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PCR detection of staphylococcal enterotoxin A and C genes in *Staphylococcus aureus* strains isolated from bulk tank milk samples in Mashhad

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Introduction and objectives: Staphylococcal food poisoning is resulting from consumption of food contaminated with staphylococcal enterotoxins (SEs) produced by *Staphylococcus aureus*. Milk is a good substrate for *S. aureus* growth and enterotoxin production. In addition, enterotoxins retain their biological activity even after pasteurization. This study aimed to analyze the frequency of genes encoding the staphylococcal enterotoxins A and C in *S. aureus* strains isolated from bulk tank milk samples in Mashhad dairy industry farms.

Materials and methods: To determine the distribution of genes that encode enterotoxins A and C, 46 strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from raw bulk tank milk samples of dairy industry farms in Mashhad analyzed by PCR.

Results: Of the 46 strains studied, 31 (67.39%) strains were positive for genes encoding the enterotoxins A (SEA) and C (SEC). The gene coding for enterotoxin C, was the most frequent (21 strains, 45.65%), followed by SEA (7 strains, 15.22%), SEA+SEC (3 strains, 6.52%).

Conclusion: The results provided evidence that the presence of enterotoxigenic *S. aureus* has become widespread in milk. Enterotoxigenic *Staphylococcus aureus* in raw milk poses a potential health hazard to consumers, and the identification of such strains and better control of sources of milk contamination should be used as part of a risk analysis of milk and milk products.