

**Detection of *Bacillus cereus* in Raw and Pasteurized Milk Sold in Local Market of  
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The present investigation was undertaken to assess the occurrence of *Bacillus cereus* in raw and pasteurized milk, a total of 100 samples of raw and pasteurized milk samples (50 each) were collected randomly from various retail stores. Enumeration of *Bacillus cereus* was attempted using Polymyxin-pyruvate- egg yolk- mannitol-bromothymol blue agar and confirmed by standard procedures of staining and biochemical tests. The results revealed that 28(56%) of examined raw milk was found positive for *Bacillus cereus* and 6 (12%) of examined pasteurized milk samples were positive for *Bacillus cereus*. The results of this study revealed that significant proportion of raw milk and pasteurized milk samples were positive for *Bacillus cereus*, which is of a public health concern.