DISCONTOOLS

Prioritizing Research to Control Animal Diseases More Effectively

Description	The DISCONTOOLS project is a joint initiative of industry and a wide range of stakeholders including the research community, regulators, and users. DISCONTOOLS, an ongoing EU funded project, has three objectives. First, to develop a disease prioritization methodology enabling the prioritization of research in order to stimulate the delivery of new or improved diagnostics, vaccines or pharmaceuticals. This will help to improve our ability to effectively control animal diseases, a key input into meeting the challenges of future food supplies. Once this methodology is agreed with stakeholders, the objective is to establish a reference database ensuring a clear focus on priority research areas leading to more rapid breakthroughs in technology development. Second, to develop a gap analysis for each of the prioritized diseases to identify where research is needed. Third, the DISCONTOOLS project will explore how new technologies can be deployed more efficiently in the animal health research area.
Purpose	DISCONTOOLS will provide a mechanism for focusing and prioritizing research that ultimately delivers new and improved vaccines, pharmaceuticals and diagnostic tests to control animal diseases.
Scope	Global
Primary Funders	European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).
Participants & Key Collaborators	DISCONTOOLS includes representation from universities, research institutes, chief veterinary officers, farmers, veterinarians, the diagnostics industry, the veterinary pharmaceutical industry, Heads of Medicines Agencies, European Medicines Agency and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) amongst others. The purpose of the stakeholder approach is to be inclusive and so build a strong consensus on the gap analysis.
Definition of One Health	None
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	(unknown)
Sources of Information	Website: http://www.discontools.eu DISCONTOOLS Brochure: http://www.discontools.eu/documents/1380_DISCONTOOLSbrochure.pdf
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