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## Clay and clay mineral supplementation in newborn calves: A protocol for a scoping review

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- AV: Review data extraction, review protocol and manuscript.
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Amendments: Any amendments to this protocol will be documented and justified in the final review

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## **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Rationale:**

According to national statistics, preweaned calf morbidity in the US exceeds 34%, with respiratory and gastrointestinal problems being the most prevalent ailments (Urie et al., 2018;). Nearly 74% of the sick preweaned calves receive antimicrobial therapy, which raises concerns considering the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) global health crisis. Under this scenario, there is a growing interest in complementary and alternative therapies to manage calf health, including the oral supplementation of medicinal clays (Williams and Haydel, 2010; Subramaniam et al., 2015). Clays and clay minerals are cost-effective supplements that might be easily incorporated into daily calf management practices. However, different types of clays exhibit diverse physical and chemical compositions (Williams and Haydel, 2010). This diversity raises the necessity of conducting a systematic review and a meta-analysis on the efficacy and safety of clays and clays' minerals in newborn calves before industry recommendations can be made.

The volume of scientific literature investigating clay and clay mineral supplementation in calves might be limited, which could render a systematic review and meta-analysis unfeasible. Scoping reviews (ScRs) could offer alternative options to address this challenge as they map the existing literature in terms of volume, nature, and characteristics of primary research (Tricco et al., 2018). This approach is useful for several purposes: (1) clarifying key concepts and definitions in the literature, (2) examining how research is conducted on a particular topic, (3) identifying knowledge gaps, and (4) evaluating the feasibility of pursuing a systematic review and a meta-analysis.

#### **Objectives:**

The objective of this protocol for a ScR is to identify, summarize, appraise, and discuss the current literature on the clay and clay mineral supplementation for dairy calves.

#### **METHODS**

**Eligibility criteria:** As the research question, the eligibility criteria were defined based on the PICO elements:

a) Population: newborn calves (< 3wk old) from organic or conventional veal, beef, or dairy production systems.

b) Intervention: clay or clay mineral supplementation starting within the first three weeks of life.

c) Comparator: placebo or no clay or clay mineral supplementation.

d) Outcomes: immunity (e.g., IgG), health (e.g., morbidity, mortality, fecal score), productive performance (e.g., feed intake, growth, feed efficiency).

**Study design.** The ScR will include primary research studies, including non-randomized and randomized controlled trials, which are available in English. Observational studies and reviews will be excluded. Eligible studies must have investigated clay or clay mineral supplementation in newborn calves. Only peer reviewed studies will be considered. Publications will be restricted to those after year 2000.

**Intervention and comparator groups.** Eligible studies must have evaluated clay or clay mineral supplementation starting during the first three weeks of life, with no restriction for type of clay or clay mineral, dose, or duration of supplementation. The clay or clay mineral supplementation must have been compared to no intervention or placebo. Studies evaluating clay or clay mineral supplementation in combination with other molecules (e.g., glucose, vitamins) will be excluded.

**Outcome measures**. Studies must include at least one main immunity (e.g., IgG), health (e.g., morbidity, mortality, health score), or productive performance outcome (e.g., feed intake, feed efficiency, growth).

**Information sources:** After consultation with an experienced health and veterinary science academic librarian (EDF), the following electronic databases will be searched: Biosis (Web of Science, 1926 to present), CAB Abstracts (CAB Direct, 1973 to present), Medline (PubMed, 1966 to present), and Scopus (Scopus, 1996 to present). The bibliography of relevant studies will be hand-searched by the first author following the snowballing approach, to identify additional studies.

**Search strategy:** For the preliminary search described in Appendix 1 and conducted in April 2023, the first author selected key words from relevant literature with the assistance of an academic librarian (EDF). Eight papers were used to calibrate the search (Appendix 2). Subject headings or keywords were mined by finding these references in PubMed and Cab Direct. Keywords were collected and compared with keywords already utilized. Yale MeSH analyzer was utilized to compare common Medical Subject Headings across articles.

