

28 People Infected With Brucellosis In Laboratory

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During December 2010, the College of Veterinary Medicine in Northeast Agricultural University used goats that had not been quarantined for laboratory experiments, resulting in 27 students and 1 teacher being infected with brucellosis. The cases were confirmed in March 2011.

Brucellosis, also called Bang's disease, Crimean fever, Gibraltar fever, Malta fever, Maltese fever, Mediterranean fever, rock fever, or undulant fever, is a highly contagious zoonosis caused by ingestion of unsterilized milk or meat from infected animals or close contact with their secretions. ([Link to Wikipedia](#))

The disease has an incubation period of 3 months after the acute stage of onset. Pathogens spread mainly by sick animals to people so that they develop fever, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, hyperhidrosis, and other clinical manifestations. The duration of the disease can vary from a few weeks to many months or even years. The bacteria in dogs normally infect the genitals and lymphatic system, but can also spread to the eye, kidney, and intervertebral disc (causing discospondylitis). Symptoms of brucellosis in dogs include abortion in female dogs and scrotal inflammation and orchitis (inflammation of the testicles) in males.

One student, Wang Yongjie (pseudonym) told media, there are many patients with the same illness in hospitals, some people come back for treatment even after 10 years, some come back due to complications. Students are very worried as some of them appears to be getting better, but some of them are getting worse with varicocele, effusions of the hip, femoral head necrosis precursor and other symptoms.

The university announced that they had offered 61,000 yuan (approx US\$9,550) to each students, discounted university fees included, and 17 students have signed certain agreement with the school, but 10 students have not reached a consensus on rehabilitation with the school.

Many bloggers expressed empathy for these young students, and are shocked with the "low cost" of these young students' lives, and even their future careers.

In recent years, Brucellosis cases in China have increased rapidly, between 1998 ~1999, cases had been maintained at a level of just over 3,000; but it reached 21,195 new cases in 2007. According to a Chinese cattle blog, the cases of positive results after testing cattle also increased two fold in just a few years.