

Introduction

The latest routine international evaluation for SNP Training for clinical mastitis took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from six (6) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for SNP Training for clinical mastitis of bulls from Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States of America were computed. Brown Swiss, Holstein and Jersey breed data were included in this evaluation.

Changes in national procedures

Changes in the national genetic evaluation of SNP Training for clinical mastitis are as follows:

DEU (ALL)	Decrease in information due to pedigree and phenotype corrections, Base change
CHE (ALL)	Base change. Decrease in information due to manual edits in the database
CAN (ALL)	Base change
USA (ALL)	Pedigree corrections and herd-year minimum edits causing drops in information
FRA (ALL)	Base change

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ROUTINE RUN

Post-processing Windows:

According to the decision taken by ITC in Orlando (2015) to review the post-processing windows every 5 years, during the 2020 the relative working group has been re-activated and new windows have been identified.

As before, the upper bounds have been set to 0.99 as these were judged to have very little effect on evaluations while the lower values have been reduced to the 10th percentile. This reduction would provide post-processed correlations to be closer to the real estimated ones. Over the past five years, in fact, the previous adopted lower value (25th percentile) had been found too high causing estimated and post-processed correlations to differ significantly from each other. The new lower values have been applied to all breeds and traits.

The weight assigned to the magnitude of the changes tested by each country has also been revised. The new weight will allow post-processed correlations to take more in consideration the value of the new estimated ones even when no changes are applied by the countries.

The new weights are as follows:

No changes	:: 2
Small changes	:: 1
Big changes	:: 0

More information can be read on https://interbull.org/ib/rg_procedure

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Data were national genetic evaluations of AI sampled bulls with at least 10 daughters or 10 EDC (for clinical mastitis and maternal calving traits at least 50 daughters or 50 EDC, and for direct calving traits at least 50 calvings or 50 EDC) in at least 10 herds. Table 1 presents the amount of data included in this Interbull evaluation for all breeds.

National proofs were first de-regressed within country and then analysed jointly with a linear model including the effects of evaluation country, genetic group of bull and bull merit. Heritability estimates used in both the de-regression and international evaluation were as in each country's national evaluation.

Table 2 presents the date of evaluation as supplied by each country

Estimated genetic parameters and sire standard deviations are shown in APPENDIX I and the corresponding number of common bulls are listed in APPENDIX II.

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

The international genetic evaluation procedure is based on international work described in the following scientific publications:

International genetic evaluation computation:
Schaeffer. 1994. J. Dairy Sci. 77:2671-2678
Klei, 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:3-7

Verification and Genetic trend validation:
Klei et al., 2002. Interbull Bulletin 29:178-182.
Boichard et al., 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:431-437

Weighting factors:
Fikse and Banos, 2001. J. Dairy Sci. 84:1759-1767

De-regression:
Sigurdsson and G. Banos. 1995. Acta Agric. Scand. 45:207-219
Jairath et al. 1998. J. Dairy Sci. Vol. 81:550-562

Genetic parameter estimation:
Klei and Weigel, 1998, Interbull Bulletin 17:8-14
Sullivan, 1999. Interbull Bulletin 22:146-148

Post-processing of estimated genetic correlations:
Mark et al., 2003, Interbull Bulletin 30:126-135
Jorjani et al., 2003. J. Dairy Sci. 86:677-679
<https://wiki.interbull.org/public/rG%20procedure?action=print>

Time edits
Weigel and Banos. 1997. J. Dairy Sci. 80:3425-3430

International reliability estimation
Harris and Johnson. 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:31-36

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next routine evaluation can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next test run can be found on
<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL ROUTINE RUN

Results were distributed by the Interbull Centre to designated representatives in each country. The international evaluation file comprised international proofs expressed on the base and unit of each country included in the analysis. Such records readily provide more information on bull performance in various countries, thereby minimizing the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honor the agreed code of practice, decided by the Interbull Steering Committee, and only publish international evaluations on their own country scale. Evaluations expressed on another country scale are confidential and may only be used internally for research and review purposes.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL TEST RUN

Test evaluation results are meant for review purposes only and should not be published.

^LTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for SNP training for clinical mastitis (April Routine Evaluation 2022).
Number of records for clinical mastitis by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS						
BEL						
CAN			5064	245		
CHE	711		732			
CZE						
DEA						
DEU			4603			
DFS						
ESP						
EST						
FRA	388		12563			
FRM						
GBR						
HUN						
IRL						
ISR						
ITA						
JPN						
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD			2567			
NOR						
NZL						
POL						
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY						
USA			7530	812		
ZAF						
HRV						
CAM						
No. Records	1099		33059	1057		
Pub. Proofs	1039	0	28081	911	0	0

^LAPPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

BSW	cma					
	CHE	FRA				
CHE	11.44					
FRA	0.86	1.05				

HOL	cma					
	CAN	CHE	DEU	FRA	USA	NLD
CAN	7.77					
CHE	0.89	10.71				
DEU	0.89	0.94	9.93			

FRA	0.92	0.95	0.92	1.19		
USA	0.82	0.85	0.87	0.86	2.37	
NLD	0.83	0.93	0.83	0.86	0.82	4.98

 JER cma

	CAN	USA
CAN	8.26	
USA	0.83	2.51

 ^LAPPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

BSW

common bulls below diagonal
 common three quarter sib group above diagonal
 CHE FRA

CHE	0	71
FRA	54	0

GUE

HOL

common bulls below diagonal
 common three quarter sib group above diagonal
 CAN CHE DEU FRA USA NLD

CAN	0	262	800	838	1249	338
CHE	227	0	265	229	239	143
DEU	619	238	0	928	787	552
FRA	631	199	609	0	913	496
USA	1407	208	658	674	0	359
NLD	321	127	492	369	322	0

JER

common bulls below diagonal
 common three quarter sib group above diagonal
 CAN USA

CAN	0	86
USA	79	0

RDC

SIM
