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## 1 Research interests

- Epidemiology, burden of disease, risk assessment, health economics;
- Bayesian data analysis, true prevalence estimation, disease transmission modeling;
- Zoonotic diseases, food safety, veterinary public health.

## 2 Employment

- **Visiting professor, advanced epidemiology**, 10/2018–present  
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
- **Visiting professor, risk analysis**, 04/2018–present  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium
- **Senior epidemiologist**, 04/2016–present  
Sciensano, Brussels, Belgium
- **Visiting professor, health economic evaluations**, 10/2016–09/2018  
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
- **Assistant scientist, global food safety and zoonoses**, 06/2015–03/2016  
University of Florida, Gainesville, USA
- **Post-doctoral researcher**, 04/2015  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium
- **Contracted technical expert**, 09/2013–12/2013, 02/2014–03/2014  
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Doctoral researcher**, 10/2010–03/2015  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium  
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium

## 3 Education

### 3.1 Academic titles

- **Ph.D. Veterinary Sciences & Ph.D. Public Health**, 2010–2015  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium  
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium  
Dissertation topic: “*The Burden of Zoonoses in Nepal*”  
Promoters: Prof. Dr. P. Dorny, Prof. Dr. N. Speybroeck, Prof. Dr. L. Duchateau
- **Doctoral Training Programme**, 2010–2015  
Doctoral School of Life Sciences and Medicine, Ghent University, Belgium
- **M.Sc. Statistics (biometrics)**, 2011–2014  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Louvain, Belgium; Great distinction  
Dissertation topic: “*Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment with R*”  
Promoters: Prof. Dr. G. Molenberghs, Prof. Dr. C. Faes
- **M.Sc. Veterinary Medicine (research & industry)**, 2007–2010  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium; Greatest distinction  
Dissertation topic: “*The Epidemiology of Taenia solium in Nepal*”  
Promoter: Prof. Dr. P. Dorny
- **B.Sc. Veterinary Medicine**, 2004–2007  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium; Greatest distinction

### 3.2 Short courses

- **Speaking in Public - With Exercises from the Theater**, Klein Barnum, 2019
- **Introduction to the Statistical Program to Assess Dietary Exposure (SPADE)**, RIVM, 2018
- **Workshop Evaluation Interviews**, WIV-ISP, 2017
- **SAS Basics**, BI Knowledge Sharing, 2016
- **GBD Technical Training Workshop**, IHME (University of Washington), 2014
- **Advanced Academic English Conference Skills**, UCT (Ghent University), 2013
- **Introduction to Health Economics**, Francqui Chair Pr. Annemans, Université catholique de Louvain, 2013
- **Introduction to Infectious Disease Modelling and Its Applications**, LSHTM, 2013
- **Modelling Infectious Diseases and Health Economic Evaluation of Vaccines**, Antwerp University, 2013

- **Writing for Non-Specialists and Press**, UCT (Ghent University), 2013
- **Analyses and Graphics with RExcel**, Université catholique de Louvain, 2012
- **Getting Started with High Performance Computing**, Ghent University, 2012
- **Mathematical and Epidemiological Modeling of Endemic Infectious Disease**, Cornell University, 2012
- **Workshop Impact and Research Communication Skills**, Ghent University, 2012
- **Basic Course on Veterinary Epidemiology**, Ghent University, 2011

## 4 Professional experiences

### 4.1 Contributions to peer review

- **Academic Editor**, 2017–present  
Food and Waterborne Parasitology
- **Academic Editor**, 2017–present  
PLOS ONE
- **Associate Editor**, 2017–present  
BMC Veterinary Research, Parasitology section
- **Reviewer for international scientific journals**, e.g.:  
Acta Tropica, Advances in Parasitology, Archives of Public Health, BMC Infectious Diseases, BMJ Case Reports, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Epidemiology and Infection, Health Affairs, Parasites & Vectors, Parasitology International, PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, PLOS ONE, Risk Analysis, The Lancet, Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

### 4.2 Participation in national projects

- **Diagnosis-based morbidity statistics – Pilot data collection**, 2018–present  
*The overall objective of this Eurostat-funded project is to obtain nationally representative, comparable diagnosis-based morbidity data proceeding from the 2018 Shortlist of Morbidity Indicators developed by Eurostat*
- **Belgian Health Status Report**, 2017–present  
*The Belgian Health Status Report addresses the lack of an integrated view on the health status of the Belgian population. It provides health status information relevant for decision-makers, with focus on information useful for defining and/or evaluating health objectives.*

