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## 1 Research interests

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

## 2 Employment

- **Senior epidemiologist**, 04/2016–present  
Scientific Institute of Public Health (WIV-ISP), Brussels, Belgium
- **Guest lecturer, health economic evaluations**, 2016–2017  
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

- **GBD Technical Training Workshop**, 2014  
IHME (University of Washington) @ Crete, Greece
- **Advanced Academic English Conference Skills**, 2013  
UCT (Ghent University), Ghent, Belgium
- **Introduction to Health Economics, Francqui Chair Pr. Annemans**, 2013  
Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
- **Introduction to Infectious Disease Modelling and Its Applications**, 2013  
LSHTM, London, UK
- **Modelling Infectious Diseases and Health Economic Evaluation of Vaccines**, 2013  
Antwerp University, Antwerp, Belgium
- **Writing for Non-Specialists and Press**, 2013  
UCT (Ghent University), Ghent, Belgium
- **Analyses and Graphics with RExcel**, 2012  
Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- **Getting Started with High Performance Computing**, 2012  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium
- **Mathematical and Epidemiological Modeling of Endemic Infectious Disease**, 2012  
Cornell University @ ISVEE congress, Ghent, Belgium

- **Workshop Impact and Research Communication Skills**, 2012  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium
- **Basic Course on Veterinary Epidemiology**, 2011  
Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium

## 4 Professional experiences

### 4.1 Contributions to peer review

- **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, 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 international projects

- **Epidemiology workgroup leader**, 2013–present  
EU COST action TD1302 CYSTINET—[www.cystinet.org](http://www.cystinet.org)
- **Risk forecasting workgroup vice-leader**, 2015–2016  
EU 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

### 4.3 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

## 4.4 Contributions as invited expert

- FAO/WHO expert meeting on verotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (VTEC) / Shigatoxigenic *E. coli* (STEC). World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; 2016.
- Expert consultation on diet-related health problems to support the development of food-based dietary guidelines. Superior Health Council, Brussels, Belgium; 2016.
- 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.

## 4.5 Logistic responsibilities

### 4.5.1 Management of research centers

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

### 4.5.2 Organisation of national and international conferences

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

### 4.5.3 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+   |
| • <b>Nepali</b>  | speaking+   | reading+   | writing+   |

### 5.2 Computer skills

- **Statistical software**: R, WinBUGS, OpenBUGS, JAGS, 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

- **Health economic evaluations**  
WFSP2103, Université catholique de Louvain, March–April, 2017
- **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**, 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 Promoter of 4 short-term scientific missions

- **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

- **Dr 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

## 6.6 (Co)supervisor of 18 MSc students

- 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**
- 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**
- Louise Vanhecke, 2015–16  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Vector-borne diseases in Nepal (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P
- Febe Vanpoucke, 2015–16  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Parasitic zoonoses in Ethiopia (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P
- Alexia Lescart, 2015–16  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Socioeconomic inequalities in diarrhea in Nepal (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**
- Sara Hanna, 2015–16  
MSc Public Health, Université catholique de Louvain  
Burden of Crohn disease in Belgium (original research)  
Promoters: Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Judth Verduijn, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University

Tick-borne zoonoses in Belgium (literature review)

Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Claerebout E

- Eveline Jansen, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Rabies in Ethiopia (original research)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Tom Slegh, 2014–15  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Diapause in *Anopheles* mosquitoes (literature review)  
Promoters: Duchateau L, **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**
- Gerhardina (Gerdien) Huisman, 2013–14  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Zooprophylaxis: a malaria control strategy (original research)  
Promoters: Duchateau L, Yewhalaw D, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Eveline Jansen, 2012–13  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Rabies in Ethiopia (literature review)  
Promoters: Dorny P, **Devleesschauwer B**
- Norbert van de Velde, 2012–13  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Toxoplasmosis in marine mammals (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**
- Rudolf Spiekers, 2011–12  
MSc Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University  
Toxoplasmosis in wild felids (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**

## 6.7 (Co)supervisor of 8 BSc students

- Ziqi Wang, 2015–16  
BSc Biochemistry, University of Florida  
Epidemiology of *Taenia solium* in Central America (original research)  
Promoter: **Devleesschauwer B**
- 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**
- 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
- Yannick Van der Venne, 2012–13  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Listeriosis in Belgium (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
- Anne Declercq, 2011–12  
BSc Biomedical Sciences, Antwerp University  
Rabies in Nepal (literature review)  
Promoters: **Devleesschauwer B**, Speybroeck N

## 7 Scientific output

### 7.1 Book chapters

- [3] **Devleesschauwer B**, Dorny P, Faes C, Havelaar AH, Torgerson PR, Speybroeck N (2017) Burden and Risk Assessment of Foodborne Parasites. In: Ortega Y, Sterling C (eds) *Foodborne Parasites, 2nd ed.*, in press
- [2] **Devleesschauwer B**, Bouwknecht M, Mangen 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: 795 citations · h-index 15 · i10-index 24

