



Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia and Its Epidemiological Status in Ethiopia: A Review

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Abstract: This paper aimed to review the epidemiological status of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) in Ethiopia and to highlight the control and prevention options. CBPP is an acute or chronic mycoplasmal disease of cattle caused by *Mycoplasma mycoides subspecies mycoides* small colony types. It is characterized by the presence of sero fibrinous interlobular edema and hepatization giving a marbled appearance to the lung in acute to sub-acute cases and capsulated lesions (sequestra) in the lungs of some chronically infected cattle. It is transmitted by direct contact and inhalation of droplets from lungs especially within susceptible animals. CBPP is a disease of major concern throughout sub-Saharan Africa. CBPP is currently wide spread in Ethiopia. Large endemic areas are found in the South, West, and North-east and North-western parts of the country. The prevalence of CBPP varies according to the epidemiology of the disease as well as the production system. A prevalence that varies from 4.3% in Jijiga to 96% in Western Gojjam has been reported in a period between 1997 and 2004. Vaccination is the most frequently used control strategy in combination with animal movement control. Animal movement is the major problem for rapid distribution of CBPP in Ethiopia. Therefore, restricting movement of animal, by creating awareness among societies about the disease is of paramount importance for the success of control program.

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INTRODUCTION

Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) is a highly infectious acute or chronic disease, primarily of cattle, affecting the lungs and occasionally the joints. It is caused by a bacterium, *Mycoplasma mycoides subspecies mycoides* small colony bovine types (Tambi *et al.*, 2004). It is characterized by fibrinous pneumonia, sero-fibrinous pleuritis, and edema of the interlobular septa of the lungs (FAO, 2002).

CBPP is transmitted by direct contact and inhalation of droplets from lungs especially within susceptible animals (Olabode *et al.*, 2013). The focus of infection is often provided by recovered carrier animals in which a pulmonary sequestrum preserves a potential source of organisms for periods as long as two and three years (Hirsh *et al.*, 2004).

Ethiopia is a tropical African country in which mobile pastoralism is dominant in the arid and semi-arid areas in the eastern, northeastern and southeastern parts of the country (Tegegne *et al.*, 2009). Studies undertaken on CBPP so far revealed the existence of the disease in different parts of the

country with prevalence that varies from 4.3% in Jijiga (Gedlu, 2004) to 96% in Western Gojjam (Yigezuan and Roger, 1997). The cattle population at risk of CBPP is estimated to be a total of 12,641,000. All of the cattle are considered to be at risk of CBPP, of which 5,510,700 are in endemic zones and 7,815,000 are in epidemic zones (Afeework, 2000).

CBPP is considered to be a disease of economic significance because of its ability to increase production costs due to costs of disease control, disrupt livestock or product trade and reduce sustained investment in livestock production. Also, it causes high morbidity and mortality losses especially in newly affected areas or among susceptible herds that may show 100% morbidity with mortality exceeding 50% (Tambi *et al.*, 2006).

The control of CBPP can be achieved by restriction of animal movement, vaccination and stamping out of infected and exposed animals along with attendant zoo-sanitary measures. The main problems contributing to the current control and eradication were thought to include collapse in Veterinary Services, increased and unrestricted

animal movements due to drought, war or civil conflicts, and poor vaccine efficacy (Wade *et al.*, 2015). To carry out an effective control of CBPP through strategic vaccination the prerequisites are a thorough understanding of the epidemiology of the disease in the country (Tambi *et al.*, 2004).

Therefore, the objectives of this seminar paper are:

- ❖ To review the epidemiology of CBPP in Ethiopia.
- ❖ To forward the etiology, pathogenesis, clinical sign, diagnosis and treatment of CBPP
- ❖ To highlight the control and prevention options of CBPP

CONTAGIOUS BOVINE PLEURO-PNEUMONIA (CBPP)

Definition and Etiology

Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) is an acute or chronic respiratory disease of cattle. It is characterized by difficulty in breathing, loss of condition, extensive sero-fibrinous pleurisy and edema of the interlobular septae (Surafel *et al.*, 2015).

