Application of food safety risk assessment in identifying effective control measures during the animal production phase

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Dia chi tu thien

Thanh niem nguoi Dao, 17 tuoi, bi bong chien phai dat 2 tuy

Nhoi long tuong tinh cam tranh be 20 thang tuoi bi bong toan thanh

Tim nguoi than

Mot phu nu SN 1974 tim kiem cho me nguoi Viet Nam

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Cu so tinh yeu

Hoc cach hoa thuan voi me cong

Nguoi “tram cho” cho tinh yeu

Tinh canh luyen
Objectives of this talk

• To introduce one of the potential roles of the new Joint Collaborating Centre

• To share ideas for application of food safety risk assessment in improving food safety by controlling hygiene in the animal production phase
Outline

• Food safety risk assessment
  – Why important?
  – Risk assessment
  – Logic tree (event tree, fault tree)
  – Description of value chains
  – Field survey- importance of diagnostic tests
  – Construct and run a risk model

• How food safety risk assessment can be applied to improve farm hygiene?
Why food safety?

• Every year, at least 2 billion cases of diarrhea occur and 1.5 million children under 5 yrs die worldwide

• Poor, young, elderly, pregnant women and immune-suppressed most affected

• Food borne diseases include non-diarrheal severe zoonoses
Why animal source foods?

- Two-thirds of human pathogens are zoonotic – many of these transmitted via animal source food

- Animal source food is a single most important cause of food-borne disease

- Many food-borne diseases cause few symptoms in animal host

- Many zoonotic diseases controlled most effectively in animal host/reservoir
Dominance of informal markets in developing countries

“Absence of structured sanitary inspection”
Informal ≠ Illegal
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OIE Import Risk Analysis

- Hazard identification
- Release assessment
- Exposure assessment
- Consequence assessment
- Risk assessment
- Risk management
- Risk communication
OIE Risk analysis for antimicrobial resistance

Hazard identification → Risk assessment → Risk management

Release assessment: Use of antimicrobials at farm and selection of resistant bacteria
Exposure assessment: Food chain and consumption of the foods contaminated
Consequence assessment: Weaker response of antimicrobials in treatment

Risk communication
HACCP 12 step roadmap

Task 1. Assemble HACCP team
Task 2. Describe product
Task 3. Identify intended use
Task 4. Construct flow diagram
Task 5. On-site confirmation of flow diagram
Task 6. List all potential hazards associated with each step, conduct a hazard analysis, and consider any measures to control identified hazards (Principle 1)
Task 7. Determine Critical Control Points (Principle 2)
Task 8. Establish critical limits for each CCP (Principle 3)
Task 9. Establish a monitoring system for each CCP (Principle 4)
Task 10. Establish corrective actions (Principle 5)
Task 11. Establish verification procedures (Principle 6)
Task 12. Establish documentation and record keeping (Principle 7)
In order to prevent health problems caused by livestock products, integrated risk-reduction hygiene management (food chain approach) is needed up to the point where food is served on the table through regional cooperation at each stage including the production stages.

Therefore, MAFF provides support for hygiene management at the production, manufacturing and processing stages.

Food Chain

Supply of safe livestock products through integrated hygiene management from farms to consumers

Production stage

- 1. Checking the general hygiene management program
- 2. Conducting hazard analysis and creating hazard lists
- 3. Creating a hygiene management plan
- 4. Verifying the implementation situation for hygiene management

Manufacturing, processing and distribution stages

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Consumption stage

- Regulation and monitoring based on the Food Sanitation Act, etc.
- Approval of the Comprehensive Sanitation Management and Production Process

Support for introducing HACCP

- MAFF
  - Creation and dissemination of certification criteria
  - Training on-site managers and leaders
  - Support for facility development

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Dairy factories, meat processing plants, etc.

- Appropriate storage, cooking, etc. in accordance with the type of food

MAFF, etc.

