

#### MASTITIS MAKES CHANGES IN THE BLOOD ANTIOXIDANT ENZYME ACTIVITY DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD OF DAIRY COWS: PART II

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Dairy herd health management;

Increased incidence of metabolic disorders and infectious diseases;

Mastitis in dairy cows;

Mastitis has a big influence on the productivity and utilization of dairy cows' genetic potential;

Annually 20 to 40% of dairy cows have expressed any form of mastitis during lactation.

The high prevalence of mastitis in dairy herds makes considerable losses in milk production;



Mastitis remains one of the major disease and biggest epizootiology risk in dairy herds, causing profound economic losses to the entire milk production chain due to decreased milk production and milk quality;

Mastitis is a complex disease which can be defined as an inflammatory reaction of the mammary gland;

- Contagious and environmental;
- Clinical and sibclinical;
- Peracute, acute, subacute and chronical;
- mastitis catarrhalis, mastitis parenchymatosa,
  mastitis interstitialis;







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# CONTAGIOUS Streptococcus agalactiae Staphylococcus aureus Mycoplasma bovis

#### MINOR MASTITIS PATHOGENS

- Staphylococcus hyicus
- Staphylococcus xylosus
- Corynebacterium bovis
- Pasteurella multocida
- Campylobacter jejuni
- Aspergillus niger

#### ENVIRONMENTAL Environmental streptococci: a) Streptococcus uberis b) Streptococcus dysgalactiae Gram (-) bacteria: a) Escherichia coli

- б) Klebsiella spp.
- в) Citrobacter spp.
- г) Corynebacterium pyogenes
- д) Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- ŕ) Enterococcus spp.
- e) Proteus spp.
- Coagulase (-) Staphylococcus





Evaluation of enzymatic antioxidant status in blood through the activity of superoxide dismutase (SOD) and glutathione peroxidase (GPX) collected from cows with mastitis in comparison with healthy cows

AIM:

Correlation between antioxidant enzyme activity in blood and udder health disorders





Two years longitudinal survey;

The samples of blood were collected during the morning milking;

GPX and SOD activity (mU/mg protein) was determined in blood serum using spectrophotometric assays;

The animals were allocated into groups related to the season of calving and udder health status;

Transition period time points: 21 days before calving, period of early lactation from calving until 21<sup>st</sup> day in lactation and period from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> day in lactation;

The screening of udder health was done daily on a quarter level using CMT and microbiological culturing

Multivariate GLM and Bonferroni significant difference test.





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#### **FIELD ANALYSIS**

- ✓ Clinical observation of udder quarters
- ✓ Clinical observation of milk for the presence of abnormalities
- ✓ Screening test: California Mastitis Test
- ✓ Milk samples for bacteriological culture





Based on udder health screening, the cows in the observed population were allocated into three groups: healthy cows, cows with persistent abnormal milk secretion and cows with intramammary infection;



#### **MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS**



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Average milk yield (kg) ± standard error of mean in the 1st, the 2nd and the 3rd TDM control from the beginning of lactation regarding the season of calving

Y_S	n	$\frac{\text{TDM}_{1}}{(\overline{x} \pm S_{\overline{x}})}$	$\frac{\text{TDM}_2}{(\overline{x} \pm S_{\overline{x}})}$	$\frac{\text{TDM}_3}{(\overline{x} \pm S_{\overline{x}})}$	
1_1ª	24	29,79±1,704	28,82±1,266	28,50±1,018	
1_2ª	26	29,83±0,804	28,92±0,899	27,22±0,935	
1_3ª	18	24,07±1,100	24,90±1,151	23,48±0,756	
1_4ª	22	31,24±0,689	30,07±0,645	28,06±0,726	
1 <sup>b</sup>	90	28,77±0,645	28,17±0,541	26,67±0,464	
2_1ª	35	31,99±1,050	29,48±1,028	26,60±1,150	
2_2ª	20	21,01±1,503	25,02±1,528	23,39±2,071	
2_3ª	39	24,39±1,106	27,39±1,118	28,46±1,001	
2_4ª	27	35,47±1,806	32,95±1,592	33,52±1,392	
2 <sup>b</sup>	121	28,78±0,847	29,14±0,693	28,84±0,719	
Total	211	28.76±0.572	28.79±0.472	28.15±0.485	



The prevalence of udder health disorders in dairy cows

PP	Total	Healthy cows		AMS		IMI	
	n	n	%	n	%	n	%
LP_21	211	152	72,04	35	16.59	24	11.37
LP_42	211	153	72,51	30	14.22	28	13.27



#### The activity of SOD in blood serum





The activity of GPX in blood serum





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Regression model for the influence of transition period and mastitis on SOD and GPX activity in blood serum of dairy cows

Fixed variable	df	SOD <sup>a</sup>	<b>GPX</b> <sup>b</sup>
Model <sup>a,b</sup>	5	136657.945***	12888995.85***
PP	2	24385.026***	605290.729***
Mastitis	2	366.940 <sup>NS</sup>	136337.019*
Error	628	1773.466	41883.377
Total	633		
<sup>a</sup> R <sup>2</sup> = 0,375; <sup>b</sup> R <sup>2</sup> = 0,708			



#### CONCLUSIONS

The prevalence of udder health disorders in the period of early lactation was relatively high: in LP\_21 was 16.59 and 11.37 respectively for AMS and IMI, while in LP\_42 was 14.22% and 13.27%, respectively for AMS and IMI.

The risk of manifesting oxidative stress in the transition period is high due to an imbalance in the activity of antioxidant enzymes

GLM revealed that udder disorders have a statistically significant influence on GPX activity in blood serum (p<0.05) but didn't have a statistically significant influence on SOD activity in blood serum. There was a low (r = 0.141), but statistically significant (p<0.05) positive correlation between SOD and GPX activity in blood serum.

Providing a balanced diet with adequate antioxidants and managing environmental stressors can help to reduce oxidative stress in the transition period and decrease the risk of mastitis in early lactation.









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