

To the editor — Aan die redakteur

Request for retraction of published statement on EIA

In the article 'An investigation of equine infectious anaemia infection in the Central Anatolia region of Turkey' by O Yapkiç, S Yavru, M Kale, O Buluty, A Şimşek and K C Şahna (2007, 78(1): 12–14), it is stated that equine infectious anaemia is endemic to South Africa.

Equine infectious anaemia (EIA) was last seen in South Africa in 1955. The Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS)

requested a follow-up on the statement in the article and the authors led the DVS to a mistake in the records of the OIE. The DVS has requested the OIE to investigate the matter and the OIE has since corrected the mistake.

The second reference supplied by the author uses Wikipedia as a source. The statement in Wikipedia was added by and anonymous author without any scientific

proof or peer-reviewed reference.

EIA is not endemic in South Africa and has not been found since 1955. The DVS wants to prevent the use of this statement as a reference in future articles.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services therefore requests the editor to publish a correction.

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