**Screening:** Two independent researchers will screen all the titles and abstracts retrieved from the two proposed search approaches by answering the following questions:

a) Does the study include calves either veal, beef, or dairy?

b) Does the study describe the supplementation of clay or clay minerals to calves in milk or grain?

c) Does the study evaluate immunity (e.g., IgG, leukocytes, neutrophiles), health (e.g., clinical signs, blood outcomes), or productive outcomes (e.g., feed efficiency, growth, intake)?

d) Did the clay supplementation start within three weeks of age? If age no reported, do not include studies with calves > 100 kg at enrollment.

In the title and abstract screening, the available answers will be "no", "maybe", and "yes". Citations will be excluded if the two reviewers answer "no" to one of the questions. Citations

with "yes" and/or "maybe" answers to all questions will be retained for full-text screening. Additional questions during the full manuscript screening will be:

e) Is the study a controlled trial with a negative control group (placebo or non-treated)?f) Is the clay or clay mineral supplemented as a prophylactic or metaphylactic approach (not for treatment)?

g) Is the clay or clay mineral supplemented alone (e.g., without combination with other molecules such as glucose or vitamins)?

During the full-text screening, the title and abstract screening questions will be answered for a second time. The available answers will be "no" and "yes". Only citations with "yes" answers for the questions e-g will be included in the scoping review. The aforementioned screening questions will be beta-tested by MH and CBC with 40 records, and if deemed necessary, the screening strategy will be calibrated. Conflicts between the two reviewers will be solved through discussion and, if necessary, consulted with a third researcher (NSR). All reviewers will be trained on ScR methods and have domain-specific knowledge in the veterinary and animal science field. Journal and author names will not be blinded to the reviewers.

**Data management:** The Systematic Review Accelerator (Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare, Bond University, AU) will be used for deduplication, Covidence for title/abstract and full-text screening, and Zotero for full-text retrieval in Covidence.

**Data Extraction:** The data extraction will be done using predesigned Microsoft Excel forms (Microsoft Office Excel 2010, Microsoft, Redmond, WA) and pre-tested using three manuscripts. The most relevant information that will be extracted relates to:

- General study characteristics (e.g., year of publication, country where the study was conducted, type of study design, funding).
- Population: (e.g., breed, sex, age, housing,production system, assessment of passive transfer, and herd type.
- Intervention and comparator (e.g., type of clay, dose, form of administration, duration of supplementation).
- Outcomes:
  - Continuous outcomes characteristics (e.g., average daily gain): number of experimental units for each treatment group, least square or contrast means for each treatment group, mean differences from control, unit of results, lower and upper 95% confidence intervals (CI), standard error, standard deviation, *P*-value, and the time point of each measurement.
  - Dichotomous outcomes characteristics (e.g., occurrence of diarrhea): number and proportion of positive experimental units per treatment group, total number of experimental units per treatment group, unit of results, odds ratio, relative risk, lower and upper 95% CI, *P*-value, and the time point of each measurement.

The accuracy and completeness of full manuscript data extraction will be evaluated by a secondary reviewer extracting 25% of the manuscripts; if a 100% of accuracy is not achieved the secondary reviewer will extract all the data.

### **Data Charting Process**

Data will be presented using descriptive methods. A PRISMA Preferred Reporting Items for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR; Tricco et al., 2018).) flow diagram will be generated to report the screening and selection results. A narrative description of the eligible studies will be included in the results section of the future scoping review manuscript. The data will be plotted using GraphPad (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, California, USA). The following graphing methods will be considered: frequency bar graphs, scatter plots, box plots, pie charts, or heat maps. Tables reporting means, ranges, and coefficients of variation will be prepared in Microsoft Excel.

