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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES ON SOME BACTERIA CAUSE ABORTION TO SHEEP AND GOATS IN SULAYMANI GOVERNORATE, KURDISTAN, IRAQ.

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### Abstract

The aim of this study was the **main reason** caused abortion in Sheep and goats, determination antimicrobial activity; seventy samples were taken from infection Sheep and got suffering from abortion on privately owned farms in some village in Sulaymani city, Iraq. Fore detection the resent of abortion in (Sheep and got) because there are many cases suffering from abortion. Also this Study was done for determined ***Brucella abortus***, and all samples were tested for Brucella, toxoplasma and ***salmonella abortus***, so that all isolated were identified through cultural, morphological and biochemical examination, in addition to API20Esystem. (40) Samples were isolated from (Sheep and got) positive for ***Brucella abortus***, and five sample was positive for Toxoplasma Susceptibility test To eleven antimicrobials were performed for all isolates.. The isolates were grouped to five anti-bigram The ***B. abortus isolates*** were resistant 100%to Ak .Chl, Tri, 20%toCip,Cef Nit, 40%toAmp,Str60% to Gm ,Rf 80%to Tet that result Resist to more than two antibiotics.

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### Introduction:-

Brucellosis also known as “undulant fever”, “Mediterranean fever” or “Malta fever” is a zoonosis and the infection (Al-Ani et al. 2004 Anon 2001.) is almost invariably transmitted by direct or indirect contact with infected animals or products. (Al Dahouk et al., 2003; Young, 1995)It affects people of all Ages groups and sex. Although there have been great progress in controlling the disease in many countries, there still remain regions where the infection persists in domestic animals and, consequently, transmission to

The human (shekespeare m2009., ocholi r.a., kwaga j.k.p.at el 2005)population frequently occurs. Brucellosis is an infectious disease of animals that is caused by a number of host-adapted species of the Gram negative intra cellular bacteria of the genus *Brucella*. The disease is characterized by abortion (atlas, r.m., et al1995., goden, b., e., a m. athamna, 2005, refai m 2002), retained placenta, orchitis and epididymitis. It is a worldwide zoonotic disease that is recognized as a major cause of heavy economic losses to the livestock industry, and also poses serious human health hazards. While the disease has been eradicated in most industrialized regions, its occurrence is increasing in developing countries. Brucellosis is widespread in Africa, Asia

Latin America and South Europe where it remains one of the most Important zoonotic diseases(minas a 2006, refai m2002)

Also Brucellosis is endemic in Sulaymani city (in Iraq) and, as elsewhere, causes severe economic losses to livestock farmers and ranchers, and is a serious risk to human health. Studies in various parts of the country indicate that the disease is widespread among cattle populations particularly in ranches, Bakrajiw, Kolawasy, Kany Goma, Hanaran farms. In these locations, the prevalence of the disease in sheep ranges between 30% and while in some fields in (Klawasy, Bakrajiw) 50% so that in some villages in Sulaymani city has shown that common in cattle, sheep and goats, although the causes of such abortions have not always been investigated in detail in the laboratory. Brucellosis in sheep and goats is usually caused by *B. melitensis*. Infection with *B. abortus* is rare, so that some samples IGg, IgM for Toxoplasma positive although the association of *B. abortus* with abortion in sheep has been the aim of this paper.

## Materials and Methods:-

### Local bacterial isolates:-

Forty isolated of *Brucella abortus* were isolated taken from blood sheep and goats in Sulaymani city, Iraq during April to May (2015-2016) all samples were tested culturally depending on, morphological and biochemical analysis according to (Andrews and Hammack, 2000) APIE system performed and serology can be used for a presumptive diagnosis of *Brucella abortus*, *Salmonella thyphi*, and *Toxoplasma*. *Brucella abortus* can be isolated on a variety of plain media or selective media such as Tryptone soya agar, Columbia agar, Brucella agar, in reach meat media (Brain heart infusion) was used (Alton G. Gat. el1988) The culture samples collected from each aborting ewe are shown in Table 1. It was not possible to isolate culture from aborted fetus and placentas as these materials had been discarded or buried by the time the investigation was conducted. Primary isolation of *Brucella* was made by culturing the samples on Columbia agar, Brucella agar prepared (Ouahrani -Bettache S. at. el1996) supplemented with 5% horse serum, and all ready-mixed antibiotic supplement Vancomycin, 20 µg at the following amounts per ml of media. The inoculated plates were incubated aerobically at 37°C in an atmosphere of 5% to 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, and examined after three to five days for *Brucella*-like colonies. The plates were discarded if no growth was evident after seven to ten days of incubation. Isolates of bacteria in the blood of sheep and goats were performed according to Goden *et al.* (2005) the isolates obtained from culture samples were identified as described by (Alton *et al* 1998)

### Antibiotics used:-

The susceptibility of the (40) samples of *B. abortus* isolates against (Amikacin, AK Ampicillin, Amp Cephalosporin, Cef, Cefotaxim, Ciprofloxacin, Cip, Chloramphenicol, Chl, Gentamycin, Gm., Rifampicin, Rif, Streptomycin, Str, Tetracycline, Tet, Nitrofurantoin, Nit and Trimethoprim, Tri) was using *disk diffusion method* (Atlas *et al* 1995)

