**Consent form (Individual interview)**

**Project name:** Exploring pig health management practices on small-scale pig farms in Kiambu County, Kenya.

Dear Mr/Ms,

We are a team of researchers working at the International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya, and at the University of Bristol, in the United Kingdom. We are studying how health is managed on small-scale pig farms in Kiambu County. Currently, very little is known about this group, especially concerning antibiotic use. Therefore we wish to understand how health is managed on these holdings, particularly exploring medicines use. We would like to understand what medicines are used, the reasons for their use, how they are used and what happens to animals following their use. The objective of our work is to understand how responsible antibiotic use practices might be improved and make recommendations about what might be necessary to improve responsible medicine use on holdings such as your own.

To achieve this, we need to speak to pig keepers such as yourself and are therefore asking for your kind participation with the research. We would like to talk to you about your pigs, how you manage the holding and also collect information on what medicines you use on the pigs and why and how you use them. Today, we would like to hear about the holding by walking round the pigs together and hearing about your experiences. We would expect this visit to take around one hour. Then, we will leave you with a medicine waste bin which you should use to dispose of any medicines the you give any of the pigs from now (our first visit to you), for the next four weeks. We will also leave you with a sheet of paper to record medicines used in this time. You will receive weekly visits from a member of the research team one week from now to discuss how you are getting on with using the bin and records. Each week we will look at the contents of the bin together and discuss what medicines you have used for the pigs, as well as any disease problems you have experienced in the pigs. We would expect this to last around half an hour. On the final visit (after four weeks) we will also look at your medicines store together and also do a sorting exercise where you put different medicines into different piles according to which you have used. We would expect this visit to last around one hour.

So that the researchers can analyse the interviews, visits will be audio recorded and the contents of the medicine waste bin and records will be written down. For research purposes only, we would also like to take pictures of the contents of the medicine waste bin and records during the interview and may also ask to take photos of the pigs and possibly the holding. These would only be taken with your express permission and all photos will not be identifiable to you. All data collected will be anonymized so that any personal data disclosed during the interview will remain confidential to the research team. Data will then be analysed by the main researchers only and data will be used for research purposes only, such as for presentations at international conferences or in publications. Nothing identifiable to you (such as your name or specific location) will be displayed with any of the data and your identity will remain anonymous in any reports or presentations.

We would very much appreciate your help and collaboration in this project. Your participation is very important to the success of this study. We believe the results of this project will, at some point, be beneficial to you and we would be happy to communicate them once they are ready. We highlight that this work is being carried out by independent research workers at ILRI, which has a mandate to study animal-related issues. We do not represent any government body or private company.

We would like to draw to your attention the fact that the data that you provide to the researchers of this project during the interview could be published in form of scientific reports and/or in scientific papers. However, all personal data concerning you and your practices will be anonymised at all times. Please note that signing this form does not affect your right to refuse participation in the research at a later date or stop the interview at any point.

***“I consent that the information disclosed during the interview may be used for internal reports within the International Livestock Research Institute, the University of Bristol, and other project partners institutions, and in documents that will be in the public domain such as external reports and published scientific research papers”.***

**Signature/ Date:**

**Name/s:**

**Telephone number:**

**Holding address:**

If you would like to discuss this project further with one of the research team please contact Dr Nicholas Bor 0711033058 or Dr Lian Thomas 071103-3280

If you have any concerns about the way that the research has been conducted and would like to speak to an independent member of the Institutional Research Ethics Committee, please contact:

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