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EFFECT OF AMPHISTOME LEVEL OF INFESSTATION TO BLOOD CHOLESTEROL AND GLUCOSE LEVELS

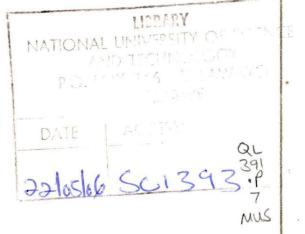
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ABSTRACT

A study of effects of infestation by amphistomes on cattle blood was carried out . Tests were carried out for glucose and cholesterol levels at Bulawayo Mpilo Hospital on 24 samples of blood serum collected from different beasts from different geographical regions of the country. The blood samples were collected immediately after the cattle were slaughtered at Bulawayo CSC abattoir. The level of infestation was related to the level of the two substances ; cholesterol and glucose and it was found that for an increase in infestation there was no corresponding increase or decrease cholesterol and glucose levels. Glucose levels were found to be higher than the normal blood concentration in all beasts. This was not attributed to infestation since there was no difference in its levels even in animals with big differences in infestation. High levels of glucose were attributed to stress and alarm which the cattle were subjected to during transportation and just before slaughter. It was therefore concluded that under the conditions which the study was carried out infestation does not show to have an effect on cattle blood cholesterol and glucose levels.