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# Diagnostic and therapeutic management of sebaceous gland adenoma in a crossbred dog

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#### Abstract

A 9-year-old male crossbred dog presented to VCC, C.V.Sc, Rajendranagar with the anamnesis of multifocal wart or nodule like growths on the skin (head, pedal, interdigital region, dorsal surface of body, on the eyelid region and ventral surface of abdomen) showing cauliflower like growth and erythematous in nature. Macroscopically, a whitish nodular mass small to medium in size, moderate to firm in consistency was noticed. The wart was excised and collected and subjected to histopathological study and was diagnosed as sebaceous gland adenoma. Dog was treated with thuja oral drops, and supportive therapy. Skin lesions regressed after 28 days of treatment and complete recovery observed after 40 days.

Keywords: Adenoma, dog, sebaceous gland

# Introduction

Sebaceous glands are normally noticed below the skin. These glands secrete sebum, oily in nature, which lubricates the skin and hair of animals. They were more common in geriatric dogs and cats <sup>[1-4]</sup>. Adenomas were very common epithelial skin tumors and present on dog skin (all parts of the body). The primary sites for sebaceous gland tumors are head, abdomen and thorax <sup>[1, 2, 5]</sup>. Eyelid is the most common site for these tumors <sup>[2, 4, 6]</sup>. The exact cause of sebaceous gland adenoms is not known <sup>[7]</sup>, alterations in the hormones important in their development <sup>[8]</sup>. They can be classified into nodular hyperplasia, sebaceous adenoma, sebaceous epithelioma and sebaceous adenocarcinoma according to the level of cell maturation.

#### **Materials and Methods**

Male crossbred dog aged 9 years was presented to the Veterinary Clinical Complex, C.V.Sc, Rajendranagar with the history of development of greyish white warts on the forehead, legs, interdigital spaces dorsal part of body, on the eyelid region and ventral surface of abdomen. The growth was excised and collected for fixing in 10% formalin for 48 hours, later kept overnight for washing under tap water, dehydration in ascending grades of alcohol, cleared in xylene and embedded in paraffin. Prepared blocks were cut into 5 microns thick sections and were stained with routine Haemotoxylin &Eosin staining method.

### **Results and Discussion**

The mutifocal greyish white elevated wart like solid growths were on dorsal surface of body, on the eyelid region and ventral surface of abdomen (Fig.1). They were moderately hard in consistency. Grossly, the mass was haemorrhagic and covered with skin. The excised parts of skin revealed proliferative regions divided by fine connective tissue trabeculae into small lobules. Microscopically, multiple lobules composed of mature sebaceous glandular epithelial cells having abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm which is vacuolated along with centrally placed hyperchromatic nuclei. The lobules were well demarcated by encircling fibrous connective tissue including few basophilic reserve cells with scanty cytoplasm. No observation of nuclear atypia and mitotic figures. (Fig. 3). Initially the animal was treated by Antibiotics like enrofloxacin @ 5mg/kg b.wt and injection Ivermectin @ 200 Micrograms/kg b.wt and inj Anthiomaline @ 1ml/20 kg b.wt deep intramuscular but there was no improvement was noticed. Animal was kept on thuja oral drops (10 drops/day) for 40 days. The skin lesions regressed after 28 days of therapy <sup>[10]</sup>. Complete recovery of wart lesions observed on day 40. No regrowth of warts observed.



Fig 1: Multifocal wart growths noticed on various parts of body.



Fig 2: Photomicrograph of growth showing multiple well demarcated lobules separated by connective tissue and containing variably differentiated sebocyte in the centre and undifferentiated basaloid cells at periphery H&E 10X



Fig 3: Photomicrograph of growth showing multiple well demarcated lobules in which few showing cystic changes and few showing complete eosinophilia H&E 10X

#### Conclusion

In the present case, macroscopic and microscopic lesions

were suggestive of sebecous glandular adenoma. The Tuja drops are very effective against warts/papilloma.

# **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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