CBPP is caused by *Mycoplasma mycoides* subspecies *mycoides* Small Colony types (*MmmSC*). *Mycoplasma* belongs to the order *Mycoplasmatales* and class *Mollicutes* (OIE, 2002). *Mycoplasmas* have a characteristic prokaryotic genome consisting of a plasma membrane, ribosomes and an extremely coiled circular double stranded DNA molecule (Razin, 1999). They are the smallest free-living prokaryotic cells, capable of self replication and pleomorphic organisms ranging from spherical to filamentous. Because they cannot synthesize peptidoglycan or its precursors, they do not possess a rigid cell wall but have flexible triple layered outer membranes (Quinn *et al.*, 2011). In recent years, more than 20 species of *Mycoplasma*, *Ureaplasma* and *Acholeplasma* have been isolated from cattle with different diseases. All of the 20 species have been referred to as the *Mycoplasma* (Nicholas *et al.*, 2000).

The members of the *M. mycoides* cluster includes contagious agalactiae of sheep and goats (*Mycoplasma capricolum* subspecies *capricolum* and *Mycoplasma mycoides* subspecies *capri*, including the recently reclassified serovar *Mycoplasma mycoides* subspecies *mycoides* biotype large Colony), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia of cattle (*MmmSC*), and contagious caprine pleuropneumonia of goats (*Mycoplasma capricolum*

subspecies *capripneumoniae*) which are specially difficult to differentiate due to phenotypic and genotypic features that cross react serologically. The fifth, recently reclassified *M. mycoides* cluster member, *Mycoplasma eachii* species nov (formerly, *Mycoplasma* species bovine group 7 of Leach) has been isolated from calves with pneumonia (Righter *et al.*, 2011). Among the several species of *Mycoplasma* found in cattle, only *MmmSC* is known to cause fatal respiratory disorders (Masiga *et al.*, 1996; Musisi *et al.*, 2011). It is an extra cellular pathogen that lives in close association with the host cells (Westberg *et al.*, 2004).

Epidemiology

Host Susceptibility

Cattle are the primary susceptible species for CBPP, but reports exist of affected water buffalo, yak, bison and reindeer (Provost *et al.*, 1987). There is no difference in susceptibility of *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* cattle and both races respond equally to vaccination (Radostits *et al.*, 1994). The differences that can be observed (in particular the higher mortality among zebu) are most probably linked to the animal husbandry systems and to herd management than to difference in susceptibility. Age is important. Susceptibility, which is relatively low in young animals, increases as the animal gets older and becomes complete after two years. Moreover, the clinical signs are available according to the age as the tropism of *MmmSC* is directed to the joints in young and to the lungs in animals over two years of age (Lefevre *et al.*, 2010).

Occurrence and Geographic Distribution

CBPP was first described in 1550 by Gallo (Seifert, 1996). According to OIE, the disease was present in at least 27 countries in equatorial, central and Southern Africa. It has also been reported in several countries of the Middle East and in the Arabian Peninsula (Lefevre *et al.*, 2010). CBPP was eradicated from the United States in 1892 and from Australia in 1973. Eradication in both the U.S. and Australia was dependent on strict control of cattle movement, herd-scale slaughter and financial remuneration to owners (Thiaucourt *et al.*, 2003). Currently, CBPP is endemic in most parts of East, Central and West Africa and is spreading fast towards the Southern part of Africa especially Zambia and Namibia, where it is responsible for huge economic losses (Musisi *et al.*, 2011).

