To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to your request for industry corroboration for the claims made in the REF2014 impact case study entitled “Control of bovine viral diarrhoea virus in livestock”.

In my opinion BVD is one of the most important of the endemic infectious diseases that the UK cattle industry has to confront at this time causing widespread financial loss and significant cattle welfare issues.

SRUC’s work in this area has helped the establishment of BVD control programme for CHeCS and an evidence base for UK stakeholders in particular vets and farmers.

Without the significant contribution made by SRUC over the last 20 years it is unlikely that the progress that has been realised on BVD control to date would have been achieved. This work underpins the control and potential eradication of BVD from all parts of the UK.

Yours Faithfully

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