- Information provision and risk communication through websites

Supporting the efforts to link HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) at different stages (production, processing and distribution stages)
Advanced Hygiene Management Guidelines based on HACCP approach at Farm Level developed (FY2002~)
HACCP approach at Farm Level shared and promoted among local stakeholders: livestock hygiene service centers, livestock producers, livestock industry organizations, veterinarians, etc.
Certification criteria for being recognized as “HACCP Farm” established and a certification system developed (FY2009~)
Training for “Farm HACCP advisors” (FY2008~) and pilot project involving whole food chain (production stage, the processing, distribution to consumption stages) started (FY2009~)
Certification of HACCP Farms by certification organizations started (FY2011~)

(As of July, 2013)

Promotion of “Farm HACCP“

Farm HACCP advisors

Advice, Monitoring, Testing and Improvement

Creation of an implementation manual by each farmer
- Hazard factor survey (Salmonella, E. coli O157, antibacterial agents, etc.)
- Hazard analysis (HA)
- Setting critical control points (CCP)
- Creation of an implementation manual

Implementation
Implementation of hygiene management based on the manual

Verification
Appropriate revision of the manual

Certification as “HACCP Farm”
Valid for 3 years

Certification organizations: 2 orgs approved

No. of farms working on HACCP approach: 4,587

Feedback including abattoir inspections

No. of farms certified: 27
- Dairy 3, Beef 2, Pig 16, Layer 6

Advanced Hygiene Management Guidelines Based on the HACCP approach, model requirements for controlling or reducing hazards are developed for each type of livestock.

Building trust of consumers in livestock products
Production of safer livestock products which meet consumer high demand
Codex Alimentarius Commission

Food safety risk analysis

A tool for decision-making under uncertainty

*Risk is a probability of occurrence of a scenario and its size of impact (Vose, 2008)
Food safety risk analysis
in informal marketing system

Participatory methods

Risk Assessment

Risk Management

Risk Communication
What are participatory methods?

- Participants discuss problems
- Several formats:
  - Rapid rural appraisal
  - Participatory rural appraisal
  - Key-informants interview
Codex Alimentarius Commission
Risk assessment framework (CAC/GL-30 (1999))
Statement of purpose of risk assessment

• Clear statement of the specific purpose of the particular risk assessment
• Output form
  – Prevalence of illness
  – Annual incidence rate (eg. case/10,000)
• Preliminary investigation phase may be required
Hazard identification

- The identification of biological, chemical, and physical agents –
- capable of causing adverse health effects –
- and which may be present in a particular food or group of foods
Exposure assessment

- Assessment of the extent of actual or anticipated human exposure

- Based on potential extent of food contamination by a particular agent or its toxins, and on dietary information
Hazard characterization

• Qualitative or quantitative description of the severity and duration of adverse effects that may result from the ingestion of a microorganisms or its toxin in food

• A dose-response assessment should be performed if the data are obtainable
Factors that need to be considered in hazard characterization

- Factors related to the microorganism
  - Speed of replication
  - Virulence and infectivity
  - Delay of onset following exposure
  - Attributes altering pathogenicity, e.g., high fat content of a food vehicle

- Factors related to the host
  - Genetic factors
  - Host susceptibility characteristics
    - Age, pregnancy, nutrition, immune status etc.
  - Population characteristics
    - Population immunity, access to and use of medical care etc.
Dose-response Assessment

• Determination of the relationship between the magnitude of exposure (dose) to a chemical, biological or physical agent and the severity and/or frequency of associated adverse health effects (response)

FIGURE 3.1. Adverse response as a result of increasing dose.
Risk characterization

- Integration of previous three steps
- A qualitative or quantitative estimate of the **likelihood and severity** of the adverse effects which could occur in a given population
- Degree of confidence: **uncertainty and variability** (stochastic model)
- Influence of factors to the risk estimate: **sensitivity analyses**
Types of risk assessment and their outputs

• Qualitative
  – Eg). high, middle, low, negligible

• Quantitative
  – Deterministic (point estimate)
  – Stochastic (probability distribution)
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What is the implications of a cow harbouring EC O157:H7 on safety of informally marketed milk?
Fault tree analysis in food safety

