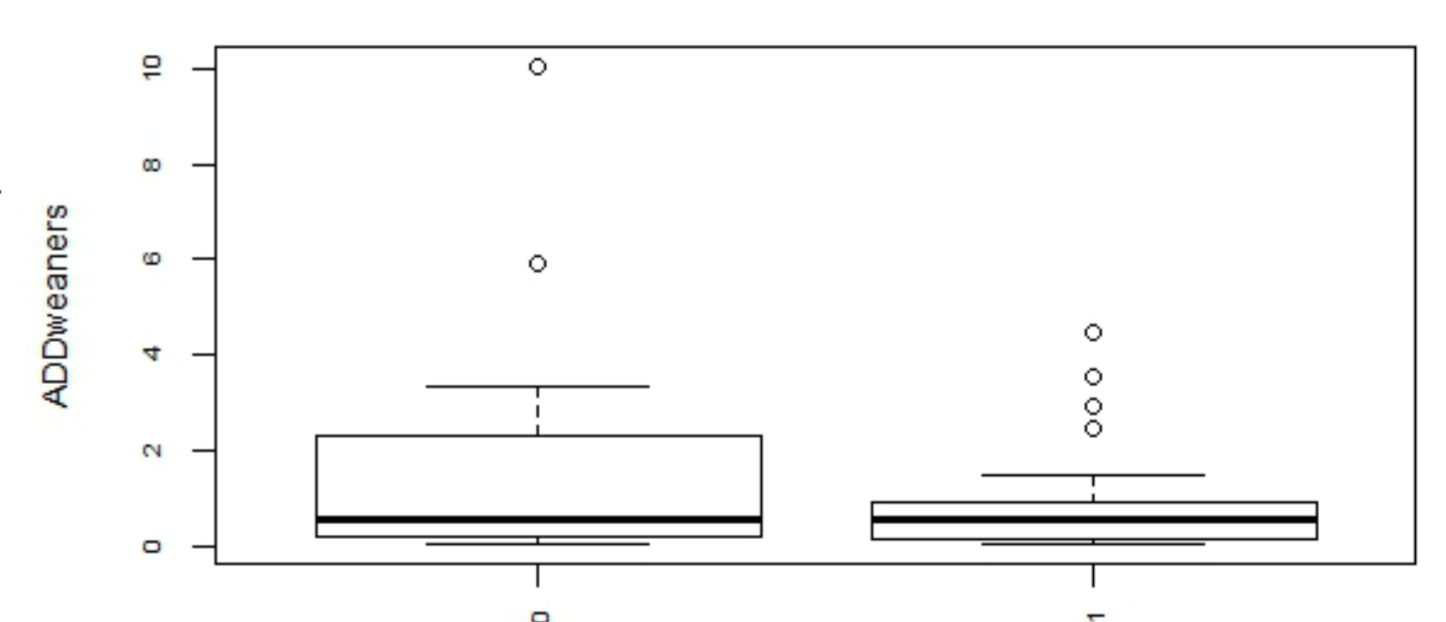


ADD – Adjusted Daily Dosis – a measure of the percentage of animals in this age groups treated each day – link to detailed description in Ferner et al., 2015 in qr-code

ADDs prescribed for weaners in the 94 herds using tetracyclines



ADDs prescribed for weaners in the 55 herds using simple penicillins



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