- **Belgian National Burden of Disease Study, 2016–present**  
*The Belgian National Burden of Disease Study (BeBOD) aims to establish a coherent framework for routinely quantifying the burden of disease in Belgium using the DALY metric. The project supports capacity building, ensuring ownership and sustainability.*
- **Belgian contribution to the WHO/EURO Health for All Database, 2016–present**  
*The HFA database is one of WHO’s oldest sources of data. The indicators cover basic demographics, health status, health determinants and risk factors, as well as health care resources, expenditures and more. Each year, Belgium is requested to update the information in the HFA database.*
- **Belgian Health System Performance Assessment, 2016–2019**  
*The HSPA project is a collaboration between Sciensano, KCE, RIZIV-INAMI and FPS Public Health. The report highlights strenghts and weaknesses of the Belgian health system, through a dashboard of 121 indicators, divided over 5 transversal dimensions and 5 specific themes.*

### 4.3 Participation in international projects

- **Main Action Proposer and Chair, 2019–present**  
COST Action CA18218 “European Burden of Disease Network”
- **Country representative, 2017–present**  
EUROSTAT Technical Group on Morbidity Statistics
- **Country representative, 2016–present**  
European Burden of Disease Network (WHO/EURO, IHME)
- **Epidemiology workgroup leader, 2013–2018**  
COST Action TD1302 CYSTINET—[www.cystinet.org](http://www.cystinet.org)
- **Risk forecasting workgroup vice-leader, 2015–2016**  
COST Action FA1408 EURO-FBP
- **Computational Task Force member, 2011–2015**  
**Country Studies Task Force member, 2011–2015**  
Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group, WHO

### 4.4 Participation in international development projects

- **USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab on Livestock Systems, 2015–2016**  
*Project granted to UF, aiming to improve livestock systems in Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Nepal and Cambodia*

- Contribution to project proposal
- Participation in “Livestock Disease Management and Food Safety” AOI
- **VLIR-UOS Institutional University Cooperation with Jimma University, Ethiopia, 2012–2015**  
*Collaboration between Jimma University and different Flemish universities to strengthen institutional capacity*
  - Organisation of a workshop on design of experiments
  - Supervision of Master students
- **Doctoral research in Nepal, 2010–2015**  
*Collection and analysis of data on the burden of zoonotic and foodborne diseases, during a 6 months’ stay*
- **Impact assessment and control of cysticercosis in the Indian Subcontinent, 2007–2009**  
*VLIR-UOS collaboration between Institute of Tropical Medicine (Antwerp, Belgium) and National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene Research Centre (Kathmandu, Nepal)*
  - Field work, lab work, data analysis

## 4.5 Contributions as invited expert

- EFSA working group on foodborne parasites. European Food Safety Authority, Parma, Italy; 2017–2018.
- Steering committee of KCE project 292, Exploratory steps for the formulation of Belgian health system targets. Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre, Brussels, Belgium; 2017.
- FAO/WHO expert meeting on verotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (VTEC) / Shigatoxigenic *E. coli* (STEC). World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; 2016–2017.
- Expert consultation on diet-related health problems to support the development of food-based dietary guidelines. Superior Health Council, Brussels, Belgium; 2016–2017.
- Expert panel on FDA-iRisk DALY templates. Research Triangle International, NC, USA; 2016.
- Expert consultation to discuss preliminary results of the joint WHO/IHME analysis of causes of death among children aged 5–14 years in the WHO European Region. WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark; 2015.

- Trend analysis applied to parameter/matrix combinations from the the control plan. Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain, Brussels, Belgium; 2014.
- FAO/WHO expert meeting on risk-based examples for control of *Trichinella* spp. and *Taenia saginata* in meat. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; 2013–2014.

