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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

- **Senior epidemiologist**, 04/2016–present  
Scientific Institute of Public Health (WIV-ISP), Brussels, Belgium
- **Guest lecturer, health economic evaluations**, 10/2016–present  
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

- **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 international projects

- **Country representative**, 2016–present  
European Burden of Disease Network (WHO/EURO, IHME)
- **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 20 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**
- 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**

- 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 (2018) Burden and Risk Assessment of Foodborne Parasites. In: Ortega Y, Sterling C (eds) *Foodborne Parasites*, 2nd ed., in press. 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, 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: 1164 citations · h-index 17 · i10-index 33

- [70] Bouwknegt M, **Devleesschauwer B**, Graham H, Robertson LJ, van der Giessen J (2017) Prioritization of foodborne parasites in Europe. *Euro Surveill*, in press
- [69] Charafeddine R, Demarest S, Cleemput I, Van Oyen H, **Devleesschauwer B** (2017) Gender and educational differences in the association between smoking and health-related quality of life in Belgium. *Prev Med*, in press. doi: [10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.09.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.09.016)
- [68] Maertens de Noordhout C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Salomon JA, Turner H, Cassini A, Colzani E, Speybroeck N, Polinder S, Kretzschmar ME, Havelaar AH, Haagsma JA (2017) Disability weights for infectious diseases in four European countries: comparison between countries and across respondent characteristics. *Eur J Public Health*, in press. doi: [10.1093/eurpub/ckx090](https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckx090)
- [67] Renard F, **Devleesschauwer B**, Gadeyne S, Tafforeau J, Deboosere P (2017) Educational inequalities in premature mortality by region in the Belgian population in the 2000s. *Arch Public Health*, in press. doi: [10.1186/s13690-017-0212-x](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-017-0212-x)
- [66] Gómez-Morales MA, Gárate T, Blocher J, **Devleesschauwer B**, Smit GSA, Schmidt V, Pereguer MJ, Ludovisi A, Pozio E, Dorny P, Gabriël S, Winkler AS (2017) Present status of laboratory diagnosis of human taeniosis/cysticercosis in Europe. *Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis*, in press. doi: [10.1007/s10096-017-3029-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10096-017-3029-1)
- [65] Maertens de Noordhout C, **Devleesschauwer B**, Haagsma JA, Havelaar AH, Bertrand S, Vandenberg O, Quoilin S, Brandt PT, Speybroeck N (2017) Burden of salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis and listeriosis: a time series analysis, Belgium, 2012 to 2020. *Euro Surveill* 22:30615. doi: [10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2017.22.38.30615](https://doi.org/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2017.22.38.30615)
- [64] Braae UC, **Devleesschauwer B**, Sithole F, Wang Z, Willingham AL (2017) Occurrence of *Taenia solium* taeniosis/cysticercosis and areas at risk of porcine cysticercosis in Central America and the Caribbean basin. *Parasit Vectors* 10:424. doi: [10.1186/s13071-017-2362-7](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-017-2362-7)
- [63] Hoffmann S, **Devleesschauwer B**, Aspinall W, Cooke R, Corrigan T, Havelaar AH, Angulo FJ, Gibb HJ, Kirk MD, Lake RJ, Speybroeck N, Torgerson PR, Hald T (2017) Attribution of global foodborne disease to specific foods: Findings from a World Health Organization structured expert elicitation. *PLOS ONE* 12:e0183641. doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0183641](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0183641)

- [62] **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* 66:55-63. doi: [10.1016/j.fm.2017.04.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fm.2017.04.003)
- [61] 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* 65:661-668. doi: [10.1093/cid/cix344](https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/cix344)
- [60] Moyersoen I, **Devleesschauwer B**, Dekkers A, De Ridder K, Tafforeau J, Van Camp J, Van Oyen H, Lachat C (2017) Intake of fat-soluble vitamins in the Belgian population: adequacy and contribution of foods, fortified foods and supplements. *Nutrients* 9:860. doi: [10.3390/nu9080860](https://doi.org/10.3390/nu9080860)
- [59] Laranjo-González M, **Devleesschauwer B**, Trevisan C, Allepuz A, Sotiraki S, Abraham A, Boaventura Afonso M, Blocher J, Cardoso L, Manuel Correia da Costa J, Dorny P, Gabriël S, Gomes J, Ángeles Gómez-Morales M, Jokelainen P, Kaminiski M, Krt B, Magnussen P, Robertson LJ, Schmidt V, Schmutzhard E, Smit SA, ÂŁoba B, Stensvold CR, Staric J, Troell K, Vergles Rataj A, Vieira-Pinto M, Vilhena M, Wardrop NA, Winkler AS, Dermauw V (2017) Epidemiology of taeniosis/cysticercosis in Europe, a systematic review: Western Europe. *Parasit Vectors* 10:349. doi: [10.1186/s13071-017-2280-8](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-017-2280-8)
- [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* 17:364. doi: [10.1186/s12879-017-2446-1](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12879-017-2446-1)
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- 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)
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## 8 Scientific honors and awards

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- **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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