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8-Avian Adenovirus Infections (AADV)

Family: Adenoviridae

Genus: Aviadenovirus Group 1 → HHS (Serotype 4).
→ IBH (Serotype 11).

Genus: Siadenovirus Group 2 → Hemorrhagic enteritis (turkey).

Genus: Atadenovirus Group 3 → EDS76 (Egg drop syndrome virus).

1-Hydropericardium Hepatitis Syndrome (H.H.S) (Angara disease)

* **Definition:** it is acute infectious disease of chickens characterized by **high morbidity and mortality rate, excess pericardial fluid**, multifocal hepatic necrosis and present **basophilic intranuclear inclusion bodies** in hepatocytes.

* **Etiology:** Pathogenic Group I Adenovirus Serotype 4.

* The economic important difficulties to determine because the condition occur with other disease such as Velogenic ND, Mycoplasmosis, MD, Salmonellosis, IBD, CAV.

* **Incubation period:** - is short (**24-48 hr.**).

* **Synonyms:**

1-Angara disease.

2-Inclusion body hepatitis-hydropericardium.

*** Host Susceptibility:**

Immature chickens are the natural host and most commonly in **3-5 weeks** of age of broiler.

*** Transmission:**

1-Vertical.

2-Horizontal transmission by carrier.

3-Commercial transmission.

Viral replication in the **intestine tract** and the contamination occur by **feces** in clothes, foot wear, equipment, vehicles.

4-**Contaminated vaccine** prepare in embryo derived from infected flock may also source of infections.

5-There is evidence that needle or plate use in vaccination and bleeding of viremic birds if not sterile can transmit infection.

*** Morbidity and Mortality rate:-**

Duration of infection usually ranged from **9-14 days** with morbidity rate (**10-30%**) and **mortality 30-70%** depending on the preparing and titer of virus and route of administration, the **daily mortality 3-5%**.

*** Clinical Signs:**

Flocks with HHS show no specific clinical signs.

1-**sudden death**.

2-Ruffled feather.

3-**yellow mucoid** drooping are characteristic.

4- Severe **anemia** (because bone marrow affected) in affected birds.

*** Gross lesion:**

1-The most **characteristic lesion** is presence of up to **10ml of clear transudate** in the **pericardial sac**.

2-Liver and kidney are usually **enlarge**, pale, friable, hepatic necrosis.

3-**Petechial hemorrhage** may be present on the pericardium and under the capsule of liver.

4-Congestion and pulmonary edema.

***Microscopic lesions:-**

- 1-The lesion in heart consist of **myocardial edema**, degeneration and necrosis with mild mononuclear cells infiltration.
- 2-Multifocal **coagulative necrosis** with mononuclear cells infiltration and **basophilic intranuclear inclusion bodies in hepatocyte** in liver.
- 3-May be extensive areas of necrosis in renal epithelium.

***Diagnosis:**

- 1- Case history.
- 2-clinical signs.
- 3-Gross lesion.
- 4-laboratory test.
- 5-Can be done by histological demonstration of **basophilic intranuclear bodies in hepatocytes**, it consider highly suggestive of HHS.
- 6-To confirm the diagnosis by isolated by infected embryonic chick liver in egg of chicken.

***Treatment:-**

- 1-There is no specific treatment of HHS.
- 2-Using **Iodophore(0.07-1)% of 2.5%** in drinking water of affected flock to reduce mortality and severity of disease.

***Prevention andControl:-**

- 1-Management procedure.
- 2-**Vaccination (killed vaccine).**

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9-Inclusion Body Hepatitis (IBH) (Aplastic anemia)

***Definition:** acute infection disease of young and mature chicken characterized by sudden onset, short course, pathogenic liver change and anemia.

***Etiology:** pathogenic adenovirus serotype 11 Group I.

***Transmission:** like HHS.

***Clinical Signs:**

- 1-Depression (Crouching position).
- 2-Ruffled feathers.
- 3-Pale of comb and wattles.

***Gross lesion:**

- 1-Liver swelling, yellow, mottled, with petechial hemorrhage.
- 2-Kidney and bone marrow are pale and mottled spleen.

***Microscopic lesions:-**

The important lesion **Basophilic intranuclear inclusion body in hepatocyte.**

10-Egg drop syndrome (EDS76).

* **Definition:** it is infection disease of laying hens, characterized by producing thin shelled or shell-less eggs.

* **Etiology:** - Pathogenic adenovirus Group 3.

*First isolate 1976, and introduced into chickens through **contaminated vaccine**.

* **Incidence and prevalence:** -wide spread in many countries.

* **Transmission of the disease:** same to HHS.

* **Clinical Signs (Symptoms):-**

*The first was **loss of color in pigmented eggs, followed by production of thin-shelled, soft-shelled or shell-less eggs.**

*The thin-shelled eggs were often rough with **sandpaper-like texture** or granular roughening of the shell at one end of the egg.

*The fall in egg production was **very rapid** or extended over **several weeks**.

*EDS outbreak usually lasted **4-10 weeks**, and egg production was reduced by **upto(40%)**.

***Watery albumin** has described.

* **Gross lesion (P.M):-**

*In naturally occurring outbreaks of EDS, **inactive ovaries and atrophied oviducts, uterine edema, flaccid ovules**, and eggs in various stages of formations in the abdominal cavity.

*Mild splenomegaly.

* **Microscopic lesions:-**

*The major pathologic changes occur into **oviduct and shell glands**.

*Virus replication in the nuclei of epithelial cells, and **intranuclear inclusion bodies** from **7 days post infection**.

*Many affected cells were sloughed into the lumen and there was rapid and severe inflammatory response with macrophage, plasma cell, lymphocytes, variable number of heterophil.

*Inclusion bodies were **not seen after the 3rd day** of abdominal egg production, but viral antigens persist for up to 1 week.

***Diagnosis:-**

- 1-case history.
- 2-Clinical signs.
- 3-P.M lesion.
- 4-Isolation and Identification.
- 5-HI, ELISA.

***Prevention andControl:-**

- 1-Management procedures.
- 2-Vaccination.**Oil-adjuvant inactivated vaccine** is widely use and gives good protection against EDS, the birds are vaccinated between **14-16 weeks of age**.

***Treatment:-**

- 1-No Successful treatment.
- 2-Vitamins, increase **calcium** or protein in the ration.