# PREVALENCE OF SUBCLINICAL MASTITIS IN FRENCH ALPINE GOATS WITH CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS

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## RNA virus Retroviridae Lentivinae Lentivirus

## CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS (CAEV)

Infection with CAEV results in a persistent, lifelong infection. It is recorded all over the world and is highest where there is intensive dairy goat management in confinement.

SYMPTOMS: slow progresive developement

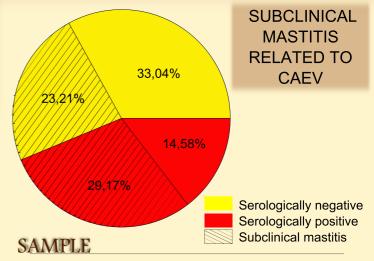
- encephalitis in kids under 6 months
- progressive weight loss and general wasting
- chronic interstitial pneumonia
- intersticial mastitis and udder indurations
- arthritis in adult animals

#### ETIOLOGY

- from goat to kid by ingestion of viralinfected milk/colostrum
- in utero(?), koitus, via saliva and blood, viral contamination of milking/tatooing equipment

### **METHODS**

- physical examination of the goatsreverence on presence of arthritis
- serological imunoensyme test CHEKIT CAEV/MVV (IDEXX, Switzerland)
  - diagnosis of CAEV
- bacteriological milk examination for each udder half



- 543 goats of French alpine breed
- five intensive milk farms
- machine milking twice a day

#### **STATISTICS**

- data cross classified in a two-way contingency tables
- association measured using Chi-square and Fisher's exact test

Statistical tests confirmed weak positive association of subclinical mastitis and CAEV (Phi coeff. of 0.25, P < 0.0001). The introduction of an eradication program for CAEV could help to decrease subclinical mastitis.

