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Risk factors for transmission of zoonotic diseases through milk or milk products

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Risk factors

- *The factors that are influencing or are associated with the risk of causing adverse effects (e.g. Infection) in specific subpopulations, or that are protective («protective factors») like vaccination.*
- The identification of such risk factors may derive from different sources:
 - **Epidemiological studies** (e.g. cross sectional, case-control, cohort studies)
 - **Experts opinion** (when gaps in documented knowledge exists)
 - **Risk assessment** studies (to provide more precise estimation of the risk for each subpopulation)



Risk factors

Examples of risk factors at different levels are:

ТВАРИНА	СТАДО	ПОПУЛЯЦІЯ
Стать	Розмір стада	Сезонність
Вік	Рух стада	Географічна ніша
Порода	Виробнича система	



Examples of risk factors

Spatial factors

Climate
Habitats, land use
Population densities
Trade
Wildlife
Vectors

Host factors

Animal species
Age of animals
Age of human hosts
Behaviour

Management factors

Biosafety
Husbandry
Movement contacts
Feeding practice
Antimicrobial usage
Processing practices



Identification of Risk Factors

Epidemiological studies are conducted to identify risk factors using the several measures

(strength of association).

- these allow quantifying the consequences from exposure to a risk factor, and are used to predict, quantify the effect of prevention and to plan control programs



Risk factors for bovine brucellosis

- history of abortion,
- large herd size,
- mixed farming,
- agroecological zones,
- contact with wildlife,
- new entry in the herd,
- artificial insemination, etc.



Seroprevalence and risk factors for bovine brucellosis in Jordan

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We investigated the seroprevalence and risk factors for *Brucella* seropositivity in cattle in Jordan. The sera from 671 cows were randomly collected from 62 herds. The antibodies against *Brucella* were detected using a Rose

developing countries, brucellosis is still considered the most serious and devastating zoonotic disease [2,3,19]. For example, in Jordan, the annual reports of the Ministry of Health (2005) indicated the c

Conclusion: The multiple logistic regression model revealed that a larger herd size and mixed farming were risk factors for cattle seropositivity to *Brucella* spp.

Table 2. Multivariable logistic regression analysis of the variables associated with cattle herds' seropositivity for *Brucella* in Jordan

Variable*	β	SE	OR	95% CI _{OR}	p-value
Constant	0.92	0.05	-	-	<0.01
Large herd size	1.2	0.11	1.3	1.1, 2.6	0.02
Mixed farming [†]	0.98	0.07	2.0	1.7, 3.7	0.05
Use of disinfectants	-1.1	0.10	1.9	1.1, 2.1	0.04
Veterinary services	-0.8	0.08	1.6	1.2, 3.2	0.04

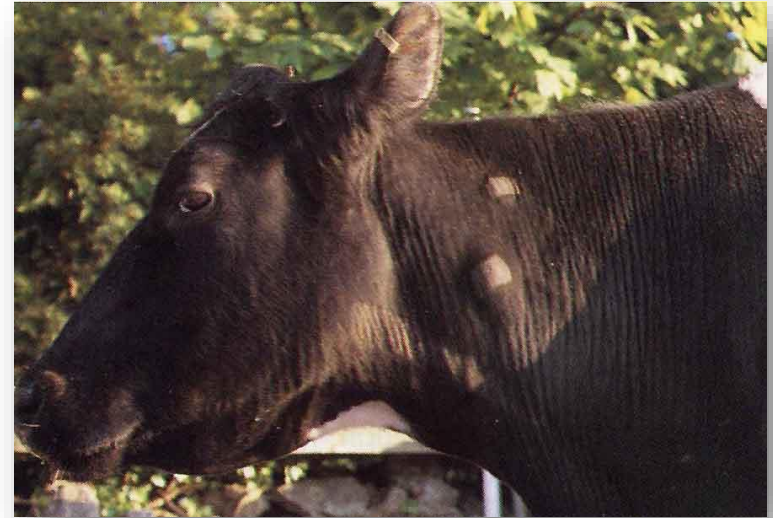
* β : standard coefficient (that is affected by the positive "risk" or negative "protective" sense), SE: standard error, OR: odd ratio.

[†]Mixed farming: raising sheep and/or goats along with cattle. The likelihood ratio according to chi-square testing = 88 (df = 20).