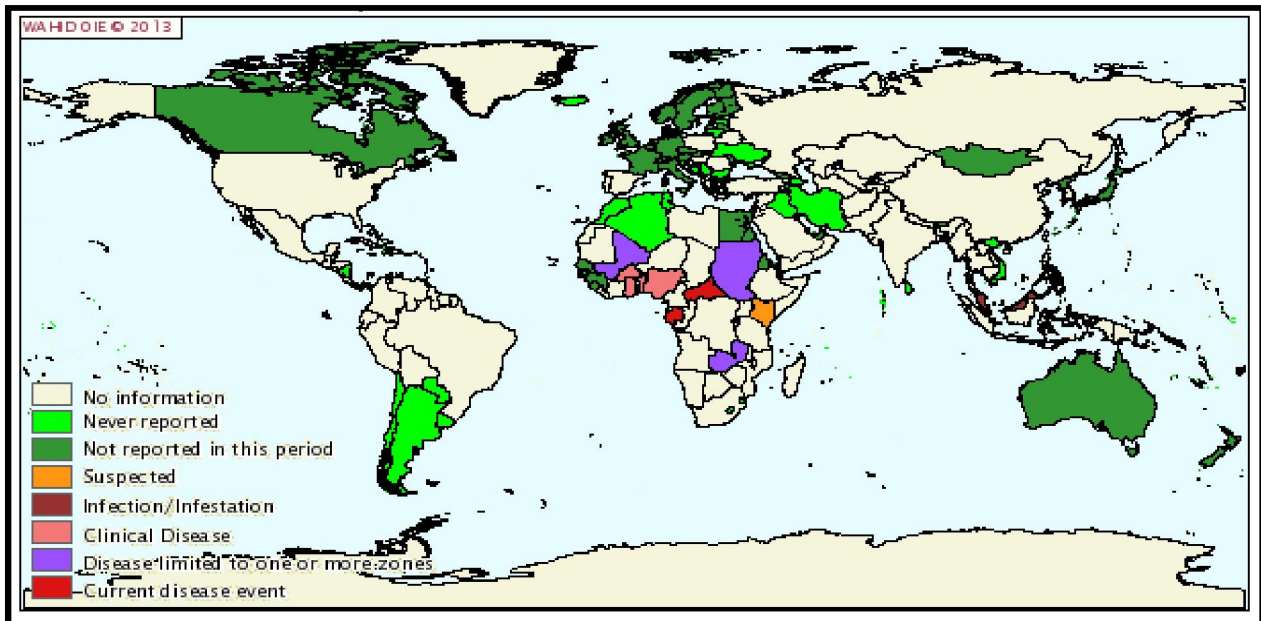


Figure 1: Map showing the distribution of CBPP cases reported to the OIE between January through June 2013.

Source: OIE World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) available at www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/Diseasedistributionmap/C

Sources of Infection and Mode of Transmission

CBPP is transmitted by direct contact and inhalation of droplets from lungs especially within susceptible animals. Other factors that enhance the spread of the disease include movement of trade cattle, seasonal migration, and trans-humannomadism as the disease is characterized by severe exudative pleuropneumonia and pleurisy (Olabode *et al.*, 2013). High stocking densities favor transmission from animal to animal (Gayles *et al.*, 2004). As described by Radostits *et al.* (2007) a separation of 6m between animal is usually considered to be sufficient, but transmission over 45m has been suspected to occur. In general the contagion needs direct contact or contact over short distances (Masiga *et al.*, 1996). The disease is not transmitted through contact via excreta, animal housing and equipment or vehicles previously occupied by infected animals (Newton and Norris, 2000; Thiaucourt *et al.*, 2004).

The main source of infection under natural condition is the excretion of fluge-type droplets by the coughing animal. The organism also present in urine, semen, fetal fluids and even nasal discharges and act as a source of infection. As mycoplasma survives poorly in the environment, indirect methods of spread (e.g. by fomites) are unimportant (Radostits *et al.*, 2007). Many cattle shown disease signs despite being infected and other recover quickly after a transient mild disease, yet they can carry infection for as long as two years and may be responsible for

passing on infection at a later date (Musisi *et al.*, 2011). Some animals are called "Lungers" (chronically infected animals with encapsulated lesion in the lungs) which happens due to prolonged antibiotic usage leading to reduced clinical manifestations of the disease in the animals (Nicholas *et al.*, 2000).

Risk Factors

Animal risk factors: CBPP occurs only in cattle although rare natural cases have been observed in buffalo, yak, bison, reindeer and antelopes, and the disease has been produced experimentally in captive African buffalo and white tailed deer. It has not been detected in other wildlife. In sheep and goats the injection of cultures causes a local cellulitis without pulmonary involvement (Radostits *et al.*, 2007). Individual cattle differ in their susceptibility to CBPP. Some develop severe "Willems' reaction" following subcutaneous inoculation of *Mycoplasma mycoides*, while others show no signs (Hirsh *et al.*, 2004).

Management risk factors: The occurrence and incidence of CBPP is heavily influenced by management systems (Quinn *et al.*, 2002). Management practices that promote infection include kraaling animals at night and mixing of herds along stock routes and watering points (Newton and Norris, 2000). Environmental risk factors that include extremes of temperature, ventilation, dust, ammonia and overcrowding can cause these conditions to break down

and convert the animal in to an active case (Smith, 2009).

