**Press Release – 17th October 2014**

**SCOPS Urges UK Vets, advisers and farmers to heed their advice to integrate the 4-AD and 5-SI wormer classes into the worm control programmes.**

The SCOPS group is aware of a report of resistance to the 4-AD group of anthelmintics (monepantel) in The Netherlands in sheep nematodes. The full details are not yet available but we understand this situation has arisen because the farms have relied on the 4-AD product because they have resistance to all the other classes available to them.

This comes as a timely warning to the UK, says Peter Baber, Chair of SCOPS and sheep farmer. It is exactly the situation SCOPS predicted would occur if we do not integrate the new groups into worm control strategies before the older products become ineffective’. ‘There are still a large number of UK farms where one or more of the 3 older groups remains effective. If we carefully integrate the 4-AD and 5-SI products into worm control programmes now, it will extend the useful life of all groups. The Dutch example serves to illustrate the folly of us leaving them until they are the only option’.

For more advice on how SCOPS suggests these groups are used visit [www.scops.org.uk](http://www.scops.org.uk).

The Dutch information can be found at <http://www.gddiergezondheid.nl/schaapgeit>

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