## 4.6 Logistic responsibilities

### 4.6.1 Institutional responsibilities

- **Project leader**, 2017–present  
Sciesano Translational Research Working Group
- **Member**, 2017–present  
Sciensano Redactional Council

### 4.6.2 Management of research centers

- **Founding member**, 2014–present  
Center for Burden and Risk Assessment, [www.cbra.be](http://www.cbra.be)

### 4.6.3 Organisation of national and international conferences

- **Member of scientific committee**  
1st International CYSTINET Conference, 3–4 November 2015, Belgrade, Serbia

### 4.6.4 Other

- **Event organizer**, 2012–2014  
RBelgium, the Belgian R user group
- **Rapporteur**, November 2010  
Fourth meeting of the Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group  
WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

## 5 Skills

### 5.1 Languages

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| • <b>Dutch</b>   | speaking+++ | reading+ + + | writing+ + + |
| • <b>English</b> | speaking+++ | reading+ + + | writing+ + + |
| • <b>French</b>  | speaking++  | reading+ + + | writing++    |
| • <b>German</b>  | speaking+   | reading++    | writing+     |

- **Nepali**      speaking+      reading+      writing+

## 5.2 Computer skills

- **Statistical software:** R, JAGS, WinBUGS, OpenBUGS, SAS, Stata
- **Advanced R skills:** package development, Tcl/Tk interfaces, Shiny applications
- **Design and programming:** html, javascript, php, mysql, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, markdown, C++
- **Windows and MS Office:** Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access

# 6 Teaching

## 6.1 Courses

- **Advanced epidemiology**  
WFSP2238, Université catholique de Louvain, 2018–present
- **Health economic evaluations**  
WFSP2103, Université catholique de Louvain, 2016–2018
- **Quantitative microbial risk assessment of pathogens in food systems**  
ANS 6932 / FOS 6936, University of Florida, February 26–March 4, 2016

## 6.2 Workshops

- **Burden of Disease and the DALY metric, 2nd edition**, 11–12 October 2017  
WIV-ISP, Brussels, Belgium
- **Burden of Disease and the DALY metric, 1st edition**, 5–6 October 2016  
WIV-ISP, Brussels, Belgium
- **CYSTINET Epidemiology Training School**, 1–3 September 2014  
Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium  
Contents: introduction to R, systematic review and meta-analysis, GIS
- **National Workshop on Design of Experiments for Statisticians and Practitioners**, 28–29 March 2013  
Jimma University, Jimma, Ethiopia  
Partims: introduction to R, analysis of variance

## 6.3 Lectures

- **Topics in tropical veterinary medicine**, 2013–2016  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University

- **Food safety: an introduction**, 2015  
Environmental Health Concepts in Public Health, PHC 6313, University of Florida
- **Concepts of health economics**, 2013–2014  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain
- **Burden of disease and the Disability-Adjusted Life Year**, 2013–2015  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
MSc Health and Development, Université catholique de Louvain  
MSc Occupational Medicine, Université catholique de Louvain  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Université catholique de Louvain
- **Diagnostic test characteristics and true prevalence**, 2013–2014  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
MSc Health and Development, Université catholique de Louvain

## 6.4 Practicals

- **Biomedical statistics**, 2012–2014  
BSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University
- **Applied biomedical statistics**, 2013–2014  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University

## 6.5 PhD students (3)

- **Margot Cooreman-Algoed**, 2018–2024  
PhD Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University  
Integrating environmental and nutritional aspects of diets  
Promoters: Jo Dewulf, Carl Lachat, **Brecht Devleesschauwer**
- **Lisa Van Wilder**, 2018–2022  
PhD Public Health, Ghent University  
Quality of life in patients with chronic disease  
Promoters: Delphine De Smedt; Els Clays, **Brecht Devleesschauwer**
- **Sofie Theresa Thomsen**, 2016–2019  
PhD Nutrition, National Food Institute, Danish Technical University  
Risk-benefit assessment of food substitutions  
Promoters: Rikke Andersen; Sara Monteiro Pires, Morten Poulsen, **Brecht Devleesschauwer**

## 6.6 MSc students (33)

- Delphine Losseau, 2018–19  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain



The health and economic impact of low back and neck pain in Belgium (original research)

Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**

- Ellen De Ren, 2018–19  
MSc Health Care Management and Policy, Ghent University  
Comparative risk assessment of alcohol use in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: De Smedt D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Judith Ngoufo, 2018–19  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
The burden of coronary heart disease in Belgium (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Leen Van Doorslaer, 2018–19  
MSc Health Care Management and Policy, Ghent University  
Comparative risk assessment of tobacco use in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: De Smedt D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Marie Denis, 2018–19  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Comparative risk assessment of dietary risk factors in Belgium (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Silke Thomas, Stephanie Marinus, 2018–19  
MSc Health Care Management and Policy, Ghent University  
Health impact assessment of sugar reduction in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: De Smedt D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Jinane Ghattas, 2018–19  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
The state of health in Belgium, 1990–2017: A benchmarking analysis based on the Global Burden of Disease 2017 study (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Aline Scohy, 2017–18  
MSc Demography, Université catholique de Louvain  
The impact of chronic diseases on quality of life (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Astrid Cornez, 2017–18  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
The disease burden of cancer in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Martina Otavova, 2017–18  
MSc Statistics, Hasselt University

