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Pathomorphological study on bovine papilloma: A case report

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Abstract

A 5-year-old male Sahiwal breed of cattle was presented with a history of abnormal multiple growth on the skin. Clinical examination revealed cauliflower like growth near the brisket, neck, shoulder, back and the lumbar region. Histopathological examination showed hyperkeratosis, finger like projection along with distinct fibrovascular stroma. Based on gross observations and histopathological characteristic, it was diagnosed as papilloma. The animal was treated with anthiomaline and it was found to be effective with complete recovery with no recurrence.

Keywords: Bovine, papilloma, gross, histopathology

Introduction

Papilloma tumor or warts are benign tumor of an epithelial surface found in almost all type of animals. The bovine papilloma commonly known as warts are caused by bovine papilloma virus which result in the proliferation of skin cells and development of verruciform lesions in cattle [1]. Miller and West [2] reported that the lesion are mainly on the head, dewlap, brisket, neck, shoulder. The diseases can appear in cattle of any age group, but it is more commonly seen in young animals of less than two years old [3]. Bovine papilloma virus infection does not usually cause livestock death, but result in slow growth, weight loss and decreased milk production [4]. Prasad *et al.* [5] reported that the infection is more common in imported (*Bos Taurus*) and cross-breed cattle than in the native Indian cattle (*Bos Indicus*). For treatment of papilloma different methods have been used such as autoimmune therapy, surgical excision, cryotherapy and lithium antimony thiomalate [6,7].

Material and Methods

Case history

A 5-year-old male, Sahiwal breed of cattle was presented with a history of abnormal multiple growth near the brisket, neck, shoulder, back and lumbar regions. Tissue sample from the animal was collected in 10% neutral buffer formalin (NBF) for histopathological examination.

Histopathology

Fixed tissue sample were dehydrated in a series of increasing ethanol concentrations (70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 100% Alcohol I & II) for one hour each, followed by clearing with xylene I and II for 1 hour. The tissues were infiltrated in paraffin wax I and II for 2 hours each, and then implanted in a paraffin block using a paraffin embedding set. Paraffin embedded tissue sections were cut into $4\mu m$ thickness, and then stained with haematoxylin and eosin (H&E) [8]. The slides were viewed under light microscopy.

Treatment

The treatment of the animal was carried out by administration of anthiomaline (lithium antimony thiomalate) at the dose rate of 15 ml deep intramuscularly on interval of 48 hours for 2 days.

Results and Discussion

Grossly, the warts are dry, rough, with various sized mass of cauliflower-like growth spread near the brisket, neck, shoulder, back and the lumbar region (Fig.1a & b). Histopathological examination revealed hyperkeratosis, finger-like projection along with distinct fibrovascular

stroma (Fig.2). The case was treated with anthiomaline therapy at the dose rate of 15 ml deep intramuscularly at an interval of 48 hours for 2 days and it was found to be effective with complete recovery without any reported recurrence.

Pappilloma is a common contagious and self–limiting disease among bovine. Initially, the neoplasm grows in the area around the brisket region and spread to the neck, shoulder, back and lumbar region. Miller and West ^[2] have earlier reported that papilloma is commonly observed in the head, dewlap, brisket, neck, shoulder and leg region which concurred with our findings. Animals between 3 months to 8 years of age were usually affected which is similar to our findings ^[9]. Histopathological examination of tissue biopsy usually shows hyperkeratosis and finger-like-projection along with distinct fibrovascular stroma ^[10,11].

In the present study, hundred percent recovery was obtained after treatment with anthiomaline which corroborate with the findings of Kavithaa *et al.* ^[12]. It may be concluded that anthiomaline therapy can be used successfully to treat cases of papilloma in cattle without recurrence.

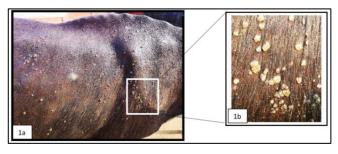


Fig 1(a): Papillomatous growths with wart/nodule like structure on different parts of the body.

(b): Cauliflower like growth on the skin

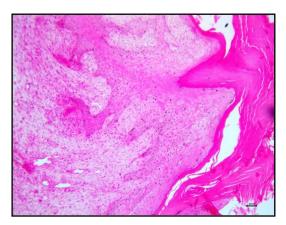


Fig 2: Hyperkeratosis along with finger like projection

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Conflict of interest

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