University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (VMDL) Annual Report – 2015

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Summary

The University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (MU-VMDL) is a full service veterinary diagnostic laboratory and it is Missouri’s only laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD). The VMDL is also a Level II Lab of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) and Tier I Lab of the FDA Veterinary Laboratory Response Network (FDA Vet-LRN). In 2015, the VMDL processed approximately 42,929 accessions (about 14% increase from 2014) and performed 90,515 tests. The VMDL diagnostic service was utilized by veterinarians and owners from 43 US states and 104 MO counties. In 2015, the VMDL faculty taught (or co-taught) 37 courses and 16 clinical/diagnostic rounds, and devoted more than 4,500 student-contact hours to teaching. The VMDL faculty received 14 extramural grants for a total of $1,333,921 and $435,297 to VMDL faculty. The VMDL faculty published 22 peer-reviewed papers; presented 57 conference abstracts, posters, and presentations; and attended 15 international, national and state conferences and trainings.
Introduction

The Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (VMDL) Annual Report - 2015 is a compilation of test data from Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 30, 2015. To monitor caseload, testing data from 2011 to 2014 are also included in this report.

The MU VMDL is a full service veterinary diagnostic laboratory and it is Missouri’s only laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD). The faculty and staff of VMDL are committed to excellence in diagnostic service, teaching, and research. We strive to provide relevant, timely, and cost-effective diagnostic services to our clients and create a positive learning environment for our students.

VMDL Mission Statement

To provide appropriate and timely diagnostic support to veterinary practitioners, livestock and poultry interests, companion animal interests, wildlife conservationists, and state-federal regulatory officials.

To monitor domestic animals, indigenous wildlife, and zoo animals for diseases that are a threat to livestock health and public health.

To support the teaching mission of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

To create new knowledge through fundamental and translational research.

VMDL Advisory Board

Mission Statement

To advise VMDL management on policies, long-term developmental strategies, and collaborations with relevant university, private, state, national and international organizations.

VMDL Advisory Board Membership

The Advisory Board consists of 12 members representing the State Veterinarian’s office, commodity groups, small animal practice, large animal practice, and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

VMDL Advisory Board Members

Linda Hickam, DVM, Missouri State Veterinarian
Tony Martin, DVM, Director of Animal Health Division, MFA, Inc.
Don Nikodim, Executive Vice President, Missouri Pork Association
Steve Patterson, DVM, Bethel, MO
Clark Fobian, DVM, Sedalia, MO, Immediate Past President AVMA
Steve Strubberg, DVM, Hermann, MO
Chuck Massengill, DVM, Missouri Cattlemen’s Association
Bruce Addison, President, Addison Biological Laboratory, Inc.
David Wilson, DVM, MS, ACVS, MU VHC Director
Phillip Johnson, BVSc, MS, MRCVS, ACVIM MU VHC Equine Service
John Middleton, DVM, PhD, ACVIM MU VHC Food Animal Service

VMDL Organizational Structure

VMDL Section Heads/Leaders
Avian Diagnostics – Dr. Dan Shaw
Anatomical Pathology – Dr. Gayle Johnson
Bacteriology/Mycology – Dr. Bill Fales/Irene Ganjam
Business Office – Mr. Mike Wimmenauer
Clinical Pathology – Dr. Marlyn Whitney/ Cheryl Rojas
Director’s Office – Ms. Geri Hegstad
Histology – Dr. Dae-Young Kim/Candace Kassel
Molecular Diagnostics – Dr. Jeff Mitchell
Quality Assurance – Dr. Tom Reilly/Susan Martin
Sample Receiving – Ms. Geri Hegstad
Serology – D. Mike Zhang
Virology – Dr. Jeff Mitchell
Toxicology – Dr. Tim Evans

VMDL Diagnostic Program Coordinators
Anatomical Pathology Residency Program – Dr. Kei Kuroki
Clinical Pathology Residency Program – Dr. Charles Wiedmeyer
Equine Diagnostic Investigations – Dr. Fred Williams III
Food Animal Diagnostic Investigations – Dr. Tim Evans
Neuropathology and Oncopathology – Dr. Gale Johnson
Small Animal Internal Medicine Pathology – Dr. Dae-Young Kim

VMDL Service Activities

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<td>2011</td>
<td>37,311</td>
<td>24,910</td>
<td>12,401</td>
<td>19,791 (53%)</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>37,715</td>
<td>24,923</td>
<td>12,792</td>
<td>19,911 (53%)</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>38,499</td>
<td>25,165</td>
<td>13,334</td>
<td>20,081 (52%)</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>37,666</td>
<td>24,431</td>
<td>13,235</td>
<td>19,733 (52%)</td>
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Table 1. Five Year VMDL (Main Lab and Clinical Pathology) Accessions*

*A Main Lab accession may include multiple tests for multiple samples whereas each Clin. Path accession represents one test performed on one sample. Caseload increased 13.97% from 2014 to 2015.

Table 2. Five Year VMDL (Main Lab and Clin Path) Tests by Animal Species*

* 2015 data do not include non-technical procedures.

Table 3. Five Year VMDL (Main Lab and Clin Path) Tests by Section
Figure 1. Distribution of Diagnostic Tests by Animal Species

Figure 2. Geographic Distribution of VMDL Accessions in 43 US States
Figure 3. Geographic Distribution of Cases in 104 MO Counties
**VMDL Client Outreach Programs**

The VMDL offers an online portal for its clients to check their results in real-time as we work on their samples.

VMDL continues to offer the FedEx Express Prepaid Stamps to all its clients which enables inexpensive second day delivery from clients’ office to the VMDL for laboratory testing. In 2015, the program was utilized 5,089 times by VMDL’s clients from 78 MO counties and 25 other states in the US.