Pathogen riskfactors: *Mmm*SC type can be grouped into two major epidemiologically distinct clusters. One cluster contains strains isolated from European countries since 1980 and these cluster contains African and Australian strains collected over last 50 years (Vilei *et al.*, 2000). *Mycoplasma mycoides subspecies mycoides (Mmm)* is sensitive to all environment influences, including disinfectants, heat drying and do not ordinarily survive outside the animal body form or than a few hours (Hirsh *et al.*, 2004).

The pathogen affects the pulmonary tract of adult cattle and buffalos that can lead to severe pulmonary inflammation leaving some animals with hepatized lungs, pulmonary oedema and chronic necrotic sequestra (potential reservoir for disease spread) (Jores *et al.*, 2009).

Pathogenesis

CBPP is an acute lobar pneumonia and pleurisy developing by localization from an initial septicemia. An essential part of the disease is thrombosis in the pulmonary vessels, probably prior to the development of pneumonic lesions. The mechanism of development of the thrombosis is not understood, but there is general increase in blood coagulability, and a generalized tendency to spontaneous thrombosis. Death results from anorexia and presumably from toxemia (Radostits *et al.*, 2007).

In general the pathogenesis of CBPP is still not understood. It is assumed that diffusible toxin provided by (*Mmm*) stimulates fibrous granulation tissue and proliferation resulting in capsule formation around infected necrotic tissue. A carbohydrate, galactin, the major antigen of *Mmm* increase subsequent infection with life organisms and has physiological effects similar to those of the endotoxins of gram negative bacteria. Apparently, immunologically induced cell damage and auto-immune hypersensitivity reactions are also involved in the development of lesions, including agglutinating antibodies which probably cause local lesions in the lung (Seifer, 1996). *Mycoplasma* membranes contain lactan, a carbohydrate which is found in the form of polysaccharides, lipopolysaccharides, glycolipids and glycoproteins (Buttery *et al.*, 1976). These carbohydrate components play a significant role in the interaction of the organism with the cell membrane of its host, and also play a role in its virulence (Razin, 1999).

Clinical and Necropsy Finding

There is considerable variation in severity of signs observed in cattle affected by CBPP, ranging from hyperacute through acute to chronic and sub-clinical forms. Hyperacute form occurs during the onset of an outbreak and death may be all that is seen.

In some cases the animal may die after one to three days with no signs of pneumonia (Masiga *et al.*, 1996). The acute form is characterized by sudden onset of high fever, anorexia, depression, accelerated respiration and coughing (Quinn and Markey, 2003). In subacute form lesions are localized in small part of the lung, the position of which can not be easily located by percussion and auscultation. The only symptom is a rare cough, sometimes new foci of infection are created and acute symptoms set in. The chronic form is very common and can evolve from the acute form. The affected animals may show unspectacular signs, with mild respiratory distress on exercise, but they can also exhibit aviolent and prolonged cough. The animal may remain in poor condition for a long period, depending on the size of the chronic lung lesion. Fever is intermittent and the temperature is never high (Shalali, 1997).

At postmortem, the pneumonic lungs have a mottled appearance. Grey and red consolidated lobules alternate irregularly with pink emphysematous lobules and the interlobular septa are distended and edematous. There may be abundant sero-fibrinous exudates in the pleural cavity (Quinn *et al.*, 2011). The most striking feature of the acute disease is the very large volume of yellow fluid (upto 30 liters) containing clots, which can accumulate in the chest and therefore causing breathing extremely difficult. In the chronic and chronic form, fluid is rarely seen in the pleural cavity but adhesions between lung lobes and between lungs and the chest wall are commonly found. In farcts, varying in size from about 10-300mm, are frequently present in the affected lung tissue, which are the result from thrombosis of inter-lobular arteries and lymph vessels (FAO, 1997).

Diagnosis

Diagnosis generally employs a combination of all or any of the following: clinical signs such as outbreaks of pneumonia, serological tests and post-mortem findings of affected lungs showing a grossly fibrinous broncho-pneumonia accompanied with pleuritis. The degree of severity varies proportionally according to different conditions (Wesonga and Thiaucourt, 2000). In endemic regions, clinical signs and characteristic postmortem findings are presumptive diagnosis techniques, such as the polymerase chain (PCR), based on the detection of specific DNA in tissue samples can be used to differentiate *Mycoplasma mycoides subspecies mycoides* from other members of *Mycoplasma mycoides* clusters. The fluorescent antibody test (FAT) can be used on pleural fluid to confirm the presence of the pathogen (Quinn *et al.*, 2002).

