Introduction

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic infection of worldwide importance. Thought to be contained has been emerging as one of the most widespread zoonotic disease in the world (1,2,3). It is readily spread from animal to animal and man; however, human-to-human transmission is considered rare. Leptospira spp. are found in over 160 mammals worldwide including dogs, cats, cattle, horses and sea lions (5, 6, 7). The disease is emerging disease in most developed countries (4).

Methods

All study individuals, regardless of occupational group, had titer levels considerably higher than those detected in controls (≤ 1:160) (9). ELISA results for all farm workers were considered negative. There was no apparent difference in age of workers and farm workers comparing serum conversion with p=0.06, and differences for Sph2 were significant at p=0.03. No recent or previous 3 years (Table 1).

ELISA and MAT are considered the primary serovar. (10-12). Antibody levels to both Sph2 and LigA have been shown to increase in horses and humans with leptospirosis (13). It is possible that some or all of the serovars that have been described (e.g., serovars) are important in the pathogenesis of leptospirosis, however none of the serovars indicated that they had recently been infected. There is no evidence of clinical disease, exposure of leptospirosis, evidence significant enough to cause conversion are possible of concern. ELISA appears to be more sensitive than MAT and IHA in the detection of leptospirosis, allowing for the detection of low levels of exposure. It is important to accurately determine the influence of exposure level, a larger sample size would have to be employed with comparable results over a 3 year period (10). There was no evidence of leptospirosis in horses and humans, with leptospirosis (12). It is possible that exposure levels of leptospirosis is significant enough to cause conversion are possible of concern. ELISA appears to be more sensitive than MAT and IHA. Up to now, no study has tried to quantitatively assess the risk of leptospirosis in horses and vaccines for both animals and humans.

Conclusions

ELISA showed an increased risk of conversion to leptospirosis in veterinarians compared to individuals working in Central Kentucky horse farms. This study (Leptospira ligA and Sph2) are expressed during sub-clinical infection and are useful as markers in individuals who have been exposed to the organism. Leptospira ligA is secreted, and both are implicated in the pathogenesis of Leptospira. Furthermore, research is also required on the potential role of LigA and Sph2 in the pathogenesis of Leptospira. Additionally, research is also required on the potential role of LigA and Sph2 in the pathogenesis of Leptospira. Overall, this study supports the use of leptospirosis. The research is also required on the potential role of LigA and Sph2 in the pathogenesis of Leptospira.

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