Erratum to “A synbiotic containing *Lactobacillus acidophilus* CHO-220 and inulin improves irregularity of red blood cells” (J. Dairy Sci. 93:4535–4544)

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In this paper, the strain of probiotic used was initially recognized as a strain of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, based on biochemical tests. However, a recent molecular identification (16S RNA) has identified the strain as a *Lactobacillus gasseri*. The exact nature of such a change is unknown. However, changing of bacterial names is not uncommon. Strains of *L. acidophilus* and *Lactobacillus fermentum* have been renamed as *Lactobacillus reuteri* and *Lactobacillus casei*, respectively (Falagas et al., 2006). Strains of *L. acidophilus* have been deposited in various culture banks (e.g., American Type Culture Collection and Belgium Co-ordinated Collections of Microorganisms) as *L. gasseri*. Some currently known *L. gasseri* strains are also formerly known as *L. acidophilus*, with changes occurring mainly from 1989 to 1997 (BCCM, 2011). The authors have accepted the current identification results and, thus, *Lactobacillus*

acidophilus CHO-220 will be renamed as *Lactobacillus gasseri* CHO-220.

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