Impact of tobacco control interventions on health expectancies: use of dynamic modelling for health impact assessment in Belgium (original research)

Promoters: Molenberghs G, **Devleesschauwer B**

- Orchina Hanna, 2017–18  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Relations entre dénutrition et dépendances fonctionnelles chez les résidents d’une maison de repos et de soins (original research)  
Promoters: Boland B, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Steff De Smet, 2017–18  
MSc Health Care Management and Policy, Ghent University  
The disease burden of cystic fibrosis in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: De Smedt D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Thomas Pelseneer, 2017–18  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Self-reported morbidity and health-related quality of life in injecting drug users in Brussels, Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Nicaise P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Angela Vega Rodriguez, 2016–17  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
The burden of diabetes in Belgium and Spain (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Damien Blondeau, 2016–17  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
The disease burden of *Yersinia enterocolitica* in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Houf K, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Jade Vincent Membrebe, 2016–17  
MSc Statistics, Hasselt University  
Development of an incidence-prevalence-mortality model (original research)  
Promoters: Shkedy Z, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Kinda Atiyeh, 2016–17  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Overall and cause-specific mortality in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Alexia Lescart, 2015–16  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Socioeconomic inequalities in diarrhea in Nepal (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**

- Febe Vanpoucke, 2015–16  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Parasitic zoonoses in Ethiopia (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P
- Louise Vanhecke, 2015–16  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Vector-borne diseases in Nepal (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P
- Sara Hanna, 2015–16  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Burden of Crohn disease in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Sonia Chebac, 2015–16  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Clinical impact of *Giardia* (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Eveline Jansen, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Rabies in Ethiopia (original research)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Judth Verduijn, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Tick-borne zoonoses in Belgium (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Claerebout E
- Tom Slegh, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Diapause in *Anopheles* mosquitoes (literature review)  
Promoters: Duchateau L, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Gerhardina (Gerdien) Huisman, 2013–14  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Zooprophylaxis: a malaria control strategy (original research)  
Promoters: Duchateau L, Yewhalaw D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Joke Yzerwyn, 2013–14  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
*Opisthorchis* spp. in South-East Asia (literature review)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Norbert van de Velde, 2013–14  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University

Toxoplasmosis in marine mammals (original research)

Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**

- Eveline Jansen, 2012–13  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Rabies in Ethiopia (literature review)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Gerhardina (Gerdien) Huisman, 2012–13  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Zooprophylaxis: a malaria control strategy (literature review)  
Promoters: Duchateau L, Yewhalaw D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Norbert van de Velde, 2012–13  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Toxoplasmosis in marine mammals (literature review)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Jani Van Pelt, 2011–12  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Echinococcosis in Ethiopia (original research)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Rudolf Spiekers, 2011–12  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Toxoplasmosis in wild felids (literature review)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**

## 6.7 BSc students (8)

- Carolina De La Rosa Mateo, 2015–16  
BSc Health Sciences, University of Florida  
Burden of free-living protozoa in the USA (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Natalie Bonilla, 2015–16  
BSc Health Sciences, University of Florida  
*Toxoplasma gondii* risk in different food items (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Ziqi Wang, 2015–16  
BSc Biochemistry, University of Florida  
Epidemiology of *Taenia solium* in Central America (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- Jolien De Keulenaer, 2014–15  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University

*Taenia saginata* taeniosis/cysticercosis in Belgium (literature review)

Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Smit S

- Liene Bossaerts, 2013–14  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Lyme disease in the Benelux (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N
- Nina Redzic, 2012–13  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Neurological symptoms of toxoplasmosis in adults (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N
- Yannick Van der Venne, 2012–13  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Listeriosis in Belgium (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N
- Anne Declercq, 2011–12  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Rabies in Nepal (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N

## 6.8 Short-term scientific missions (4)

- **Fabian Dupont**, October 2015  
MSc Medicine, Technische Universität München  
Health and economic impact of *Taenia solium* neurocysticercosis in Uganda
- **Uffe Christian Braae**, December 2014  
PhD Veterinary Medicine, University of Copenhagen  
Development of a *Taenia solium* transmission model
- **Hardy Richter**, September 2014  
Research associate, Munich Global Neurology Group  
Landscape analysis of *Taenia solium* neurocysticercosis in Europe
- **Chiara Trevisan**, July 2014  
PhD Veterinary Medicine, University of Copenhagen  
Burden assessment of *Taenia solium* cysticercosis in Tanzania

