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Journal Articles:

Arua DA, Nweze NE, Anaga AO and Anene BM (2019) Efficacy of *Alstonia boonei* stem bark extract and diminazene aceturate in mice experimentally infected with *Trypanosoma brucei*. *Journal of Veterinary and Applied Sciences*, 9(2): 102 – 111.

Mbaya AW, Nwosu CO and Onyeyili PA (2007) Toxicity and anti-trypanosomal effects of ethanolic extract of *Butyrospermum paradoxum* (Sapotaceae) stem bark in rats infected with *Trypanosoma brucei* and *Trypanosoma congolense*. *Journal of Ethnopharmacology*, 111(3): 526 – 530.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jep.2006.12.020>

Books:

Ugochukwu EI (2011) *Textbook of Equine, Porcine and Ruminant Medicine*. 1st edition. Computer Edge Publishers, Enugu, Nigeria; pp. 441 – 456.

Ihedioha JI and Chineme CN (2004) *Fundamentals of Systemic Veterinary Pathology*. 3rd edition. Great AP Express Publishers, Nsukka Nigeria; pp. 161 – 190.

Chapters in Books

Eisler MC, Dwinger RH, Majiwa PAO and Picozzi K (2004) Diagnosis and epidemiology of African animal trypanosomiasis. In: Maudlin I, Holmes PH and Miles MA (Ed.) *The Trypanosomiasis*. CABI Publishing, Oxfordshire, UK, pp. 253 – 267.

Published Proceedings of Conferences/Symposia

Shoyinka SVO, Chah KF, Eze DC and Onuoha EO (2008) Clinical and pathological features of *Pitriasis rosea* of pigs in Nigeria. In: Proceedings of the 45th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association, Owerri, Nigeria, pp. 122 – 124.

Thesis/Dissertation

Anyogu DC (2021) Comparison of the pathophysiological effects of experimental *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* and *Trypanosoma congolense* infections on the brain and pituitary-adrenal axis of West African Dwarf sheep. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Thesis, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Noel-Uneke OA (2013) Haematological and clinical biochemistry findings associated with diseases, disorders and conditions observed in trade horses at Obollo Afor, Enugu State, Nigeria. Master of Science (M. Sc.) Dissertation, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

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