

Supplementary Table 1 The stages of each type of focal brucellosis.

Focal Involvement	Acute (n=142)	Subacute (n=90)	Chronic (n=53)	P value
Neurobrucellosis	1(0.70)	2(2.22)	3(5.66)	0.083
Osteoarthritis	23(16.20)	24(26.67)	21(39.62)	0.002 ^a
Bronchitis and/or pneumonia	11(7.75)	6(6.67)	0	0.120
Genital infection	13(9.15)	4(4.44)	0	0.035 ^b
Endocarditis	1(0.70)	2(2.22)	0	0.385
None	93(65.49)	52(57.78)	29(54.72)	0.290

Data are no. (%) of cases, unless otherwise indicated.

^aPercentages of cases with each stage were compared with a Chi-square test. There are significant adjusted differences in osteoarthritis between acute and chronic cases.

^bPercentages of cases with each stage were compared with a Fisher's exact test. There are significant adjusted differences in Genital infection between acute and chronic cases.

Supplementary Table 2 Results of ELISA performed on 285 brucellosis patients

	Negative	Positive
	N (%)	N (%)
ELISAA-IgM	110(38.60)	175(61.40)
ELISA-IgG	11(3.86)	274(96.14)
ELISA-IgM and/or IgG	3(1.05)	282(98.95)

^aELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay