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# List of abbreviations

AGP	Antimicrobial growth promoter
AMU	Antimicrobial use
AMR	Antimicrobial resistance
ATC	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System
ATCvet	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System for veterinary medicines
ATU	Area of Technical Uncertainty
CA	Community-acquired
CC	Clonal complex
CDI	Clostridium difficile infections
CHR	Central Husbandry Register
CPE	Carbapenemase producing Enterobacterales
CPO	Carbapenemase producing organisms
CPR	Danish Civil Registry, register for social security numbers
DAD	Defined Daily Doses per 100 admissions
DADD	Defined Animal Daily Dose
DaDDD	Danish adjusted Defined Daily Doses
DAPD	Defined Animal Daily Dose per 1,000 animals per day
DBD	Defined Daily Doses per 100 occupied bed-days
DCM	Department of clinical microbiology
DDD	Defined Daily Dose
DID	Defined Daily Doses per 1,000 inhabitants per day (DDD/1000 inhabitants/day)
DTU	Technical University of Denmark
DVFA	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration
EARS-Net	The European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
ESC	Extended Spectrum cephalosporinase
EUCAST	European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
GP	General Practitioner
HAI	Hospital-acquired infections
HCAI	Health care associated infections
HACO	Health care associated community onset
HAIBA	Hospital Acquired Infections Database
MiBa	The Danish Microbiology Database
MIC	Minimum inhibitory concentration
MDR	Multidrug-resistant
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NAAT	Nucleic acid amplification test
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PHC	Primary health care
RFCA	Regional Veterinary and Food Control Authorities
SEGES	Knowledge Centre for Agriculture
SSI	Statens Serum Institut
ST	Serotype/Sequence type
VASC	Veterinary advisory service contracts
VMP	Veterinary medicinal products
VetStat	Danish Register of Veterinary Medicines
VRE	Vancomycin-resistant enterococci
VVE	Vancomycin-variable enterococci
WGS	Whole-genome sequencing
WHO	World Health Organization



# Glossary

## **Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification.**

An international classification system for drug consumption studies. The ATC code identifies the therapeutic ingredient(s) of each drug for human use according to the organ or system on which it acts and its chemical, pharmacological and therapeutic properties. Antibacterials for systemic use are known as ATC group J01. The ATC classification is maintained by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics and Methodology (Oslo, Norway) [[www.whocc.no/atcddd/indexdatabase/](http://www.whocc.no/atcddd/indexdatabase/)]. The ATC classification for veterinary medicinal products, ATCvet, is based on the same main principles as the ATC classification system for medicines for human use and is also maintained by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics and Methodology [[www.whocc.no/atcvet/database/](http://www.whocc.no/atcvet/database/)].

**Antibacterial agents.** Synthetic (chemotherapeutics) or natural (antibiotics) substances that destroy bacteria or suppress bacterial growth or reproduction [Source: Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary]. In the section on human consumption, 'antibacterial agents' are referred to as 'antimicrobial agents' (see below).

**Antimicrobial agents.** The term 'antimicrobial agents' covers antibacterial, antiviral, coccidiostatic and antimycotic agents. In the section on veterinary consumption, the broad term 'antimicrobial agents' is generally used because coccidiostats are included. Antiviral substances are not used in veterinary medicine, and antimycotics are only registered for topical veterinary use and used mainly in companion animals. Antimycobacterial agents are not included. The term 'antibacterial agents' is only used in the veterinary section for precision, to distinguish from use of coccidiostats as feed additives (poultry only). In the chapter on human consumption, the term 'antimicrobial agents' refers to all antibacterial agents for systemic use (J01 in the ATC system) including metronidazole and vancomycin, which are used for systemic treatment but registered under the ATC code P01AB01 and A07AA09, respectively.

**Broiler.** A type of chicken raised specifically for meat production. In Denmark, the average weight after slaughter is 1.51 kg.

**Central Husbandry Register (CHR).** This is a register of all Danish farms defined as geographical sites housing production animals. It contains information concerning ownership, farm size, animal species, age groups, number of animals and production type. Each farm has a unique farm identity number (CHR-number).

**Defined Daily Dose (DDD).** This is the assumed average maintenance dose per day for a drug used for its main indication in adults. It should be emphasised that the Defined Daily Dose is a unit of measurement and does not necessarily reflect the recommended or prescribed daily dose. DDDs provide a

fixed unit of measurement independent of price and formulation, enabling the assessment of trends in drug consumption and to perform comparisons between population groups. The DDDs are defined and revised yearly by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics and Methodology [[www.whocc.no/atcddd/indexdatabase/](http://www.whocc.no/atcddd/indexdatabase/)].

**Defined Daily Dose per 100 admissions (DAD).** DAD measures the amount of daily doses consumed per 100 admitted patients at hospitals during a given timeframe (one year). It is used for benchmarking consumption related to the hospital activity and will typically be compared to the consumption measured in DBD (see below). DAD and DBD will generally be applied to comparing individual hospitals and consumption of individual drug classes over time. In DANMAP DAD covers all patients attended at somatic hospitals only. Admission-days are extracted from the National Patient Registry (Landspatientregistret, LPR). Time of reporting differs between hospitals and closing time for reporting is later than extraction time for the DANMAP report.