Treatment

No therapeutic treatment is effective. Antibiotics can have no role in the eradication of CBPP either at the farm level, or more importantly, nationally and internationally. Antibiotics can alleviate the clinical course of the disease enabling some improvement in condition. For the individual farmer, particularly the nomadic, this prevents the loss in the form of income and livelihood. However, a treatment strategy must be balanced against the difficulty created by subclinical carrier cattle spreading the disease across international boundaries which often results in explosive outbreaks among susceptible populations. In reality, antibiotics are used and thus advice is necessary about which one is effective. An *in vitro* trial of five commonly used antibiotics on recent isolates of *M. mycoides* SC found that Tilomycin and Danofloxacin were effective both in terms of mycoplasma static and mycoplasma cidal activity. Florfenicol and tetracycline were intermediate, and spectinomycin was ineffective against some strains (Radostits *et al.*, 2007).

Treatment is not recommended, because animals remain carriers after treatment, however, treatment could be attempted in valuable animals with Tylosin (10mg/kg body weight, IM, every 12 hours for 3-5 days) and Oxytetracycline (10mg/kg, IM for 5 days) (DACA, 2006).

Control and Prevention

The control methods of the disease relies on the disease status in a given area (clean or zoonotic), on the mode of animal husbandry (sedentary or nomadic) and on the financial status of the country or even the cattle owners (Shallali, 1997).

Control of Cattle Movement

Control of cattle movement is of critical importance to control CBPP in Ethiopia. The disease may spread insidiously in a herd and may not be detected for several weeks or months after infected animals entered an area. Some animals also have a degree of resistance to the disease and those surviving CBPP are even more resistant. Outbreaks usually begin as a result of movement of an infected animal into a naïve herd. It is widely believed that recovered animals harboring infectious organism with inapparent pulmonary sequestra may become active shedders when stressed (Coetzer *et al.*, 1994). Unrestricted animal movements during transhumance, trade, and cattle theft have often facilitated the spread of the disease. The control of cattle movement is the most efficient means to limit the spread of CBPP (Msami *et al.*, 2001).

Vaccination

Vaccination is the most frequently used control strategy in combination with animal movement control. To be effective, vaccination must be repeated initially at short intervals and thereafter annually over 3-5 years (FAO, 2002). Annual vaccination with live attenuated vaccines carried out to stimulate effective immunity in cattle in endemic areas (Quinn *et al.*, 2011).

The control of CBPP by vaccination has been carried out for the last 30 years in Ethiopia. Besides, the vaccination coverage was around 50% and did not reach the desired 80-100% level. Currently, CBPP control in Ethiopia was based on targeted and ring vaccination in the face of outbreaks (MOA, 1997).

Stamping Out

Stamping out has been termed as the simplest and surest way to control and eradicate CBPP. However, it has far-reaching socio-economic effects (Msami *et al.*, 2001). Consequently, it is recommended that stamping out should be a strategy of last resort to be used in critical (of a sanitary cordon) or major trade routes. It can also be introduced at a later stage of the campaign epidemiological situations such as in the case of outbreaks in a free area or the surveillance zone after substantial reduction of CBPP incidence such that the incidence is approaching zero (FAO, 1997).

Economic Importance of CBPP

CBPP is a highly infectious cattle disease endemic in many African countries, and the Sub-Saharan region is under constant threat due to the carrier status of its host (Musisi *et al.*, 2011). Due to high economic losses caused by CBPP in endemic regions, OIE declared CBPP one of the most serious contagious animal diseases and listed it in the group of notifiable animal diseases of high socio-economic impact and is regarded as one of the major transboundary animal diseases (TADs) (Wade *et al.*, 2015).

The financial implications of these losses are of great significance (it has direct and indirect losses) to cattle owners especially in Sub-Saharan Africa with heavy economic impacts on Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Tanzania, Nigeria and Uganda and (Olabode *et al.*, 2013).

CBPP causes production losses, increases production costs via increased disease control costs, compromises food security through loss of protein and draft power, disrupts livestock and livestock products trade, retards genetic improvement and inhibits sustainable investment in livestock production and causes pain and suffering to animals, causes high morbidity and mortality losses especially in newly affected areas or among susceptible herds that may

show 100% morbidity with mortality exceeding 50%. The CBPP induced productivity losses are associated with significant financial losses to cattle owners (Tambiet *al.* 2006).

