



*OFFLU swine influenza virus meeting  
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# What is WHO VCM?

- Primary function is to select components of seasonal human influenza vaccine. Meets in late Feb and late September
- Since early-mid 2000 also reviewed zoonotic influenza activity and provided candidate vaccine viruses to cover those of highest public health concern.
- OFFLU sends 2 participants
- Three day meeting with first data session dedicated to zoonotic viruses
  - H5/H9 –primarily centers on viruses from birds
  - H7/variants-primarily centers on human isolates

# Is there a role for data from OFFLU SIV group?

- Would require a single report with contemporary data.
  - Not doing anything better than doing it poorly
- Primary use would be to put zoonotic infections into perspective.
- Data of most interest
  - Unique events
  - Prevalence (even relative)
  - Sequence (anything relevant not in public databases)
  - Antigenic information esp as relating to contemporary human viruses and human serology