- How the illness can occur

Onset of illness

1. Preceded by Infection
2. Preceded by Ingestion

Purchase or Production

Direction of identification and diagraming
Value chain

A producer  ↔  A consumer
Value chain

Producers ↔ Middle men ↔ Consumers
Actors in informal milk sales in Kampala, Uganda

- Shop with a bulk cooler
- Shop with a small refrigerator
- Boiling centre
- Trader with cans on a bicycle
- Roadside vendor
- Roadside vendor

- Plus milk retail shop without refrigerator and dairy farmers selling at farms
Quantitative dairy value chain in Kampala, Uganda

Field survey – Importance of diagnostic tests

Nyama-choma in Tanzania

My bitter experience in *Campylobacter* risk assessment...

<1\textsuperscript{st} survey for prevalence>
High prevalence using culture without rigorous identification

<2\textsuperscript{nd} survey for MPN>
Low prevalence using PCR after culturing
Constructing a risk model

• Model value chains which include
  – Mixing
  – Separation
  – Growth
  – Inactivation

• In a stochastic model, computer simulation is used (I show you a demo briefly..)
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(An example)

Risk assessment of staphylococcal poisoning due to consumption of informally-marketed milk and home-made yoghurt in Debre Zeit, Ethiopia  
Hazard identification

• Hazard
  – *Staphylococcus aureus* enterotoxin
  – Produced by *S. aureus* when the concentration in milk exceeds $10^{6.5}$ CFU/ml

• *S. aureus* is known to be prevalent in milk in Ethiopia by previous reports
Fault tree: understanding the logic of illness

Illness due to Staphylococcal poisoning due to milk consumption

- A consumer is susceptible to SAET
  - SA multiply to reach enough cfu producing ET

Milk contains SA

Milk contains SA at production
  - Milk shed by SA Mastitis cow
  - Milk contaminated by a farmer

Milk contaminated with SA
  - By traders/handlers

Human source
  - Infected cow
  - Human source

Initiating event
### Contamination rate - a survey

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<th>Isolation of <em>S. aureus</em></th>
<th>Boiling before sales</th>
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<td>Milk collection centre (n=25)</td>
<td>18 (70.4%)</td>
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<td>Dairy farm (n=170)</td>
<td>74 (43.6%)</td>
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### Risk mitigation by consumers - participatory and interviews

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<td>Dairy farming households (n=170)</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>68.2</td>
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<td>Consumers (n=25)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>64.0</td>
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Hazard characterization

**Growth model:**

Fujikawa and Morozumi (2006) modified logistic model

![Graph showing growth of Staphylococcus aureus in milk](image)
Risk mitigation by traditional milk fermentation-
Modeling using reported data (Gonfa et al., 1999)

Bacteria growth stops at pH 4.9

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\frac{1}{\text{pH}} = 0.002 \times \text{time (h)} + 1.187 \quad (\text{df}=3, \, r^2=0.90, \, p=0.009)
\]

Source: Makita et al., 2012
Int. J. Food Microbiol.
Stop of growth of *S. aureus* in milk by low pH

Log of cfu/ml of *S. aureus* at room temperature

Stop of bacterial growth due to milk fermentation
Risk characterization

- Each of them are **uncertainty** distributions
- The variety of uncertainty distributions shows **variability**
- Variability in this case is the growth speed of *S. aureus*
Risk characterization
- Training for hygienic milking
- Separation of cows with mastitis
- Temperature control

Sensitivity analysis

Prob. SA has SE genes
Prob. farmers boil
Prob. consumers boil
Store milk 3,4 days
Contamination, farm
Contamination, farm
Consume on day 0
Prob. centres boil
Contamination, centre
Store milk 1,2 days

Temperature
Initial bacteria population

*It provides efficient control options

Sensitivity Tornado

Mean of Incidence rate
Conclusion

- Food safety is important in public health

- Risk assessment is useful in identifying factors reducing the risk, including animal production phase

- Improvement of farm hygiene contributes food safety
Thank you very much for your attention!!

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