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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The authors must focus their work to one field (epidemiology, clinical manifestation, laboratory test results and or treatment). These data in the different field of brucellosis included in this paper make the readers confused. I recommend that the authors limit their work as they noted in the aim of the abstract section (lines 11-12). So, the methods section of the text should be arranged based on epidemiological study of brucellosis in their region. The statistical analysis should be limited to epidemiologic parameters. Lines 151-161 must be deleted (in the section of results). They related to the clinical manifestations and not related to the purpose of this study that was epidemiologic trends of the disease from 1997-2012. Lines 187-203 should be deleted. Table 2, 4, figures 2, 3, 5, 6, S Fig 1-3 and other unrelated figures should be deleted. Lines 303-345 are not related to the purpose of the study and should be deleted. The reason for the persistence of the disease in the human and livestock in their regions should be interpreted.	We meant also by epidemiologic trend to describe the clinical presentations of the disease and if there was any changes overtime, the purpose of the study was modified to include the description of the clinical presentations. We can't overlook the clinical presentation of the disease in the study We deleted table 3, and we found that keeping other figures and tables are important for the descriptions.
Minor REVISION comments	The Introduction section, Methods, Results and Discussion sections should be shortened and the number	Some sentences in these parts were deleted



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	of references should be reduced to at most 30 and must be related to the epidemiological patterns that were published by other researchers. Table 1 contains a lot of data that makes the readers confused. So, many of them are not needed. Please draw a table showing the main variables for this study, clearly.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The authors tried to report the epidemiologic parameters in 4371 cases of brucellosis that referred to Damanhour fever hospital in Egypt from 1997-2012 and they concluded that brucellosis in human and animals persisted the locations that the authors investigated. In review of this manuscript several queries raised that need to be answered by the authors. This paper is not suitable for publication in this present form. This paper must be treated according the purpose of the study and all parts of this paper should be managed appropriately.	