**Guidelines for Sample Multiple Choice Questions**

**At the top of the page include the Title, Authors, Reference, and Abstract from your Review summary, just a quick cut and paste.**

• Format:

* A multiple choice question (in ACZM format)
  + 1 correct answer + 4 distractors
  + No negative questions
  + All distractors must be “real” i.e. no made-up species, pathogens, etc.
  + The common and scientific name of a species must be listed in the question and any distractors
  + All distractors should be of similar length
  + Do not include any portion of the reference in the question
  + The question should be no more than 2-3 lines of text
  + Avoid distractors which are mutually exclusive
    - i.e. there are 2 distractors that are contradictory, thus allowing the examinee to easily eliminate all other distractors besides those two
  + Ensure the distractor was actually proven to be *wrong* according to the reference or another reference
    - For example, if the study did not examine the effect of age as a risk factor for disease X, then you should not list “age” as a distractor for a question about that study. The authors did not actually prove whether or not age was a risk factor—it was simply not examined.
* Slide exam question – great choice if you feel the reference is a Day 2 question in any of the 4 disciplines, and there is a good photo within the text

• Correct answers should be listed for all questions

• Not every reference will lend itself to a question!

* In that case, write a multiple choice question on the taxonomic group or the disease etiology discussed in the reference using assigned readings from the core textbooks as the source of documentable information