INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Aim and scope

The Bulgarian Journal of Veterinary Medicine welcomes manuscripts on subjects devoted to theoretical and practical veterinary medicine aspects (including contemporary diagnostic methods, new approaches for control of infectious and parasitic diseases, veterinary microbiology, molecular biology and genetics, clinical pharmacology and toxicology, non-infectious pathology, reproduction, surgery, clinical cases).

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Types of papers, published in the journal

Original papers, reviews, case reports and short communications can be submitted to Bulgarian Journal of Veterinary Medicine provided that they:

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- contain original experimental data or new interpretations of existing results;
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- have not been published elsewhere.

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Submission of manuscripts

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Manuscript preparation guidelines

Plagiarism, as a form of scientific misconduct, is not tolerated by the BJVM. The use of someone else's ideas or words in their original form is acceptable only with a proper citation. All submitted manuscripts will be evaluated with a plagiarism checking software and those found to use large portions of already published text or data will be refused publication.

Review articles should cover relevant subjects that are of current interest. All reviews should start with an introduction section and end with a conclusion section, with relevant headings between. Review articles should be preferably supported by original published data of the author(s).

Original papers should be organized in the following order:

- **Title**. The titles should be brief, corresponding to the subject of the manuscript and without abbreviations.
- **Authors' names, family name and affiliation**. The initials of their first and second names and full family names should be written.
- **Summary**. The summary should state briefly (max. 500 words) the essential information and paper contribution to the respective scientific topic.
- **List of key words (3 to 6)**
- **Introduction**
- **Materials and methods**
- **Results**
- **Discussion**. The conclusions might be included in "Discussion" or in a separate section "Conclusions".
- **Acknowledgements**
- **References**
- **Tables**
- **Figures**
- **Text to the figures**
- **Address for correspondence**

Short communications and **case report** should include up to 2 tables or 4

figures. Sections are not introduced by separate titles although the order in the presentation and the requirements to the contents layout remains valid.

SI (Système International) should be used for all units of measure. Chemical formulae should be given according to the rules of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC); biological nomenclature – according to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria, the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature; morphological names – according to Nomina Anatomica Veterinaria 6th ed., Nomina Histologica Veterinaria 1st ed., Nomina Embryologica 2nd ed., and Nomina Anatomica Avium 2nd ed; international nonproprietary names should be used for drugs, followed by trade name and the manufacturer in brackets.

Tables and illustrations (graphs, photographs, drawings) should be numbered in Arabic numerals according to their sequence in the text. Each table should have a title comprehensible enough without reading the text.

Graphs and drawings should be made with maximum clarity. Duplication of data from the tables is not accepted. Digital photographs should be with resolution at least 300x300 dpi. Preferred formats are *JPG, *TIFF, *.EPS, *.AI. The colour images are for the online version of the journal The editorial office may request a clean set of photographs for design purposes. The scale of the figure is indicated at the right bottom by a line scale and the size is given in parentheses at the end of the figure caption, e.g. (bar = 10 μm).

References. At least 30% of the references of the submitted manuscripts should include references published in the last five years.

In all citations in the text the author's family name and the year of the publication should be given e.g.: (Morris, 2017). If the authors are two, both names are referred to e.g.: (Barton & Moore, 2015), and if they are 3 or more: the first author's name should be used, followed by "*et al*." e.g.: (Levi *et al.*, 2014). If several authors are cited, their names are chronologically arranged and if their publications are in one and the same year – alphabetically.

The arrangement of the publications should be done in alphabetical order according to the first author's name. If several publications by the same author are referred to, the following order should be used: publications of the single author, followed by publications with co-authors. Publications by the same author(s) in the same year should be listed as: 2015a, 2015b etc. Examples for the reference style are given below.

Papers, published in journals:

Budiati, T., G. Rusul, W. N. Wan-Abdullah, L.-O. Chuah, R. Ahmad & K. L. Thong, 2016. Genetic relatedness of *Salmonella* serovars isolated from catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*) and tilapia (*Tilapia mossambica*) obtained from wet markets and ponds in Penang, Malaysia. *Journal of Food Protection*, **79**, 659–665.

Szabó, J., 2014. Molecular methods in epidemiology of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA): Advantages, disadvantages of different techniques. *Journal of Medical Microbiology & Diagnosis*, **3**, 1.

Online materials:

International Food Safety Authorities Network. INFOSAN Information Note No 02 (17 December 2004). Highly pathogenic Avian influenza H5N1 outbreaks in poultry and in humans: Food safety implications. http://www.who.int/foodsafety/ fs_ management/en/No_02_Avianinfluenza_ Dec 04 _en.pdf (20 March 2005, date last accessed).

Whole books:

Weiss, D. J. & K. J. Wardrop, 2010. Schalm's Veterinary Hematology, 6th edn, Wiley Blackwell, Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

Book chapters:

Gibaldi, M. & D. Perier, 1982. Noncompartmental analysis based on the statistical moment theory. In: *Pharmacokinetics*, 2nd edn, Marcel Dekker, New York, pp. 409–417.

Wilcock, B. P., 2007. The eye and ear. In: *Jubb, Kennedy, and Palmer's Pathology of the Domestic Animals*, 5th edn, ed M. G. Maxie, Elsevier Limited, St. Louis, MO, pp. 544–546.

Papers, delivered at congresses, conferences, symposia etc. published in full in their proceedings:

Yonkova, P., H. A. Bardarova, G. I. Zhelyazkov, R. S. Simeonov, K. K. Dimitrov, G. Penchev, G. S. Vateva & M. G. Stefanov, 2017. Age-related anatomical and microscopic features of the oesophagus and stomach in the rainbow trout (Onchorynchus mykiss). In: *Proceedings of International Scientific Conference "Veterinary Medicine in Service of People*", Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. *Bulgarian Journal of Veterinary Medicine*, **20**, Suppl. 1, 45–49

Summaries of papers, delivered at congresses, conferences, symposia etc.:

Mircean, V., M. Dumitrache, M. Mircean, A. Gyorke & V. Cozma, 2013. Concurrent demodicosis and dermatophytosis in a cat with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) – case report. In: *Proceedings of the 12th International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets*, Munich, p. 62.

Theses:

Cheung, S. M., 2017. Exposure assessment of oxytetracycline via Finnish food. PhD Thesis, Aalto University, Finland, pp. 105-116.

All bibliographic data about a reference should be given in the language of the paper using the Latin alphabet. The Editorial Board does not accept the responsibility for inaccurate citations, including the content of webpages and/or for infringement of principles of all kinds of copyright.

Animal research ethics

Studies performed on experimental animals should be carried out according to internationally recognised guidelines for animal welfare. These should be clearly described in the respective section "Material and Methods".

Publication process

The manuscripts are given to two reviewers for evaluation.

The final decision about the publication is made by the Editorial Board and is announced to the authors.

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