

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

Molecular data for infectious diseases 816 (OHB 816)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MSc (Veterinary Tropical Diseases) Global One Health (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Veterinary Tropical Diseases
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

MID is a module for molecular biologists on the implementation of molecular techniques, and more specifically the use of molecular data in tropical lowresource settings. In MID, molecular techniques and data are discussed in the context of clinical and epidemiological field studies on infectious diseases.

Pathogen and vector identity, dynamics, and transmission often form an integral part of such studies. These phenomena can be documented using DNA and RNA techniques. Despite rapid advancements in molecular methods, their implementation in low-resource environments often remains cumbersome due to logistic, financial, and human resource constraints. MID focusses on the selection and analysis of appropriate assays and their implementation in a particular research setting.

Participants work in small groups to critically discuss peer-reviewed papers and to develop their own protocol and implementation plan. The focus of the module is to select and validate an appropriate molecular method in the study context, and to implement that method in the given setting for optimal qualitative data acquisition and analysis.

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