In Ethiopia, it has been causing significant economic loss on the agriculture sectors and the

national economy. It accounts for a loss of over 206.5 million Ethiopian birr per year (Laval, 1999). Thus over the last decades, the country has lost a substantial market share and foreign exchange earnings due to frequent bans by the Middle East countries (Belachew and Jemberu, 2003).

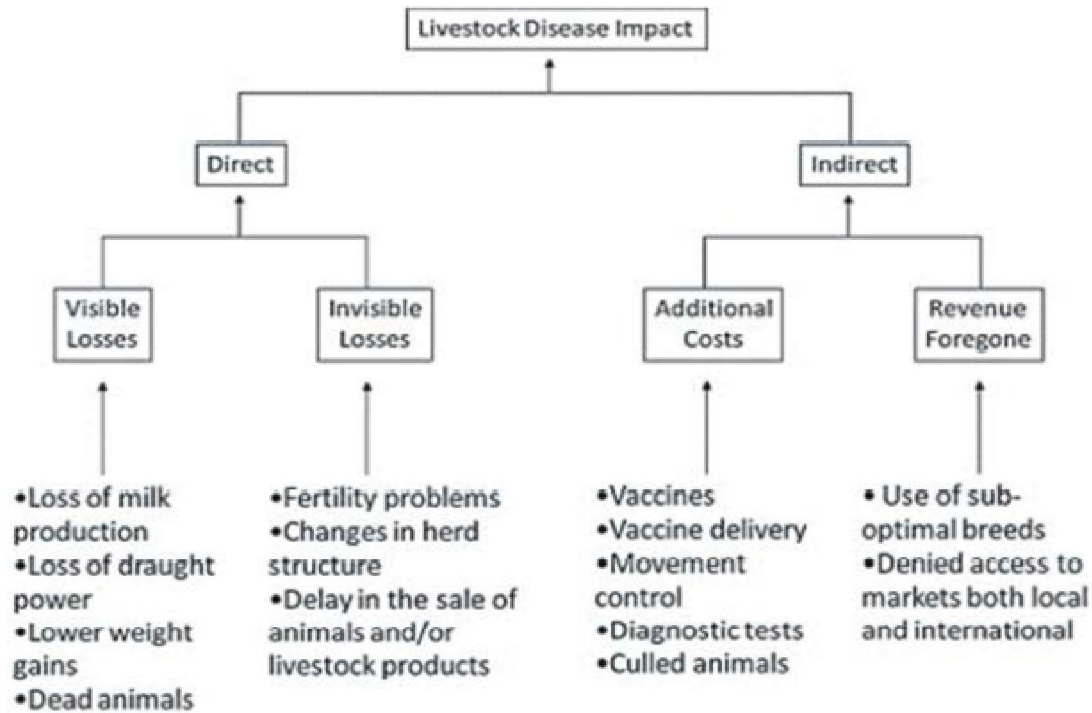


Figure 2: Summary of the economic impact of CBPP (Source: James, A.D. and J. Rushton, 2002).

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CBPP IN ETHIOPIA

Overview of the Epidemiological Status of CBPP in Ethiopia

The origin of CBPP in Central, West and East Africa is obscure and it has been suggested that the infection was introduced by zebu cattle when they first migrated to the African continent. There is a suggestion that CBPP was introduced into East Africa from India by the army of field Marshal Napier when he invaded Ethiopia in 1867-1868 (Masiga *et al.*, 1996).

After rinderpest, the Pan Africa program for the control of epizootics (PACE) has envisaged control of CBPP. In Ethiopia PACE has identified CBPP as the most important disease to address. So far there was no systematic country wide approach on CBPP control or eradication like the one implemented for rinderpest in Ethiopia. The overall vaccination coverage declined during the last 10 years especially since the cessation of rinderpest vaccination (Desta, 1998).

CBPP is currently wide spread in Ethiopia. Large endemic areas are found in the South, West, and North-east and North-western parts of the country (Desta, 1998). Although the previous studies revealed that the disease is more prevalent in lowlands, it can be distributed to other parts of the country due to unrestricted animal movement in the country (Surafel *et al.*, 2015).

The cattle population at risk of contracting CBPP in CBPP endemic and epidemic zones of Ethiopia is estimated to be a total of 12,641,000. All of the cattle are considered to be at risk of CBPP, of which 5,510,700 are in endemic zones and 7,815,000 are in epidemic zones. Generally, based on the available information, the epidemiological situation of CBPP found in various parts of Ethiopia can be summarized as follows (figure 1 and table 1) (Afeework, 2000).