### **REFERENCES:**

Tricco, A. C., Lillie, E., Zarin, W., O'Brien, K. K., Colquhoun, H., Levac, D., Moher, D., Peters, M. D. J., Horsley, T., Weeks, L., Hempel, S., Akl, E. A., Chang, C., McGowan, J., Stewart, L., Hartling, L., Aldcroft, A., Wilson, M. G., Garritty, C., Lewin, S., ... Straus, S. E. (2018). PRISMA Extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR): Checklist and Explanation. *Annals of internal medicine*, *169*(7), 467–473. <u>https://doi.org/10.7326/M18-0850</u>

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# **APPENDIX 1 – Preliminary Search Strategy:**

PRISMA-S Template (based on v1.0 retrieved from https://osf.io/2ybwn/)

#### (Literature and information being sought)

EX. represents examples for reference. **Databases and Interfaces Searched:** 

Database	Interface	Date Coverage	Date Searched
CAB Abstracts (included products: CAB ABSTRACTS, VetMed Resource, CABI Full Text, Global Health, Animal Health and Production Compendium (AHPC))	CABDirect	1973 to Present	24 April 2023
Medline (Included products: Medline, in process citations, "ahead of print" citations, out-of-scope citations, journals indexing prior to medline inclusion, pre-1966 citations, PubMed Central, author manuscripts NIH funding, NCBI Bookshelf )	PubMed	1966 to Present	24 April 2023
Scopus	Scopus	1996 to Present	24 April 2023
Biosis	Web of Science	1926 to Present	24 April 2023

Simultaneous Searches: Not Applicable

#### Item 2: Other Online Resources (As Needed): Not planned at this time

**Manual Searching (searching relevant journals Table of Contents):** Not Planned at this time

**Citation Searching And Text Analysis:** 

#### Article Citation:

Fratrić, Natalija, et al. "The effect of a clinoptilolite based mineral adsorber on concentrations of immunoglobulin G in the serum of newborn calves fed different amounts of colostrum." Acta Veterinaria-Beograd 55.1 (2005): 11-21.

Fratrić, Natalija, et al. "The effect of mineral adsorbent in calf diet colostrum on the levels of serum immunoglobulin G, protein and glucose." Acta Veterinaria-Beograd 57.2-3 (2007): 169-180.

Marc, Simona, et al. "Serum protein electrophoretic pattern in neonatal calves treated with clinoptilolite." Molecules 23.6 (2018): 1278.

Mohri, Mehrdad, Hesam A. Seifi, and F. Daraei. "Effects of short-term supplementation of clinoptilolite in colostrum and milk on hematology, serum proteins, performance, and health in neonatal dairy calves." Food and chemical toxicology 46.6 (2008): 2112-2117.

Mohri, Mehrdad, Hesam A. Seifi, and M. O. H. S. E. N. Maleki. "Effects of short-term supplementation of clinoptilolite in colostrum and milk on the concentration of some serum minerals in neonatal dairy calves." Biological trace element research 123 (2008): 116-123.

**Process:** Key articles were identified by Principal Investigator and keywords were mined by finding references in PubMed and CAB Abstracts. Keywords were collected and compared with keywords already utilized.

#### Contacts (Researchers contacted for additional information):

Not planned at this time.

#### Additional Methodologies Not Listed Above: Citation tracking ("snowball")

**Process:** Articles that were included for extraction after title/abstract and full text screening were utilized for forward and backward citation searching in Scopus.

#### **Limits and Restrictions**

Date and Time Period: 2000 to current

*Language:* English *Publication status:* Peer reviewed

*Species Included:* Calves *Study Design:* clinical trials

Database Subset:

Pre-specified cut-off or saturation point for results:

Other Restrictions:

# Search Filters:

Database	Interface	Search Filters Applied
CAB Abstracts	CAB Direct	Limit to English Language, year limits (2000 to current), and Article Document Type
Medline	PubMed	English Language and year limits (2000 to current)
Scopus	Scopus	English Language, year limits (2000 to current) and Article Document Type
Biosis	Web of Science	English Language, year limits (2000 to current) and Article Document Type

# **Full Search Strategy:**

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**Updates:** No updates at this time

## Search Designers:

Information Specialists or Librarians involved in process were: EDF Additional input from content experts in project: NSdR, CB-C & MH

#### **Peer Review:**

Librarian had their search strategy checked by content expert (MH) for sensitivity in results. Calibration studies that could be identified in CAB Abstracts (CAB Direct) and PubMed were used to validate search strategy.

Total Records	Total Records after deduplication	Deduplication software/methodology
260	170	SR Accelerator
170	170	Covidence

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