

AWI Breech Strike R&D Technical Update
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SkinTraction®

An intradermal alternative to mulesing



Sodium lauryl sulphate (SLS) is used in every day life

- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Shampoos (up to 30%)
- ✓ Creams, lotions and medical preparations
- ✓ Wetting agent in insecticides/herbicides



SkinTraction[®]

Mode of Action

SLS denatures protein

- Damaged skin forms a hard eschar (scab) after about 6 days
- After about 14 days body starts to dislodge the eschar
- After about 7 weeks the eschar is fully dislodged
- Breech modification continues until after first lambing



Modified Pulse Needlefree™ Applicator



SkinTraction[®] Tube detail



SkinTraction[®] Field trials

Aim of field trials:

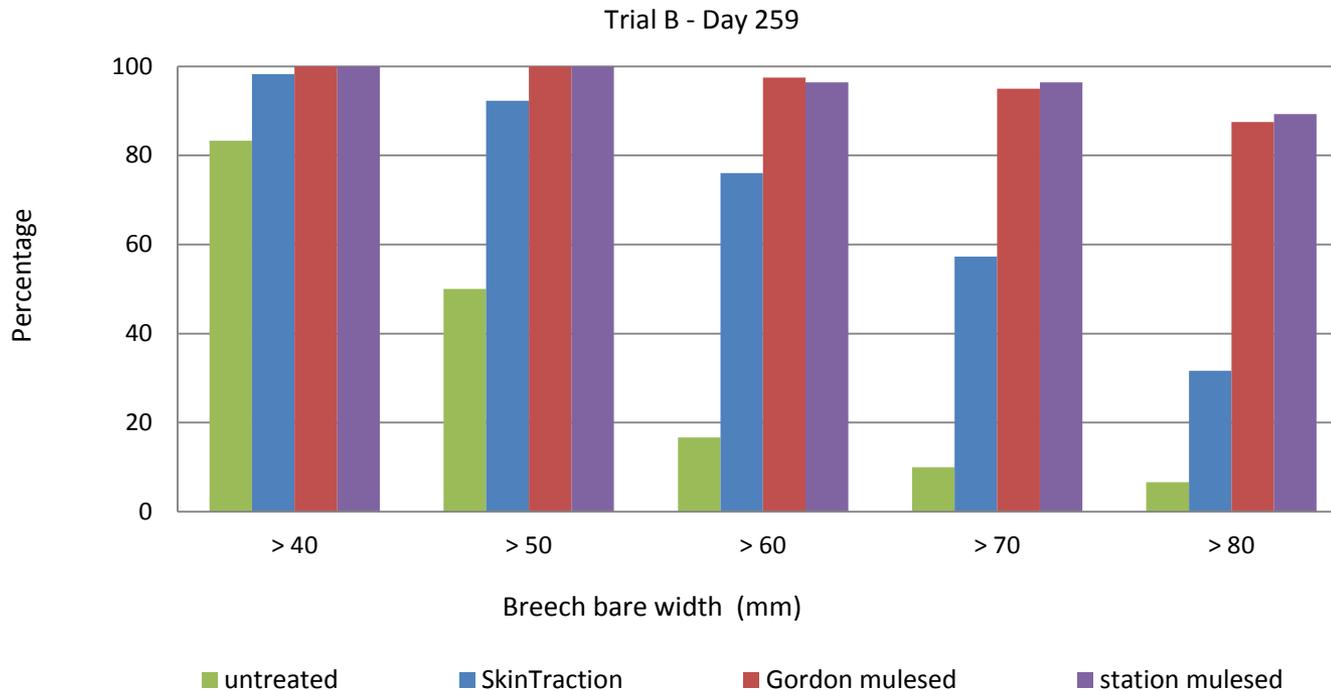
- Maximise breech modification
 - ✓ Breech bare area
 - ✓ Tail bare area
 - ✓ Reduce wrinkle score

- Minimise stress to the animal

Field Trial results

Phase 4

Trial B - Breech width



Field Trial results

Phase 4

Trial B - Wrinkle count



Field Trial results

Phase 4

Treatment Protocol - Applicator settings (not adjustable)

- ✓ Pressure set at 50psi
- ✓ Volume per application 1.25ml (approximately 0.08ml per tube)
- ✓ Number of tubes per head 16



Treatment Protocol

Best practice protocol for mulesing and SkinTraction

- ✓ Inoculate against tetanus
- ✓ Do not treat sheep during black fly season
- ✓ Sheep must have blowfly protection during blowfly season



Treatment Protocol

Specific for SkinTraction

- ✓ Antiseptic applied to breech before SkinTracting
- ✓ Condition score > 2.5
- ✓ Breech wool length < 8mm



Treatment Protocol

Specific for SkinTraction - skin integrity

- Mature skin – sheep weight > 30kg
- Skin not dehydrated
- No skin cuts
- Skin not macerated or inflamed due to moisture from urine and faeces.



SkinTraction Transition from R&D to commercialisation

- ❑ Increase throughput
- ❑ Develop procedures to SkinTract high dag and high wrinkle score animals



APVMA Registration

- ❑ Cobbett Technologies is negotiating with the APVMA on label details.
- ❑ Cobbett Technologies expect that these discussions should lead to a positive outcome and that SkinTraction will be able to satisfy the APVMA's requirements for registration.



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