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In some recently published papers in the Journal of Dairy Science, new terminology was introduced. The terms were new at least to me as a non-native speaker of English. I would like to know the definition for the term "generic mastitis" (Bar et al., 2008) and how it differs from the simple term "mastitis." I understand that the aim is to present information on mastitis caused by different pathogens. Another term used was "nonambulatory cows" and its counterpart "no nonambulatory cows" (Green et al., 2008). Eventually I understood that the term referred to recumbent cows and normal, walking cows. I would suggest that only defined, well-established terms understandable to all readers should be used in this scientific journal.

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