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Therapeutic management of uterine prolapse in buffalo

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Abstract

Uterine prolapse is a medical emergency that should be addressed as soon as possible. It's simple to diagnose, but it's difficult to treat. If we don't handle the animal right away, as the uterus prolapses, pressure is applied to large uterine vessels, which may result in vessel rupture, causing internal bleeding lead to hypovolemic shock and death of the animal. Buffaloes are more likely than cows to have uterine prolapse. Delaying the postpartum return to estrus, conception rate, and calving interval, uterine prolapse has a negative impact on cattle reproductive and productive efficiency. This article discusses the effective clinical treatment of uterine prolapse in 6 years old buffalo, which was treated with the 3 Rs (reduction, repositioning, and retention) under epidural anesthesia. To retention of prolapse used the ropetruss method to keep the prolapse in place.

Keywords: Buffalo, epidural anesthesia, retention, rope truss method, uterine prolapse

Introduction

The term "prolapse" refers to an organ's irregular repositioning from its usual anatomical location. Incidence of prolapse as high as 43% has been reported in buffaloes (Samad et al., 1987) [11] but in cattle it is only 1 to 2% (Woodward and Quesen berry, 1956; Patterson et al., 1981) [8, 15]. Post-partum of uterus is occurs 48 to 72 hours after parturition (Arthur, 1996; Roberts 1971) [3, 10]. It is a common complication in 3rd stage of labor in cow (Joseph et al. 2001) [6]. Uterine prolapse occurs when the previously gravid uterine horn becomes invaginated/folded in after calving and protrudes from the vulva. It is also termed as eversion of uterus or casting of "Wethers" or casting of calf bed. In lay man term also called as Bhelly Nikalna or Phool Nikalna. The reproductive tract of cattle has two forms of prolapses that are vaginal and uterine. Unlike vaginal prolapse, uterine prolapse is not heritable. Both prolapse cases require early treatment, prevention of recurrence. The female reproductive system includes both the vaginal and uterine cavities. Understanding how the reproductive tract is organized is crucial to understanding prolapses. The cervix separates the vaginal canal from the uterus. During pregnancy, the cervix closes the uterus to the "outside." The cervix dilates during child birth to enable the calf to leave the uterus, move through the vagina and into the world. Although they are both a part of the reproductive tract, they are distinct anatomical structures with somewhat different functions. Present article covers causes, clinical signs, management of prolapse. Postpartum uterine prolapse is more common than prepartum prolapse due to the sudden release of elevated intra- abdominal pressure, uterine inertia and loss of muscular tonicity (Noakes et al. 2001) [7]. Other causes for uterine prolapse are weak body condition, smooth floors, a previous vaginal prolapse, excessive estrogen content in feed (Janie, 2006; Jackson, 2004) [5] and dystocia. According to a few authors, 40 percent of cows become pregnant after uterine prolapse. If treatment is started in right away, post-operative fertility rate of 40-60% has been recorded (Taygi and Singh, 2002) [13].

Case history

The buffalo in present case was 6 years old in her third lactation and prolapse occurred after 24 hours of calving. The current case of Buffalo prolapses happened as a result of local people using more force to extraction of the fetus out of the animal's birth canal.

Clinical signs

Prolapsed mass is larger and longer (usually hanging down to the hocks when standing), deep red in color, visible placentomes, animal was in recumbency, severe straining, anorexia, prolapsed mass was lying on the ground and it contains dung, soil and dust.

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Materials and Methods

In present case, limit the animal movement to avoid uterine artery rupture or avulsion from the internal iliac, which could result in fatal hemorrhage. The prolapsed organ covered by a large towel or sheet carried by people on either side. Then empty the bladder because the urethra remains at an acute angle during prolapse, preventing urination. As a result, we must raise the uterus, which causes the urethra to straight in position, allowing the animal to urinate, resulting in increased relaxation and less straining. Wash the everted organ with warm water and potassium permanganate solution (1:1000) and given epidural anesthesia with 2 percent Lignocaine hydrochloride @ 5 ml at the intercoccygeal junction.

- Reduction of swollen prolapsed mass carried out by applying sugar, ice packs and herbal POP_IN spray. Lubricated the prolapsed mass with Lignocaine jelly to reduce straining and applied antibiotic dicrysticin powder to provide antibacterial cover.
- 2. Repositioning a prolapsed mass accomplished by softly pushing with one fisted hand while elevating the mass with the palm of the other. The prolapsed mass was pushed back into pelvic cavity till completely repositioning of the uterus. Then intra uterine administration of antibiotic done with two furea bolus. After that conformed the position of uterus by per rectal examination.
- 3. Retention of prolapsed mass done by applying the rope truss method. In India rural areas, the use of rope truss is a common method for preventing genital prolapse recurrence (Sharma *et al.* 2017) [12]. Rope truss method is very effective, noninvasive, easy & less expensive method for successful management of prolapse of uterus in Buffalo.

Medical treatment

The animal was treated with CBG (calcium borogluconate) @ 450 ml slow I/V for one day; Rintose (Multi Electrolyte with 20% W/V Dextrose injection) @ 1000 ml per day I/V for 3 days; Antibiotic Triax S3 (Ceftriaxone & Sulbactum) (3g) @ 10 mg per Kg body weight for 5 days; NSAID Melonex (Meloxicam) @ 0.2 to 0.5 mg per kg B. weight I/M;

Antihistamine Histanil (Chlorpheniramine malate) @10 ml for 5 days; Tonophosphan (Sodium salt of 4- Dimethylamino-2methylphenyl-phosphonic acid) 2 to 5 ml BID, I/M for 5 days; Intavita H (vitamin A) 5ml per 300 kg Body weight I/M for 3 days; Agrimin forte (Mineral mixture) 100 mg for 5days; Oral calcium preparation (Calshakti) 25 to 50 ml orally for 5 to 10 days.

Post-operative care of animal

Allow the animals to little exercise, give less bulky diet, avoid feeding of estrogenic plants, giving less feed and water several times in a day and keeping a close eye on these animals are all things that should be considered. During post-operative care, no further prolapse symptoms or clinical deviations were observed. After 10 days of closed observation of animal the rope was removed.

Results and Discussion

Buffalo was recovered in just 7 days. The ceftriaxone antibiotic works well, oral calcium also given good result. The animal was in a recumbent position on the first day of uterine prolapse but after being given I/V infusion, animal eventually stood up. Dicristycin cover on prolapsed mass given good results by avoiding uterine infection whereas Ahuja et al. (2016) [1] got good results with Soframicin ointment. Uterine prolapse is a painful and serious condition that cause most animals to be unable to stand for long periods of time. Uterine prolapse causes animal to recumbent in either a sternal or lateral position (Richardson et al., 1987) [9]. The animal must be placed in the right position to prevent During the treatment of the prolapsed uterus. It is difficult to perform a reduction of prolapse if animal have bloated rumen. Hormonal changes before parturition, as an increase in oerstogen, which stimulates the relaxin hormone cause the pelvic ligaments to relax and the cervical to weaken, predisposing the animal to prolapse (Wolfe, 2009) [14]. According to Arthur (2001) [2] hypocalcemia is the most common cause of uterine prolapse. After application of an ointment or lubricant perform manual massaging of prolapsed mass during repositioning is an effective alternative technique (Youngquist, 1997) [16].





Fig 1: Condition of animal before and after treatment

Conclusion

Clinical management of uterine prolapse in buffalo is presented and discussed. In this case ceftriaxone gave good

result to avoid secondary bacterial infections and animal responded quickly. Rope truss method is very easy to apply, effective, and does not cause any injury to the vulval lips.

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