Figure 3. Utilization of the FedEx Express Prepaid Stamps by Clients
VMDL Participation in National Diagnostic Network
Figure 3. Level II Lab of National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)

Figure 4. Tier I Member of FDA Veterinary Laboratory Response Network (Vet-LRN)

VMDL Faculty Teaching Activities
### Didactic and Laboratory Courses (N = 37; **Bold: Coordinated by VMDL Faculty**)

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**V_PBIO 8434**  Advanced Clinical Pathology  
**V_PBIO 8435**  Advanced Microscopy in Veterinary Clinical Pathology  
**V_PBIO 9090**  Area Veterinary Pathobiology Dissertation Research

### Clinical and Diagnostic Rounds and Seminars (n=16)

- Chemistry Rounds  
- Comparative Orthopaedic Laboratory (COL) journal club  
- Cytology Rounds  
- Dermatology Rounds  
- Food for Thought Rounds  
- Gross Pathology Rounds  
- Hematology Rounds  
- Human Health and the Environment - Image Review  
- Joint Pathology Center Wednesday Slide Conference  
- Mentoring International Students  
- Mentoring Pre-Vet Students  
- Neurology Rounds  
- Ophthalmic Pathology Rounds  
- Slide treats  
- VMDL-Food Animal Monthly Rounds

**Distribution of Student Contact Hours (4,509)**
Residency Training Programs

Anatomical Pathology Resident Training
Clinical Pathology Resident Training

VMDL Faculty Scholarly Activities

Extramural Funding Received in 2015 (Total = $1,333,921; Total to VMDL Faculty = $435,297)

6. Kuroki, K. Co-I. Arteleon. Evaluation of Artelon augmentation of tendon healing in a canine patellar tendon defect model. 06/01/15-05/31/16. Direct: $34,342; indirect: $17,928; total: $50,738; and shared credit: 10%.


9. Rottinghaus GE. Co-PI. Ergovaline concentrations in tall fescue samples from test plots in Kentucky and Georgia. AgResearch USA Limited, 2015. Total: $21,000.


Publications (N = 22)


**Book Chapters (N = 1)**


**Abstracts, Posters, and Presentations (N = 57)**


2. Casteel, Stan W., “Back Then, Now, What’s Next for Veterinary Medicine?”, Oklahoma State University, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Class of 1963 Distinguished Lecturer, November 19, 2015.


5. Casteel, Stan W., “Community Response to Biological Incidents,” Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1 LECOM Place, Erie, PA., Jan 29, 2015.


19. Coates JR, Williamson BC, Reinero CN; Rindt H; Pithua PO, Johnson GC; Sibgitroth CM; Weichert A. Immunotherpeutic targeting a monomer/misfolded SOD1 in a canine model of ALS. P281. Robertson 26th international symposium on ALS/MND, 11-13 Dec, Orlando FL
22. Evans, Tim J. One health: one medicine. Short presentations as part of 2015 MU Global Scholars Program at various universities in Sao Paulo, Belém, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 8-June 18, 2015.
25. Evans, Tim J. 832-Pregnancy or lactation and medications and toxicants. 2015 AVMA Annual Convention, Boston, MA, July 12, 2015.
29. Evans, Tim J. What you thought you would never need to know about mycotoxins. 2015 GVMA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 10, 2015.
30. Evans, Tim J. Baby onboard: when pregnancy and/or lactation impact the possible adverse effects of medications and toxicants. 2015 GVMA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 10, 2015.
38. Ledoux, DR., Dos Anjos FR, Rottinghaus GE, and Chimonyo M. Efficacy of adsorbents (bentonite and diatomaceous earth) and turmeric (Curcuma longa) to ameliorate the toxic effects...


40. Martin, S. Reilly, T. Evans, T. and Zhang, T. Rubric for Evaluating Root Cause Analysis in CAPAs, 58th AAVLD, Providence, RI, October, 2015.

41. Mhlanga-Mutangadura T., Johnson,G.S.;Johnson,G.C.;Hansen,L.; Tamassia,G.V.;Taylor,J.F.; Schnabel R.D., O'Brien DP. The whole genome sequences from a Rottweiler and black Russian terrier with overlapping neurological syndromes contain the same RAB3GAP1 frame shift mutation. 20th Annual American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Indianapolis IN, June 3-6, 2015.


50. Shaw D: Laying hen necropsy workshop. Missouri Organic Association Poultry Session,

52. Wells M, Rojas C, Royal A. Confirmation of Albumin and Total Protein Lower Levels of Linearity on a Beckman 400AU. 34th Annual Meeting of MAVP, Lexington, KY, August 6-7, 2015.


54. Yang, M. Zhang, C. Zhang, M. and Zhang, M. Comparative Biological Functions of Avian Beta-Defensins 6 and 12. MU Phi Zeta Research Day 2015 (Second Place Award)

55. Zhang, M. Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus Infection: Associated Disease and Diagnosis. Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri. Columbia, MO 65211. Jan., 2015.


2015 Major Annual Professional Meetings and Trainings Attended by VMDL Faculty and Staff (N = 15)

- AAVLD/NAHLN Auditors Training
- AAVLD/NAHLN Quality Assurance Training
- American Association of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists
- American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
- American College of Veterinary Pathologists
- American Society of Microbiology
- American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology
- American Veterinary Medical Association
- Global Veterinary Summit
- National Institute of Animal Agriculture
- Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
- Missouri Department of Agriculture State and Federal Conference
- Monthly MVMA West Central meetings
World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Conference