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## **SUBJECT: Opinion of the Ethics Committee of the Croatian Veterinary Institute**

The Ethics Committee of the Croatian Veterinary Institute has considered a request for an opinion regarding a scientific project proposal under the working title: "Application of metagenomics in microbiome research of wild boars from bordering areas of the Republic of Croatia" applied by the leading author, Dr. Jelena Prpić, PhD. The project proposal will be applied under a call opened by the Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ: IP-2019-04). The Ethics Committee of the Croatian Veterinary Institute (CVI) within a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 gave the following:

### **OPINION**

The CVI Ethics Committee evaluated that the submitted research is in accordance with the Ethics code of CVI and doesn't subject to the requirements of the Ordinance on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (NN 55/13) and Ordinance on the change of the Ordinance on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (NN 39/17) since it doesn't involve any animal experiment.

### **EXPLANATION**

In the application form of the leading project proposal author, Dr. Jelena Prpić: "Application of the metagenomics in microbiome research of wild boars from bordering areas of the Republic of Croatia" it is concluded that the research plan **doesn't involve animal experiments**. All samples that will be used will be collected through a Classical swine fever monitoring programme conducted in wild boars. This research is not a subject of the requirements of the Ordinance on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (NN 55/13) and Ordinance on the change of the Ordinance on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (NN 39/17) since it doesn't involve any animal experiment.

Chairman of the Ethics Committee

Assist. Prof. Svjetlana Terzić, PhD. DVM

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1. Dr. Jelena Prpić
2. Ethics Committee of the Croatian Veterinary Institute
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