## Results:-

Out of 70 samples only (40) were given positive for *Brucella abortus*, 5 samples were positive for *Toxoplasma gondii* all samples were taken from blood sheep and goats in Sulaymani city, Iraq during April to May (2015-2016) suffering from abortion so that all isolated were identified through cultural, morphological and biochemical examination. The API 20E system was performed to support the identification process. The inoculated plates were incubated at 37°C in the presence 5%-10% CO<sub>2</sub> (candle jar) for up to 7-10 days. After the incubation, the suspected colonies were examined for *Brucella* sp. *Brucella*-suspected colonies were characterized by the morphology, negative Gram stain, oxidase, catalase positive, and urease production, nitrate reduction, the samples (*Brucella abortus*) were grown on Tryptone soya agar, Columbia agar, Brucella agar, MacConkey agar. In addition, apart from a rapid slide agglutination test for *Brucella abortus* Rose bangle test were done for all samples. Then IGg, IgM for *Salmonella abortus*, and *Toxoplasma* were done. Table (1) shows that IGg, IgM for *salmonella abortus* negative, but only sample (1, 16,) were IGg, IgM positive for *Toxoplasma gondii* but sample (1, 5, 12, 16, 23) were positive antibody for (IgM) *Toxoplasma gondii* so that all 40 samples (excepted) (1, 5, 12, 16, 23) positive for *Brucella abortus* according to all tested which were shown in table (1) such as culture and serological test (Rose bangle) among 40 samples susceptibility was tested to antimicrobials resistant were performed for all isolates. That were shown in table (2) the isolates were grouped to five anti-gram. The *B. abortus* isolates were resistant 100% to AK, Chl, Tri, 20% to Cip, Cef, Nit, 40% to Amp, Str, 60% to Gm, Rf 80% to Tet.

**Table 1:-** Diagnose of blood, serum of sheep and goat.

No	Culture for <i>Brucella abortus</i>	Culture for <i>Salmonella abortus</i>	Agglutination for <i>Brucella abortus</i> (rose bangle test)	IGg, Igm for <i>Salmonella abortus</i>	Toxoplasma IGg, Igm
1	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	IGg, Igm
2	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
3	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
4	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
5	negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	IGg
6	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
7	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
8	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
9	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
10	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
11	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
12	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	IGg
13	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
14	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
15	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
16	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	IGg, Igm
17	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
18	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
19	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
20	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
21	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
22	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
23	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	IGg
24	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
25	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
26	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
27	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
34	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
35	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
36	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
37	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
38	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
39	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
40	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
41	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
42	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
43	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
44	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
45	+	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative

**Table 2:-** Antibiogram of *B. abortus* isolated from blood sheep , goat seafaring from aboution.

n	Antibiogram groups of <i>Brucella abortus</i>	Nit	Ak	Chl	Amp	Cef	Rif	Gm	Str	Cip	Tet	Tri
1	3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11	R	R	R	S	R	S	S	S	R	S	R
2	14,15,17,18,21,24,25,26	S	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R
3	27,29,30,31,32,33,35,37	R	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	R	S	R
4	1,12,13,16,19,20,22,23	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	S	R
5	2,5,28,34,36,38,39,40,	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	S	R

R=Resistant

S=Sensitive

## Discussions:-

With the great expansion of livestock industry, *Brucella* spp. has emerged as a problem of economic concern to all phases of the industry from production to marketing to consumer health signify can't, to clinicians, veterinarians and to thin contact persons due to emergence of multiple drug resistance and due to the fact that intracellular of the organism limits the effect of antibiotics In the present study, *Brucella* isolates were

Found variably sensitivity to the tested antibiotics. Higher percentages of sensitivity was observed to tetracycline, Which shown in (table2) so that this results similar was obtained by (Hall *et al.* (1970), who reported treatment of *Brucella* spp. in (*B. canis* and *B. abortus*) infection in mice and guinea pig In the present study, Rifampicin were observed to be moderately effective. Similar results were obtained in (table) by Bodur *et al.* (2003), effective. Baykam *et al.* (2004) reported that Rifampicin is more effective against *B. abortus* than *B. melitensis*. In contrast to present study. According to the present findings tetracycline streptomycin, Rifadin they could be useful to the clinician and veterinary To prevent the further progress of disease and further development of complications in infected human patients and animals by selecting appropriate antibiotics. But, it is also essential to remember that from the public health point of view, prolonged treatment of infected domestic animals with a high dosage of antibiotics cannot be undertaken due to the appearance of in the human food chain, which interferes with the production of milk products. Moreover, as *Brucella* is facultative intracellular bacteria, relapses after treatment usually occur. Therefore, efforts should be directed at prevention or eradication of brucellosis.

The reason for conducting this research was to determine if the abortion in sheep in villages around Sulaimaniya city was caused by *Brucella abortus*. This research was conducted on samples that were collected from 70 sheep and goat. The tests were mainly conducted to detect *Brucella abortus* as a cause of abortion in sheep. In addition, we also did some other tests separately on the same samples to determine if the sheep have *Salmonella abortus* or Toxoplasma was show in table2. Because in some cases *Salmonella abortus* and Toxoplasma can also be a cause of abortion in sheep. In conclusion, we determined that the abortion in the sheep, goat were mainly caused by *Brucella abortus*. We also determined that given small doses of certain antibiotics and plant medicine is really important to maintain the sheep good health. Additionally, we also observed that most of the sheep that we conducted the research on were not vaccinated against *Brucella abortus*. Also, their living environment was not healthy and this might have been the cause of their infection in the first place the percentage of infected for *Brucella abortus* were caused abortion in this research were 57.1%, but the infection by toxoplasma *gondii* 7.1%. so there are no any case infected by *Salmonella abortus*.

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