Risk factors for bovine tuberculosis

- livestock systems (extensive, intensive),
- breeds (local, exotic, cross-breed),
- herd size,
- age,
- cattle movement,
- ecological and geographic factors,
- farm structures,
- farm management practices,
- bovine TB control and eradication programmes,
- regional TB incidences,
- wildlife densities,
- occurrence of TB on contiguous premises and/or level of TB in surrounding areas (infection pressure)



New Assessment of Bovine Tuberculosis Risk Factors in Belgium Based on Nationwide Molecular Epidemiology^{∇†}

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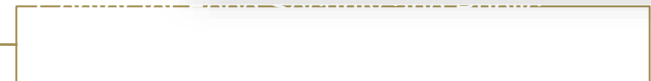
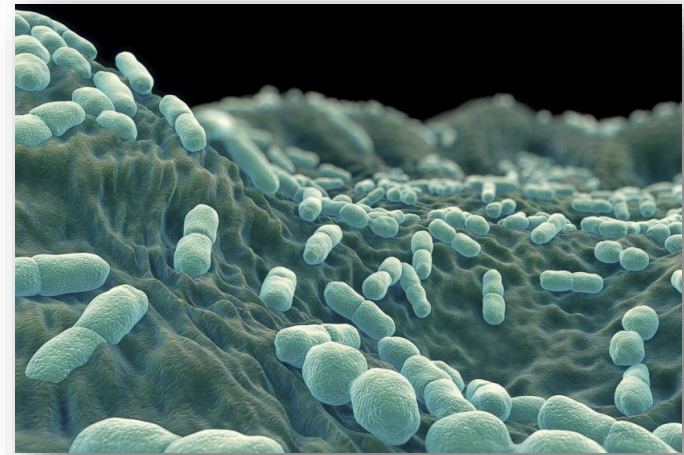
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Conclusion: several risk factors were identified: history of bovine tuberculosis in the herd, proximity of an outbreak, cattle density, and annual amplitude of mean middle-infrared temperature. It also emphasizes the role of animals' movements in the transmission of the disease and supports the importance of controlling trade movements.



Risk factors for Listeriosis

- *Listeria* spp survives at refrigeration temperatures and over a wide range of pH
- poor quality silage with a high pH (pH >4.0),
- inadequately controlled milking
- inadequate frequency of cleaning the exercise area,
- poor cow cleanliness,
- incorrect disinfection of towels between milkings



Prevalence of and Risk Factors for *Listeria* Species on Dairy Farms

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Conclusion: Statistical analyses confirmed the relationship between low silage quality (as indicated by high pH) and presence of *Listeria* spp. in silage. Only milking system and inadequately controlled milking order had statistically significant effects on management practices for increasing the risk of *Listeria* contamination of bulk-tank milk.



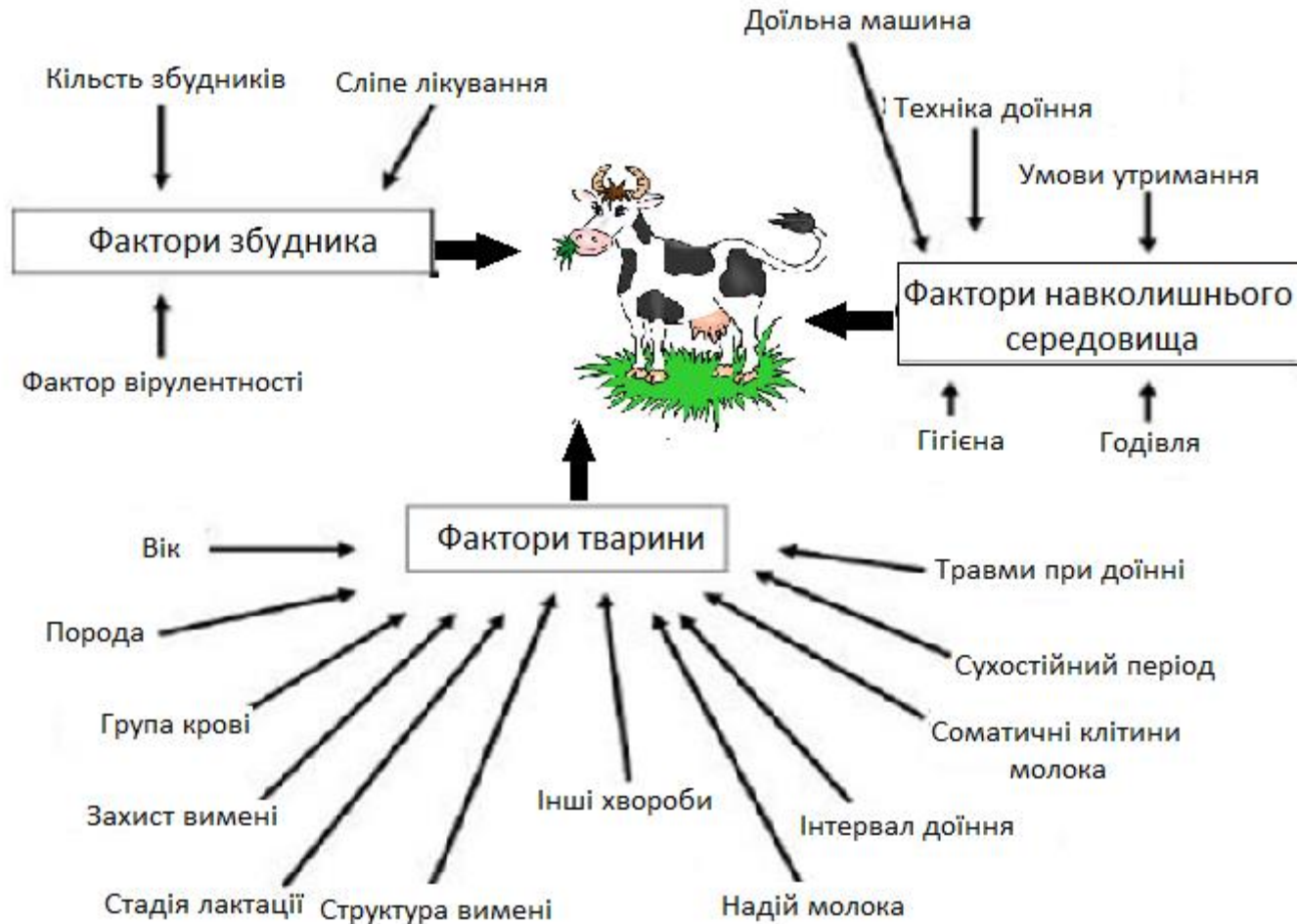
Table 4. Associations between management practices and presence of *Listeria* spp. in bulk-tank milk on 98 Galician dairy farms

