

Review of: "Clinical and Subclinical Bovine Mastitis: Staphylococcus aureus Isolation and Identification from Dairy Farms Located in and Around Hawassa Town, Southern Ethiopia"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

- Extensive English editing is required.
- The manuscript contains a lot of repetition; delete repetition.

Abstract:

- You mentioned that the study was conducted on 250 lactating cows, and later on you mentioned 127 milk samples?

Introduction:

- Illustrate what you mean by “per capita”?
- Add the following citation to this modified sentence “Mastitis is known for its damage to the udder tissue, which is reported not only in cattle but also in numerous species including sheep and goats (Salem et al. 2015).

Ramadan A. Salem, Yamen, M. Hegazy, Atef F. Oreiby, Alaa A. Menesy and Magdy H. Al-Gaabary. 2015. Diagnostic, epidemiological and therapeutic studies on subclinical mastitis in sheep and goats at Kafrelsheikh governorate.

Kafrelsheikh Vet. Med. J. 13 (1): 251-262.

- Add the following citations to this modified sentence “Staphylococcal bovine mastitis has been reported as the most important disease on dairy farms because of the reduction of farm profitability, decreased milk production, discarded milk, treatment costs and culling (Julian, 2016), as well as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, which is a therapeutic and public health risk (Oreiby et al. 2019). “

Oreiby, A., Khalifa, H., Eid, A., Ahmed, A., & Shimamoto, T. (2019). Staphylococcus aureus and bovine mastitis: molecular typing of methicillin resistance and clinical description of infected quarters. *Journal of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society*, 70(2), 1511-1516.

- Add the abbreviation spp. to each of the following genera “Mycobacterium, Campylobacter, Leptospira, Clostridium”
- Too much repetition exists in the introduction section; delete repetition.

Materials and methods:

- What is BCS? Illustrate.
- The procedures of “Milk Sample Collection” should include the use of antiseptic teat dipping or spray to exclude contamination from the teat orifice and the external surface of the udder?
- I would recommend to combine “Milk Sample Collection” and “udder cleaning” together in one title as they include the same procedures.
- Do not mention the biochemical test procedures.
- Too much repetition in the materials and methods section; delete repetition.

Results:

- Avoid repetition; either keep the text or the table, not both.