- [60] **Devleesschauwer B**, Marvasi M, Giurcanu MC, Hochmuth GJ, Speybroeck N, Havelaar AH, Teplitski M (2017) High relative humidity pre-harvest reduces post-harvest proliferation of *Salmonella* in tomatoes. *Food Microbiol*, in press
- [59] Smit GSA, Padalko E, Van Acker J, Hens N, Dorny P, Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B** (2017) The public health impact of congenital toxoplasmosis and cytomegalovirus infection in Belgium. *Clin Infect Dis*, in press
- [58] Smit GSA, Vu Thi Lam B, Do Trung D, Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B**, Padalko E, Roets E, Dorny P (2017) Prenatal diagnosis and prevention of toxoplasmosis in pregnant women in Northern Vietnam: study protocol. *BMC Infect Dis*, in press
- [57] Renard F, Gadeyne S, **Devleesschauwer B**, Tafforeau J, De Boosere P (2017) Trends in educational inequalities in premature mortality in Belgium between the 1990s and the 2000s: the contribution of specific causes of deaths. *J Epidemiol Community Health* 71:371-380. doi: [10.1136/jech-2016-208370](https://doi.org/10.1136/jech-2016-208370)
- [56] Maertens de Noordhout C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Gielens L, Plasmans MHD, Haagsma JA, Speybroeck N (2017) Mapping EQ-5D utilities to GBD 2010 and GBD 2013

- disability weights: results of two pilot studies in Belgium. *Arch Public Health* 75:6. doi: [10.1186/s13690-017-0174-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-017-0174-z)
- [55] Steckling N, **Devleesschauwer B**, Winkelkemper J, Fischer F, Ericson B, Krämer A, Hornberg C, Fuller R, Plass D, Bose-O'Reilly S (2017) Disability weights for chronic mercury intoxication resulting from gold mining activities: results from an online pairwise comparisons survey. *Int J Environ Res Public Health* 14:57. doi: [10.3390/ijerph14010057](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph14010057)
  - [54] Smit GSA, Apers L, Arrazole de Onate W, Beutels P, Dorny P, Forier A-M, Janssens K, Macq J, Mak R, Schol S, Wildemeersch D, Speybroeck N, **Devleesschauwer B** (2017) Cost-effectiveness of screening for active cases of tuberculosis in Flanders, Belgium. *Bull World Health Org* 95:27-35. doi: [10.2471/BLT.16.169383](https://doi.org/10.2471/BLT.16.169383)
  - [53] **Devleesschauwer B**, Allepuz A, Dermauw V, Johansen MV, Laranjo-González M, Smit GSA, Sotiraki S, Trevisan C, Wardrop NA, Dorny P, Gabriël S (2017) *Taenia solium* in Europe: still endemic? *Acta Trop* 165:96-99. doi: [10.1016/j.actatropica.2015.08.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actatropica.2015.08.006)
  - [52] Trevisan C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Schmidt V, Winkler AS, Harrison W, Johansen MV (2017) The societal cost of *Taenia solium* cysticercosis in Tanzania. *Acta Trop* 165:141-154. doi: [10.1016/j.actatropica.2015.12.021](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actatropica.2015.12.021)
  - [51] Braae UC, **Devleesschauwer B**, Gabriël S, Dorny P, Speybroeck N, Magnussen P, Torgerson P, Johansen MV (2016) cystiSim—an agent-based model for *Taenia solium* transmission and control. *PLOS Negl Trop Dis* 10:e0005184. doi: [10.1371/journal.pntd.0005184](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0005184)
  - [50] McDonald SA, **Devleesschauwer B**, Wallinga J (2016) The impact of individual-level heterogeneity on estimated infectious disease burden: a simulation study. *Popul Health Metr* 14:47. doi: [10.1186/s12963-016-0116-y](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12963-016-0116-y)
  - [49] McKenzie JS, Dahal R, Kakkar M, Debnath N, Rahman M, Dorjee S, Naeem K, Wijayathilaka T, Sharma B, Maidanwal N, Halimi A, Kim E, Chatterjee P, **Devleesschauwer B** (2016) One Health research and training and government support for One Health in South Asia. *Infect Ecol Epidemiol* 6:33842. doi: [10.3402/iee.v6.33842](https://doi.org/10.3402/iee.v6.33842)
  - [48] van de Velde N, **Devleesschauwer B**, Leopold M, Begeman L, Ijsseldijk LL, Hiemstra S, Ijzer J, Brownlow A, Davison N, Haelters J, Jauniaux T, Siebert U, Dorny P, De Craeye S (2016) *Toxoplasma gondii* in stranded marine mammals from the North Sea and Eastern Atlantic Ocean: findings and diagnostic difficulties. *Vet Parasitol* 230:25-32. doi: [10.1016/j.vetpar.2016.10.021](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vetpar.2016.10.021)
  - [47] Tromme I, Legrand C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Leiter U, Suciu S, Eggermont A, Sacré L, Baurain J-F, Thomas L, Beutels P, Speybroeck N (2016) Cost-effectiveness analysis in melanoma detection: a transition model applied to dermoscopy. *Eur J Cancer* 67:38-45. doi: [10.1016/j.ejca.2016.07.020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejca.2016.07.020)

- [46] Maertens de Noordhout C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Maertens de Noordhout A, Blocher J, Haagsma JA, Havelaar AH, Speybroeck N (2016) Comorbidities and factors associated with central nervous system infections and death in non-perinatal listeriosis: a clinical case series. *BMC Infect Dis* 16:256. doi: [10.1186/s12879-016-1602-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12879-016-1602-3)
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- [42] Laranjo-González M, **Devleesschauwer B**, Gabriël S, Dorny P, Allepuz A (2016) Epidemiology, impact and control of bovine cysticercosis in Europe: a systematic review. *Parasit Vectors* 9:81. doi: [10.1186/s13071-016-1362-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-016-1362-3)
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- **Pfizer Award** for the best Master thesis in Veterinary Medicine; 2010
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