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Peste des petits ruminants

- OIE-Listed disease
- Synonym :
 - Pseudo-rinderpest
 - Goat Plague
 - Pest of Small Ruminants
 - Pest of Sheep and Goats
 - Kata
 - Stomatitis-Pneumoenteritis Syndrome
 - Pneumoenteritis Complex
- PPR is a highly contagious viral disease of sheep and goats, characterized by fever, oculo-nasal discharges, stomatitis, diarrhoea and pneumonia with foul offensive breath.

- Peste des petits ruminants virus SS RNA
- Genus: Morbillivirus
- Family: Paramyxoviridae
- Other members of the family include RP, Measles virus, Canine distemper
- Vaccination for RP can prevent PPR in ruminants
- Serological cross-reactivity with RP in diagnostics

- Primarily a disease of goats and sheep
- Cattle and pigs seroconvert but do not develop or transmit disease
- Wild ungulates can be affected

- Direct contact
 - Nasal/ocular secretions
 - Urine, saliva, and blood
- Contaminated food or water
- Indirect contact
 - Fomites

Virus reach to nasopharyngeal mucosa → binds to host CD150 on activated T cells, B cells and dendritic cells of tonsils and regional lymphnodes \rightarrow Virus replication \rightarrow Go in the blood \rightarrow Viremia \rightarrow dissemination to respiratory and alimentary mucosal cells \rightarrow Virus replication causing focal necrosis, erosion, and fibrinous exudation (Pneumo-enteritis) \rightarrow Infect lymph nodes and GALT \rightarrow destructions of Iymphocytes → Immunodeficiency → Secondary bacterial infection \rightarrow Death from severe Pneumo-enteritis

- Incubation period: 2-10 Days
- Peracute
- Acute
 - High fever
 - Serous nasal, ocular discharge becomes mucopurulent
 - Hyperemic gums, necrotic oral lesions
 - Profuse diarrhea, Dehydration
 - Emaciation
 - Rapid respiration, dyspnea
 - Abortion
 - Skin nodules around muzzle
- Subacute asymptomatic disease











- Dehydrated, soiled, fetid carcass
- Serous or mucopurulent oculonasal discharges
- Inflammatory and necrotic lesions on oral cavity and GI tract
- Bronchopneumonia with consolidation and atelectasis Cranio-ventral lobes
- Congestion and Inflammation of upper RT
- blood-tinged, frothy exudates in tracheas
- Congested, edematous and enlarged spleen and lymph node
- Hemorrhage and congestion of cecum, colon, rectum (zebra
- Stopgestion, swelling and erosion of vulval and vaginal mucosa













- Mild multifocal tracheitis, bronchitis and necrotizing bronchiolitis, and diffuse proliferative interstitial pneumonia
- Focal mucosal necrosis just above basal layer, extending to the surface
- Necrosis of intestinal crypts with resultant erosions, ulcers and inflammtion
- Syncytia; intracytoplasmic and intranuclear eosinophilic inclusion bodies in infected epithelial cells



- Clinical signs
- Laboratory tests
 - Virus isolation
 - Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID)
 - Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)
 - Complement fixation test
 - Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests
 - Serological tests
 - Virus neutralization tests







Malignant Catarrhal Fever

- OIE-Listed disease
- Synonym :
 - Malignant Catarrh
 - Malignant Head Catarrh
 - Gangrenous Coryza
 - Catarrhal Fever
 - Snotsiekte
- MCF is an infectious disease of domestic cattle, some wild ruminants, and occasionally pigs, characterized by lymphoproliferation, vasculitis, and erosive-ulcerative mucosal and cutaneous lesions..

- several viruses in the Genus Rhadinovirus / Macavirus (OIE) - lymphotropic
- Subfamily: Gammaherpesvirinae
- Family: Herpesviridae



- Four of which are associated with clinical MCF:
- (1) Alcelaphine herpesvirus 1 (AiHV-1), carried by wildebeest (Connochaetes sp.)
- (2) Ovine herpesvirus 2 (OHV-2), endemic in domestic sheep
 (3)Caprine herpesvirus 2 (CpHV-2), endemic in domestic goats
 (4) a virus of undetermined origin causing MCF in whitetailed deer (MCFV-WTD).

- Carrier species
 - Sheep, goats, wildebeest
- Susceptible specie
 - Domestic cattle (Bos taurus and B. indicus)
 - Domestic water buffalo (Bubalus bubalis)
 - American bison (*Bison bison*)

Mortality approaches 100%

• AHV-1

- Wildebeest calves
 - In utero
 - Contact with nasal and ocular secretions
 - Aerosols during close contact
- Adult wildebeest
 - Cell-associated form Rarely transmitted
- OHV-2
 - Respiratory (aerosol)
 - Transplacental rare
 - Contact with nasal secretions
 - Animal-to-animal rare Dead end hosts

- Virus reach to nasopharyngeal mucosa→ viral replication in small and medium-sized lymphocytes → infection of large granular lymphocytes (T-suppressor cell) → No suppression
 - \rightarrow Iymphoproliferation (suppressor dysfunction) and necrosis
 - \rightarrow infiltration in various organs and vasculitis

- Incubation period: 2- 10 Days
- Peracute No signs
- Acute
 - High fever
 - Catarrhal to Mucopurulent conjunctivitis and rhinitis
 - Bilateral corneal opacity
 - Erosions in skin of muzzle, roof of mouth and cheeks
 - Diarrhoea
 - In mild disease skin lesions like ulceration and Exudation of skin in perineum, udder and teats
 - Nervous signs in later stages
 - Superficial enlarged lymph nodes
 - Swollen limb joints









- Lymph nodes: Enlarged, edematous; characteristic lesion
- Mucosal surfaces of GIT: Hyperemia and edema, erosions and ulcerations
- Eye: Conjunctivitis, corneal opacity (starting at the limbus and progressing centripetally) and occasionally corneal ulceration
- Kidney: 2-4 mm, raised white foci in cortex infarcts
- Liver: Slightly enlarged and mottled
- Spleen: Enlarged with prominent lymphoid follicles
- Skin (base of horns and hooves, loins and perineum): Hyperemia to exanthema with crust streating and of wall
- CNS: Meninges wet, possibly with petechial hemorrhages 35















- Perivascular and intramural infiltrates of lymphocytes and lymphoblasts necrotizing vasculitis
- Lymphocytic infiltrate in kidneys, liver (periportal), GI mucosa, dermis, meninges, heart
- Lymph node: Active proliferation of lymphoblasts, especially in T cell-dependent areas of interfollicular and paracortical zones- Edema of medulla
- CNS: Necrotizing arteritis, plasma exudation into the meninges or Virchow-Robin space
- Skin and squamous mucosa of alimentary tract: Lichenoid infiltrate of altered and proliferating lymphoid population; necrosis and ulceration





- Histopathology
- PCR
- Virus isolation (AHV-1)
- Serology
 - AHV-1 antibodies in wildebeest
 - Immunofluorescence, immunoblot, VN, ELISA, immunocytochemistry
- OHV-2 antibodies in sheep
 - Immunofluorescence, immunoblot