Variable	Positive samples, n (%)	P-value ¹	Odds ratio	95% CI ²
Stable management				
Ventilation				
Reduced	5/23 (21.7)	0.44	0.63	0.19–2.05
Good	11/74 (11.9)			
Cleanliness				
Poor	6/36 (16.7)	0.80	0.86	0.28–2.67
Good	9/61 (14.7)			
Milking				
Milking system				
Parlor	4/40 (10)	0.01	1.00	
Pipeline	12/42 (28.6)		2.87	
Bucket	0/15 (0)		0	
Identification of mastitic cows				
No	12/58 (20.7)	0.17	0.44	0.13–1.47
Yes	4/39 (10.3)			
Correct milking order				
No	8/25 (32)	0.01	0.26	0.08–0.81
Yes	7/65 (10.7)			
Forestripping				
No	2/20 (10)	0.37	2.03	0.42–9.79
Yes	14/76 (18.4)			
Check that cows lie down after milking				
No	8/64 (12.5)	0.18	2.13	0.69–6.56
Yes	7/30 (23.3)			

¹Significance ($P \leq 0.05$) of χ^2 test.

²95% CI = confidence interval of odds ratio.

Risk factors for mastitis



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Prevalence and Risk Factors of Mastitis in Lactating Dairy Cows in Southern Ethiopia

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Conclusion: Inadequate sanitation of dairy environment, poor animal health service, and lack of proper attention to health of the mammary glands were important factors contributing to high prevalence of mastitis. Some recommendations were forwarded for improved control of mastitis in the region.



Table 2. Prevalence of mastitis in milking cows in Southern Ethiopian as influenced by breed, stage of lactation, age, and parity.

Risk Factors	No. Examined	CM	SCM	Total	χ^2	OR (95% CI)
Breed					47.5*	
Local zebu	446	21 (4.7)	117 (26.2)	138 (30.9)		1.2 (1.0-1.5)
Zebu x Holstein-Fresian	259	35 (13.5)	38 (14.7)	73 (28.2)		1.0
Holstein-Fresian	186	49 (26.3)	56 (30.1)	105 (56.5)		3.3 (2.5-4.4)
Jersey	83	11 (13.3)	13 (15.7)	24 (28.9)		1.0
Lactation Stage					28.0*	
Early	214	64 (29.9)	34 (15.9)	98 (45.8)		2.4 (1.8-3.2)
Mid	403	31 (7.7)	73 (18.1)	104 (25.8)		1.0
Late	357	20 (5.6)	118 (33.1)	138 (38.7)		1.8 (1.5-2.2)
Age					30.3*	
Young adults	326	53 (16.3)	24 (7.4)	77 (23.6)		1.0
Adults	399	48 (12.1)	104 (26.1)	152 (38.1)		2.0 (1.6-2.4)
Old	249	15 (6.0)	96 (38.6)	111 (44.6)		2.6 (2.0-3.4)
Parity					124.9*	
Few	328	25 (7.6)	12 (3.7)	37 (11.3)		1.0
Moderate	331	31 (9.4)	74 (22.4)	105 (31.7)		3.6 (2.9-4.6)
Many	315	60 (19.0)	138 (43.8)	198 (62.9)		12.8 (10.7-16.9)

CM = clinical mastitis, SCM = subclinical mastitis, OR = odds ratio.

