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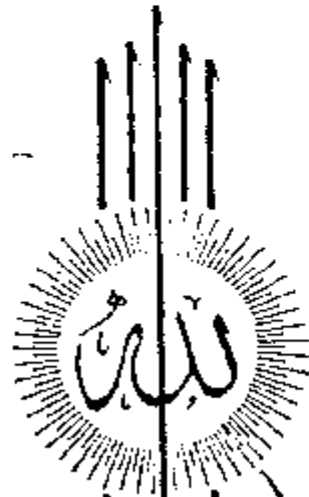
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# *INTRODUCTION*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Neonatal calf diarrhoea remains one of the most important causes of calf mortality. The economic importance of the disease varies among herds and to some extent depends on the system of management and the degree of intensification.

The disease remains largely unchecked because of its complex aetiology. Over the years *E. coli* has generally been accepted as the cause of neonatal calf diarrhoea (TZIPORI 1981), although other agents particularly viruses have been suggested (Tzipori et al., 1983 )

It was found that a great economic losses in dairy and beef herds are due to neonatal calf diarrhoea in EGYPT and most of developing countries due to bad feeding , low hygienic conditions , deprivation of calves from colostrum, are predisposing factors which can be important in the complex aetiology of the disease .

Several microbial agents including bacteria as *E. coli* and Viruses as, Bovine virus diarrhoea (BVD), Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) and Rinder pest (RP) were incriminated to play a roles in the aetiology of calf diarrhoea.

Also, the viral agents most commonly associated with this syndrom are rota and coronavirus .

Rotaviruses were first discribed in 1969 as the aetiological agent of neonatal calf diarrhoea. since that time rotavirus have been identified as one of the major causes of diarrhoea in newborn calves.

Bovine corona (BCV) was first identified as a possible cause of calf scours in 1972 by Stair et al. and is now recognized as one of the leading aetiology agents associated with neonatal enteritis in calves.

Distribution of bovine rotavirus (BRV) and coronavirus appears to be world-wide and prevalence rates of neonatal infection range from 11% Baljer et al. (1987) to 81% Saif et al. (1988).

In Egypt, Rotavirus and coronavirus had been detected and isolated as recorded by Hafez et al (1980) who detected rotavirus antibodies in serum of buffalo and cattle, Shalaby et al. (1981), isolated rotavirus for the first time in Egypt from newborn calves suffering from diarrhoea. Ikram et al.(1990) detected coronavirus antigen in faeces of diarrhoeic buffalo calves.

In Egypt also, Coronavirus antibodies were detected by Shalaby et al,(1991) in sera of some diarrheic calves

#### **THE AIM OF THE PRESENT STUDY IS TO :**

- 1- Study the clinical picture of corona virus, Rota virus and E. coli K99 infection in calves
- 2- Study the most available, rapid diagnostic and economic tests for diagnosis of corona virus antigens, rota virus antigens and E. coli K 99 antigens in faeces of diarrhoeic calves .
- 3- Comparison between different techniques used for stablishing the best diagnostic and economic method or methods which can be routinely used for rapid diagnosis.

*REVIEW OF  
LITREATURE*

## II. LITERATURE

### 2.1.EPIZOOTIOLOGY :

Neonatal calf diarrhoea induce a clinical condition but they don't indicate it's etiology. It was found that diarrhoea cause great economic losses in our country and all over the world . Therefore many researches tried to find out the actual cause or causes and best way for control of many factors,

Away back in (1943) there was an out break in Baltimore among infants, however no pathogenic bacteria were grown from infant's faeces but faecal filtrate causes diarrhoea in calves .

#### Corona Virus as a Cause of Neonatal Calf Diarrhoea:

Valente et al., (1979) identified Corona - like viruses from faecal materials of neonatal calf - diarrhoea in Italy

Grover et al., ( 1980 ) detected coronavirus in diarrhoeic samples collected from animals under 1 month old in India during July to december

Leeuw et al., (1980 ) concluded that the main types of viruses involved in calf diarrhoea in the Netherlands were rotavirus and corona virus

Hofmann and Arens (1981) reported that during 1979 and 1980 , 105 faecal samples were collected and examined. Corona virus was isolated from 40 calves out of 105 calves with diarrhoea at Giessen , German Federal Republic.

Tzipori (1981) said that Corona virus was one of the aetiological enteropathogens implicated to calf diarrhoea in U.K.

Opdenbosch et al., (1981) found that sixteen calves divided into seven groups were infected with bovine diarrhoea virus, Corona virus, and rota virus alone or in combination, up on birth and before being given colostrum at four hours. Five of six given all three viruses developed diarrhoea and died between 4 and 23 days of age, all seven calves given any two viruses developed diarrhoea, and four died between 5 and 15 days of age.

Wellemaans et al., (1981) reported that milk sampled from five cows in a herd where calf diarrhoea was present, and from 11 cows in a herd with little diarrhoea contained antibodies to bovine Corona virus were present for at least three weeks after calving.

China, Fujian Provincial Institute Of Animal Husbandry And Veterinary Medicine (1981) mentioned that the disease occurred for the first time in 1974 in the Longxi prefecture of Fujian province (China) and was recognized as an acute intestinal infection, where Corona viruses were isolated from faeces of infected cattle.

Snodgrass et al., (1982) mentioned that faecal samples collected from untreated diarrhoeic and apparently normal calves, significant association of Corona virus and diarrhoea

Schulz (1982) found that faecal samples collected from 50 diarrhoeic calves and from July 1978 to May 1979 tested for Corona virus all animals had acute diarrhoea and had been collected from 81 farms, Corona virus was found in 32% of the animals found that faecal samples collected from 50 diarrhoeic calves from 81 farms during the period from 1978 to May 1979 and examined