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Dr Lesley Stringer qualified as a veterinary surgeon from Glasgow University in 1988 and worked in mixed veterinary practice and the State Veterinary Service in Northern Ireland and Great Britain before undertaking a PhD in Veterinary Epidemiology at the EpiCentre, Massey University in 2007. The title of the PhD was 'Epidemiological studies to inform control strategies for paratuberculosis in farmed deer' and the studies involved a number of field-based projects working with farmed deer in New Zealand. The article submitted to JDVI described one of these studies, which aimed to validate tests for use in deer herd classification schemes as part of the control of paratuberculosis in the deer industry. Lesley has since been involved in teaching and research in New Zealand, and is currently working again with the Northern Ireland State Veterinary Service in the Veterinary Epidemiology Unit of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. She has maintained an interest in mycobacterial diseases, with much of her current work directed at the epidemiology of bovine tuberculosis in cattle in Northern Ireland.