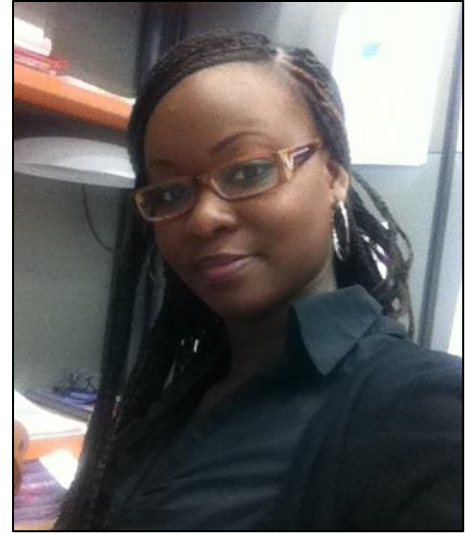


Native of Ivory Coast, **Prisca Kone** obtained a degree in veterinary medicine from Université El Tarf in Algeria (2005-2010) for which she received a national scholarship from Ivory Coast. Although pet surgery fascinated her, she needed a clearer picture of animal production, and in 2012, she obtained her Master (Msc) in Quality and Environment in Animal Production from Université François Rabelais, Tours in France. Eager to improve her knowledge in research, since 2013, she has been enrolled in a PhD program at Université Laval, under the supervision of Prof. Linda Saucier, specialist in Meat Microbiology. Her study focuses on improving the microbiological quality and safety of rabbit meat, a



project which aims at developing new feeding strategies to improve meat quality. These nutritional strategies include using plant extracts (onion, strawberry, cranberry; NutraCanada) and essential oils (Xtract, Pancosma) to control spoilage and pathogenic organisms that grow on rabbit meat. Her thesis includes also the use of Micocin® (*Carnobacterium maltaromaticum*) to study the impact of a diet enriched with desirable organisms, such as probiotics or protective cultures, on carcass hygiene. She hopes to complete her defense later this year. She aspires to become a meat scientist involved in research and development in a university, government, or meat processing industry.

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