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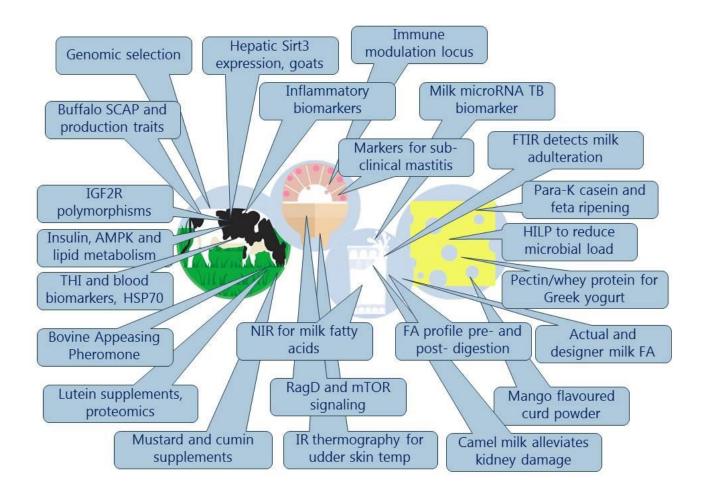


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### The May issue of JDR is now published, and you can view the Contents Page online here.

The infographic is a tantilizer! It gives a very brief topic description for each paper and, most importantly, shows the range of subjects covered by JDR across the whole spectrum of the dairy foods chain.



# Improving Peer Review for authors and referees



We are continuing to improve our Peer Review process to make it faster, more responsive and easier for referees and authors alike. Our hybrid system of Commissioned Review followed, when necessary, by Community Peer Review (CPR) has been operating effectively for some time and now we are ready to implement guillotines at key points in the process. Our objective is to complete Peer Review within a maximum of twelve weeks from submission, and much quicker than that whenever possible. You can help us. If you are asked to Peer Review, please try to do so within three weeks or less, and do your best to avoid the guillotine, which will operate at five weeks. If you volunteer for CPR, the completion target is two weeks and the guillotine operates at four weeks. To help you achieve these targets we shall soon update the website, introducing a Reviewer Resource page that has direct links to all of the review forms that you

will need. Manuscript pages will continue to be accessed from your "My Account menu", just as before. Remember, we need your support for reviewing: join our Peer Review Pool online <u>here.</u>

#### Expertise needed for JDR Editorial Board

If you have expertise in statistics, classical genetics or genomics please consider joining the JDR Editorial Board. You can apply online <u>here</u>. We also welcome applications from members with other expertise.



### DairyWater: introducing our Cluster publication concept

Water scarcity is already a major and complex issue for society, and will become more so over the next few decades. Water is essential to the dairy industries, whether it be the animal's requirements for production or the industry's needs for processing. Have you read the latest <u>Editorial?</u> If so you will already know that our August issue will feature a number of related articles on dairy wastewater management. DairyWater is a project funded by the Irish Government and industry that is seeking to optimise water handling in processing plants. The results will potentially have impact not just in Ireland but globally wherever milk is processed. This research will be showcased in a totally new Cluster format, comprising a scoping review accompanied by a number of related short communications. If you are involved with others in a large dairy project that could be the focus of a future Cluster, please contact us.



In addition to JDR, Cambridge University Press also publish several other food-related titles including Animal. As you will realize, our remits do overlap and we would encourage those with an interest in production aspects to visit <u>Animal</u> on Cambridge CORE from time to time. Of course, if your colleagues already read Animal then you should encourage them to check out JDR as well! One very nice feature of the CUP Animal webpage is the blog; you can see a relevant example above. We are currently commissioning JDR blog articles from some of our recent authors and we shall launch those on Cambridge CORE in the near future. If you would like to write a blog article, contact us.

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