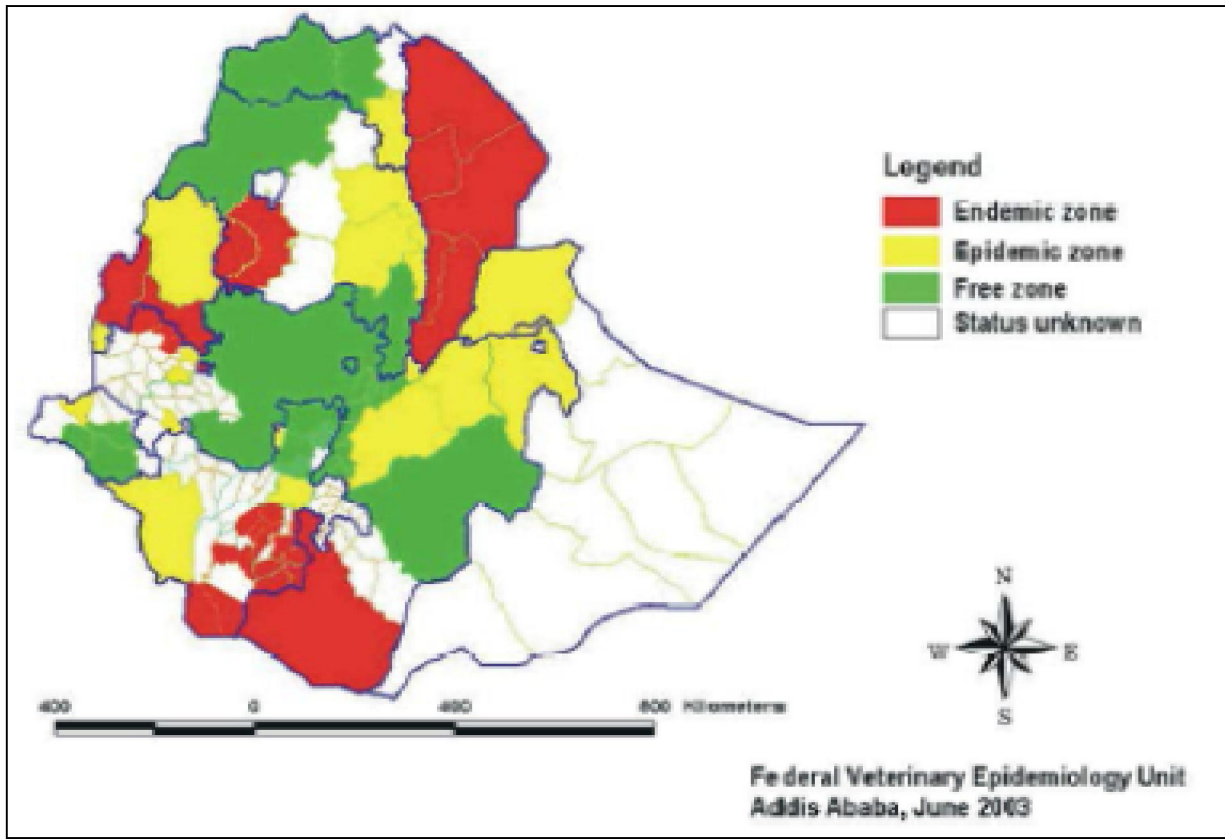


Figure 3: Map showing the different CBPP zones in Ethiopia

Source: Federal Veterinary Epidemiology Unit Addis Ababa, June 2003

Table 1: Cattle population at risk in different CBPP affected areas of Ethiopia

Region	Zone	Cattle population	Production system	Status
Oromia	Western Wellega	1,005,500	MCL	Endemic
	Some parts of Western Wellega	272,700	MCL	Epidemic
	Borena	1,419,000	N	Endemic
	Arsi	2,509,000	MCL	Epidemic
	Eastern Shoa	1,019,000	MCL	Epidemic
Amhara	Western Gojam	1,188,000	MCL	Endemic
	Awi	470,000	MCL	Endemic
	North Wello	620,000	MCL	Epidemic
	North Shoa	1,108,000	MCL	Epidemic
Afar	North Eastern	76,800	N	Endemic
SNNPR	South Omo	413,000	MN	Endemic
	Konso SD	70,000	MCL	Endemic
	Derashe SD	34,000	MCL	Endemic
	Amaro SD	59,000	MCL	Endemic
	North Omo	1,715,000	MCL	Epidemic
	Maji	212,000	MN	Epidemic
Tigray	Southern	450,000	MCL	Epidemic
Total		12,641,000		Endemic and epidemic

