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Katharina graduated as a veterinarian from Zurich Veterinary School and obtained her PhD from Massey University (New Zealand). Over the last 25 years, she conducted applied research on infectious diseases and zoonoses as well as risk analysis, surveillance and animal health decision making in relation to animal-derived food. She worked in diverse environments including private industry in Denmark and academia in Switzerland and the UK. Katharina has repeatedly served on international working groups and expert panels for organization such as the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA).

In 2019, Katharina joined the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, Switzerland, as Head of Department of Animal Health. Since 2023, she is Head of the Science Department. Her unit leads research, training and risk assessment activities for animal health, animal welfare and food safety.

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