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## 16S rRNA gene for ribotyping *Brucella*: A monospecific genus

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**Abstract :** The aim of the study was to assess the usefulness of 16S rRNA gene in identification of *Brucella* spp. and phylogenetic study. For identification purposes, a 1477-bp fragment of 16S rRNA gene of 16 isolates and 3 control reference strains was amplified and 3 isolates with *B. abortus* S19 sequenced. The obtained sequences were submitted to GenBank for species identification. Sequence analysis of a 1477-bp 16S rRNA fragment allows the identification of *Brucella* spp. However, for discrimination of closely related species sequencing of the entire 16S rRNA gene, additional sequencing of the 23S rRNA gene or sequencing of the 16S-23S rRNA intergenic spacer is essential.

**Key words :** *Brucella*, bovines, 16S rRNA gene PCR, sequencing

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