Key: MCL = Mixed crop livestock, MN = Mixed and Nomadic, N = Nomadic

Source: Gedlu (2004)

The prevalence of CBPP varies according to the epidemiology of the disease as well as the production system. Higher prevalence occurred during epidemics whereas much lower in endemic situations (Surafel *et al.*, 2015). A national serological survey performed by NAHDIC (2004) provided an assessment of the incidence and prevalence of the disease (Table 2). Gambella and Benishangul-Gumuz Regional State appear to be more affected by the disease compared to the other Regions. However, continuous surveillance and monitoring is required to substantiate this claim. During the years 2002-2010, it was reported that 306

out breaks, 10084 cases and 5284 deaths occurred in different parts of the country (Table 3 (Gulima, 2011)).

The highest CBPP outbreak reported in the country occurred in 1998 with 187 out breaks, 5,652 cases, and 1,071 deaths (MOA, 2002). It is inferred that overall disease situation is on the decline compared to situations before 2002. However, the disease is still widely distributed and the low prevalence that different studies purport should not subvert complacency that would affect the necessary vigilance of mitigating any potential risk which may arise at any one time (EAHYB, 2011).

Table 2: CBPP sero-surveillance performed by the NAHDIC in different Regions of Ethiopia showing disease distribution and prevalence rates.

Region	No of Zones covered	No of Districts covered	Total sample	Negative	Positive	Prevalence
Afar	3	3	1080	1001	79	7.31
Amhara	9	12	4320	4264	56	1.29
BenishangulGumuz	2	2	720	633	87	12.08
Gambela	1	2	720	578	142	19.72
Oromia	11	20	7140	6730	410	5.74
SNNP	8	8	2700	2553	147	5.44
Somali	2	3	1110	1099	11	0.99
Tigray	2	4	1440	1352	88	6.11
Total	38	54	19230	18210	1020	5.63

Source: Gulima (2011)

Table 3: CBPP out breaks and how they impacted on cattle resource during 2002-2010

Region	No of Zones affected	No of Districts affected	No of out breaks	No of cases
Afar	10	15	18	3235
Amhara	14	14	74	455
BenishangulGumuz	5	6	11	334
Gambela	4	4	5	673
Oromia	30	58	126	2428
SNNP	16	18	59	835
Somali	4	5	7	2839
Tigray	5	5	6	40
Total	88	126	306	10084

Source: Gulima (2011)

CBPP Control Methods in Ethiopia

The major control method practiced in Ethiopia is Vaccination. The control endeavor of CBPP by vaccination has a history of about 30 years in Ethiopia (Desta, 1998). Previously the consecutive yearly blanket vaccination with combined rinderpest and CBPP vaccine was adopted as a strategy to control CBPP. This method was considered as a successful achievement in the control of CBPP. Currently, CBPP control in Ethiopia was based on targeted and ring vaccination in the face of out breaks (MOA, 1997).

The major problems to the control and eradication of the disease are difficulty in restriction of animal movement especially in sub-Saharan Africa, complications of applying quarantine and slaughter policies, lack of rapid penicillin diagnostic test, ineffective vaccine and inadequate funds to implement control policies (OIE, 2014).

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) is one of the main problems to cattle health and production in developing countries like Ethiopia. It is

an endemic disease in most parts of Ethiopia. The disease is epidemic in certain areas of Ethiopia and considerable amount of out breaks have been reported very year. Some parts of the country are considered to be free from CBPP, even no disease free area is established so far. The main control options in Ethiopia are conducted through vaccination, and sometimes control is done by quarantine and restricting movement of animal especially to the area considered free from CBPP. Therefore, based on the above conclusions, the following recommendations are forwarded:

- ❖ Restricting movement of animal, by creating awareness among societies about the disease is of paramount for the success of control program since animal movement is the major problem for rapid distribution of CBPP in Ethiopia.
- ❖ Annual vaccination with live attenuated vaccines should be given for cattle in endemic areas to stimulate effective immunity.

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