

"One Health" in practice: is there a room for collaboration between general practitioners and veterinarians in western France?

A pilot qualitative study of current psychosocial obstacles

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Context

Infectious zoonotic risk: a major Public Health concern

More than 60% of the pathogens currently identified can be transmitted from animals to humans
Should be addressed through **close collaboration between veterinarians and physicians** at a local scale

Objectives

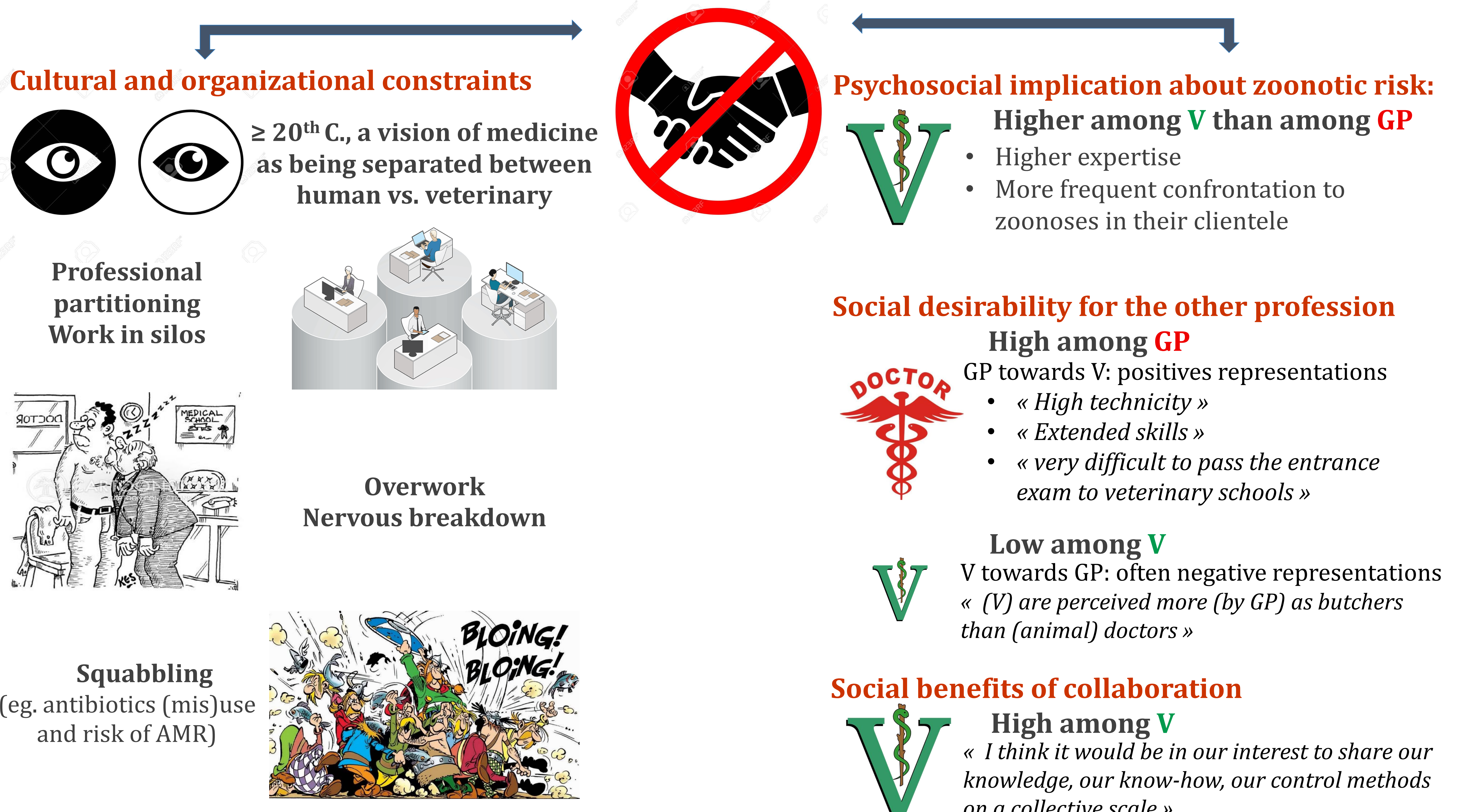
- Describe the **social representations** and **attitudes** of **veterinarians (V)** and **general practitioners (GP)** towards **zoonotic risk**
- Question their **intention to collaborate** in managing this risk.

Methods

- Qualitative survey:** individual interviews held with V and GP working in rural areas in western France
- Convenient sample:** 10 GP (6♂ ; 4♀) ; 14 V (12♂ ; 2♀)
- Semi-structured interviews,** organised for each profession, conducted face-to face by a single interviewer, an occupational psychologist, who used a guide containing open-ended questions
- Verbatim** analysis:
 - Social representations of each profession towards the other using **attitudinal analysis**
 - Cross-perceptions of zoonotic risk and collaboration using **thematic analysis**
- Study design **approved by the ethics committee GNEDS** (Groupe Nantais d'Ethique dans le Domaine de la Santé)

Results

Interprofessional collaboration perceived by both V and GP as non-existent



Perspectives

- Pilot study: further research on a **larger scale**
- Need to **deconstruct the negative reciprocal beliefs and social representations** and to **co-produce** elements of a **shared culture** through:
 - Creating opportunities for people to meet and to know each other
 - Designing training courses
 - Organizing joint conferences



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