

## Supplementary Material S1 – Interview Questioning Guide

1. What was your experience/what signs did you notice that indicated SBV cases in: lambs, ewes, and rams?
2. Looking back were there any signs in the affected flock from tupping to lambing that may have indicated there was an issue with SBV infection?
3. What signs did you see specifically in ewes that had affected lambs (from tupping to lambing)?
4. What sort of lambing assistance did ewes/lambs suspected with SBV need?
5. What impact does SBV have on flock welfare?
6. What is the expected/estimated financial impact of SBV on the farm (describe where losses occurred)?
7. What was the impact on your health and emotional wellbeing?
8. Has Schmallerberg meant that you are less likely to farm sheep in the future?  
If yes, what are the concerns?
9. What changes have you made following the experience of SBV in your flock?
10. Have you changed the timing of your lambing period?  
If not, why not?
11. With hindsight, when do you suspect SBV infection first occurred in your flock?  
Do you suspect SBV occurred during autumn/winter 2011 or spring 2012?
12. Have you considered using SBV vaccination?  
If yes, would you vaccinate all your sheep?  
If no, would you vaccinate part of the flock e.g., rams, ram lambs, ewe lambs, 2-tooths, ewes?
13. If you were warning other producers to be alert to SBV, what typical signs would you expect to see in an outbreak of SBV?
14. Do you have any other comments about the impact of Schmallerberg on your flock?