

Low levels of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in pigs in Malaysia.

ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to establish the levels of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in pigs in Malaysia. Nasal mucosa swabs were obtained from 400 pigs (4-5 weeks old) in 5 farms in Selangor and Perak states [date not given]. Bacteria were cultured from 123 pigs. The numbers of putative *mecA* + MRSA isolates per farm were 0, 0, 0, 1 and 3, respectively. Farms D and E in Selangor had multiresistant *S. aureus*, including MRSA compared with the other farms.

Keyword: Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; MRSA; Pigs.