**Defined animal daily dose (DADD).** DADD is the average maintenance dose per day for a drug used for its main indication in the appropriate animal species. DADD has been specifically defined for use in DANMAP and does not always completely match the "prescribed daily dose" or the recommended dosage in the Summaries of Product Characteristics (SPC). The DADD is defined as mg active compound per kg live biomass for each antimicrobial agent, administration route and animal species. In DANMAP 2012, the DADD replaced the ADD (as defined in VetStat and assigned at product level). For more details, see section 9.2, Materials and Methods and the applied DADD's are listed in the web annex.

**DADD per 1,000 animals per day (DAPD).** Trends in veterinary consumption, both within and across species, are presented in DAPD, which allows for comparison between sectors and adjustment for changes in live biomass. The estimated live biomass is expressed as the number of standard animals with an estimated average weight and lifetime. This may also be referred to as the 'standard-animals-at-risk' and takes into account species differences in body-mass and lifespan. The DAPD is a statistical measure, providing an estimate of the proportion of animals (in thousands) treated daily with a particular antimicrobial agent. For example, 10 DAPDs indicate that an estimated 1% of the population, on average, receives a certain treatment on a given day (see section 9.2, Materials and Methods).

**Defined Daily Doses per 100 occupied bed-days (DBD).** DBD is the consumption calculated in defined daily doses at hospitals, divided through the number of bed-days. This allows comparison of hospitals related to the length of patient stays.

The number of bed-days is extracted from The National Patient Registry (Landspatientregistret, LPR). Time of reporting differs between hospitals and closing time for reporting is later than extraction time for the DANMAP report. Every patient admitted to hospital accounts for one bed-day, independent of the actual length of stay within every 24 hours. This corresponds to the actual hours at hospital divided by 24 hours and rounded up to the next whole number. For patients transferred between wards each transfer will count as a new bed-day. Non-ended hospital stays are not included.

**DDD per 1,000 inhabitants per day (DID).** Consumption in both primary health care, hospital care and the overall total consumption is presented in DID, allowing for comparison between sectors and for illustration of the consumption in hospital care without taking hospital activity (discharges and length of stays) into account. Data presented in DID provide a rough estimate of the proportion of the population within a defined area treated daily with certain drugs. For example, 10 DIDs indicate that 1% of the population on average gets a certain treatment daily. In figures presented as DDD/1000 inhabitants/day.

**ESBL.** In the DANMAP report, 'ESBL' describes the clinically important acquired beta-lactamases with activity against extended-spectrum cephalosporins; including the classical class A ESBLs (CTX-M, SHV, TEM), the plasmid-mediated AmpC and OXA-ESBLs [Giske et al. 2009. J. Antimicrob. Chemother. 63: 1-4].

**Finishers.** Pigs from 30-100 kg live weight from after the weaner stage to time of slaughter.

**Fully sensitive.** An isolate will be referred to as fully sensitive if susceptible to all antimicrobial agents included in the test panel for the specific bacteria.

**Human clinical samples/isolates.** In the DANMAP report, human clinical samples and/or isolates refers to the sample being taken in a clinical situation, meaning in the course of diagnosing and treating a possible infection in a patient.

**Human screening samples/isolates.** In the DANMAP report, human screening samples and/or isolates refers to sampling being performed for monitoring purposes in a defined group of asymptomatic individuals. Examples are rectal swaps to

determine carriage of multi-resistant bacteria in the intestine or swaps from the throat, nostrils or perineum to determine carriage of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

**Intramammaries.** Antimicrobial agents for local application in the mammary gland (udder) to treat mastitis.

**Layer.** A hen raised to produce eggs for consumption.

**Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC).** This is the lowest concentration of antimicrobial agent in a given culture medium, e.g. broth or agar, below which growth of the bacteria is not inhibited.

**Multi-resistant.** A *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Enterococcus* or *E. coli* isolate is assumed multi-resistant if it is resistant to three or more of the main antimicrobial classes. The number of antimicrobial classes and antimicrobial agents included in this definition depend on the test panel for each bacterium.

**Pets or pet animals.** Dogs, cats, birds, mice, Guinea pigs and more exotic species kept at home for pleasure, rather than kept for work or food. Horses are not included as pet animals. The live biomasses of Danish pets used for estimating veterinary consumption only include dogs and cat.

**Piglet.** The new-born pig is called a piglet from birth till they are permanently separated from the sow at 3-4 weeks of age. The weight of the piglet at weaning is approximately 7 kg.

**Poultry.** The major production species are fowl *Gallus gallus* (broilers, layers, including breeding and rearing) and turkey. Regarding antimicrobial consumption, 'poultry' also includes domesticated ducks, geese, game birds and pigeons.

**Sow.** Any breeding female pig on the farm.

**Weaner.** Any pig of 7-30 kg live weight after it has been weaned (dry diet and water only).