Numbers in parenthesis indicate percentage.

* $P < 0.001$ (highly significant).

Risk factors associated with the antimicrobial resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from bovine mastitis¹

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Table 3. Risk factors associated with *Staphylococcus aureus* antimicrobial resistance as estimated using logistic regression

Antimicrobial	Risk factors	OR†	95% CI‡	P§
Ampicillin	Use of clinical mastitis treatment	2.18	1.10-4.32	0.026
	Not sending milk samples for microbiological culture and susceptibility tests	2.57	1.06-6.24	0.037
Enrofloxacin	Use of dry cow treatment	2.11	1.01-4.44	0.049
Penicillin	Not sending milk samples for microbiological culture and susceptibility tests	4.69	1.10-20.05	0.037

† OR = odds ratio, ‡ CI = confidence interval, § P = probability.

Conclusion: the identification of risk factors for *S. aureus* resistance against various mastitis antimicrobials is an important information that may help in practical recommendations for prudent use of antimicrobial in milk production.



How do pathogens get into raw milk?



Risk Factors for transmission of pathogens through milk or milk products



- Poor animal health
- Poor animal sanitation
- Poor personal hygiene
- Intensive livestock production



Food safety in raw milk production: risk factors associated to bacterial DNA contamination

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Conclusion: The risk factors such as temporary cattle confinement, low milk production, low milking machine cleaning frequency, and milk storage area without tile walls were identified. The risk factors were specific to each region studied. Nevertheless, the data can be used to improve milk quality of dairy farms/ herds with similar management practices.



Table 4 Factors influencing contamination index. Univariate analysis was performed. Each independent variable was crossed with the dependent one and those with $P < 0.05$ by chi-square test were selected for stepwise multiple regression analysis

	South			North		
	Influence	<i>P</i> value	<i>R</i>	Influence	<i>P</i> value	<i>R</i>
Direct factors						
Source of milk (cow or bulk tank)	No	0.262	–	No	0.231	–
Age of milking machine	Yes	<0.001	0.08	No	0.170	–
Cleaning frequency of milking machine	Yes	<0.001	–0.27	Yes	<0.001	0.01
Disinfection frequency of milking machine	Yes	0.003	–0.02	No	0.318	–
Udder washing	No	0.449	–	No	0.919	–
Udder drying	Yes	0.049	–0.20	Yes	0.037	–0.10
Pre-dipping	Yes	<0.001	–0.29	Yes	0.023	0.13
Post-dipping	No	0.053	–	No	0.285	–
Occurrence of mastitis	Yes	<0.001	–0.29	No	0.807	–
Milking parlor	Yes	<0.001	0.26	No	0.427	–
Milk storage area	Yes	<0.001	0.16	No	0.380	–
Indirect factors						
Origin of animals	Yes	0.007	–0.26	No	0.654	–
Other livestock	Yes	<0.001	–0.41	No	0.818	–
Management System	Yes	0.008	0.19	No	0.909	–
Milk production	Yes	<0.001	0.08	No	0.827	–

R = Spearman's correlation coefficient

Risk Factors Associated with Contamination of Raw Milk by *Listeria monocytogenes* in Dairy Farms

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ABSTRACT

A case-control study involving 128 selected dairy farms was conducted to assess the association of several sus-

Listeria monocytogenes is widely distributed in the environment and may be transmitted to humans through contamination of food products. Milk and milk products appear

Conclusion: Using logistic regression, we found that poor quality of silage (pH >4.0), inadequate frequency of cleaning the exercise area., poor cow cleanliness, insufficient lighting of milking bams and parlors, and incorrect disinfection of towels between milkings were significantly associated with milk contamination by *L. monocytogenes*. More attention to preparing silage and good milking and bam hygiene are important for diminishing the risks of exogenous contamination of raw milk by *L. monocytogenes*.



Why do milk borne illnesses occur?

- **Faulty pasteurization of fluid milk**

Defective pasteurizer – less likely

- **Post-pasteurization contamination of milk and milk products**

Likely

- **Raw milk consumption**

Rural communities with access to raw milk

Back to nature (organic milk)

Visitors on farms

Raw milk products





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