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Brucellosis is a highly contagious zoonosis of significance for public health and economic performance in both endemic and non-endemic countries. Historically, brucellosis was recognised for the first time in the Mediterranean region and it is hypothesised that it subsequently spread worldwide. It is associated in humans with poor food hygiene, is transmitted by direct and indirect contact with animals and crosses international boundaries with relative ease. In resource-limited nations, brucellosis is often a very common but neglected disease. Diagnosis and control of brucellosis is still a challenge. This review focuses on the historical and current status of the disease in the 23 countries with coastlines along the Mediterranean. This work is mainly based on information collected and provided by local authorities, governmental bodies and National Reference Laboratories for Brucellosis, as well as national experts in each country. National and international studies from each country were reviewed and scientific output published in peer-reviewed journals was included. Moreover, data published in local languages and not internationally available have also been included.



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