## 6.9 PhD examination committees (4)

- **Lea Sletting Jakobsen**, November 2017  
PhD Nutrition, National Food Institute, Danish Technical University

Method development in the study of burden of disease of foodborne chemicals

Promoters: Morten Poulsen; Sara Monteiro Pires, Maarten Nauta

- **Malgorzata Jennes**, October 2017  
PhD Veterinary Sciences, Ghent University  
Novel insights in the host-pathogen interaction of porcine toxoplasmosis  
Promoters: Eric Cox; Pierre Dorny, Stéphane De Craeye
- **Elvire Mfueni Bikundi**, June 2016  
PhD Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Mieux comprendre les relations entre les déterminants socioéconomiques, la couverture en moustiquaires et la prévalence du paludisme chez les enfants en R.D Congo et en Afrique  
Promoters: Niko Speybroeck; Robert Snow
- **Marco Coral Almeida**, February 2016  
PhD Veterinary Sciences, Ghent University  
Epidemiological transmission patterns of *Taenia solium* cysticercosis in endemic areas: The case of Ecuador  
Promoters: Pierre Dorny; Sarah Gabriël, Emmanuel Nji Abatih, Washington Benitez

## 7 Scientific output

### 7.1 Book chapters

- [6] **Devleesschauwer B**, Scharff RL, Kowalczyk BB, Havelaar AH (2018) Burden and Risk Assessment of Foodborne Disease. In: Roberts T (ed) *Food Safety Economics: Incentives for a Safer Food Supply*, pp 83-106. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9_6)
- [5] Kowalczyk BB, Pires SM, Scallan E, Lamichhane A, Havelaar AH, **Devleesschauwer B** (2018) Improving Burden of Disease and Source Attribution Estimates. In: Roberts T (ed) *Food Safety Economics: Incentives for a Safer Food Supply*, pp 143-174. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9\\_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9_9)
- [4] **Devleesschauwer B**, Haagsma JA, Mangan M-JM, Lake RJ, Havelaar AH (2018) The Global Burden of Foodborne Disease. In: Roberts T (ed) *Food Safety Economics: Incentives for a Safer Food Supply*, pp 107-122. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92138-9_7)
- [3] **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P, Faes C, Havelaar AH, Torgerson PR, Speybroeck N (2018) Burden and Risk Assessment of Foodborne Parasites. In: Ortega Y, Sterling C (eds) *Foodborne Parasites, 2nd ed.*, pp 341-365. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-67664-7\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-67664-7_15)
- [2] **Devleesschauwer B**, Bouwknegt M, Mangan M-JJ, Havelaar AH (2017) Health and Economic Burden of *Campylobacter*. In: Klein G (ed) *Campylobacter: Features*,

*Detection, and Prevention of Foodborne Disease*, pp 27-40. doi: [10.1016/B978-0-12-803623-5.00002-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-803623-5.00002-2)

- [1] Levecke B, Anderson RM, Berkvens D, Charlier J, **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N, Vercruysse J, Van Aelst S (2015) Mathematical inference on helminth egg counts in stool and its applications in mass drug administration programmes to control soil-transmitted helminthiasis in public health. In: Anderson RM, Basáñez MG (eds) *Advances in Parasitology, Volume 87, Mathematical Models for Neglected Tropical Diseases: Essential Tools for Control and Elimination, Part A*, pp 193-247. doi: [10.1016/bs.apar.2015.01.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.apar.2015.01.001)

## 7.2 Peer-reviewed papers

Google Scholar metrics: 3657 citations · h-index 29 · i10-index 59

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## 8 Scientific honors and awards

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- **PhD Scholarship**, Special Research Fund (BOF), Ghent University; 2010
- **Pfizer Award** for the best Master thesis in Veterinary Medicine; 2010
- **Dr Paul Janssen Award** for the best Master student in Veterinary Medicine; 2010
- **Floribert Jurion Fund**, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences; 2009
- **Travel grant**, BIOS, Ghent University; 2008
- **Travel grant**, Flemish Inter-University Council—University Development Cooperation (VLIR-UOS); 2007

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