



## Bovine Viral Diarrhea/mucosal disease

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## The Organism

Family: Flaviviridae Genus: pestiviruses

similar to the viruses causing

- ✓ Border disease in sheep
- ✓ swine fever in pigs
- can cross the placenta and damage the fetus. can cross the placenta and damage the fetus
- There are two distinct biological forms of the virus called biotypes, distinguishable in tissue culture, cytopathic and non-cytopathic.

## **Epidemiology**

Infection with BVD virus is generally a mild or even subclinical event except on two occasions

- > infection of the pregnant animal
- in mixed infections, e.g. with other respiratory viruses
- ✓ such as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- ✓ infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus (IBR)
- ✓ parainfluenza virus (PI3)

## **Clinical Signs**

- Anorexia, salivation, pyrexia
- > reddening and erosions
- ✓ around the dental pad
- ✓ along the gingival border
- ✓ under the tongue
- ✓ around the muzzle
- ✓ coronary band
- ✓ interdigital space
- ➤ Diarrhoea, lameness
- ➤ Weight loss, agalactia, death

#### **Post Mortem Lesions**

- > Oval erosions
- > shallow ulceration in the
- ✓ buccal cavity
- ✓ Oesophagus
- ✓ Abomasum
- ✓ the small intestine
- ✓ beneath the Peyer's patches in the colon
- ➤ Oedema and erythema
- ✓ intestinal epithelium

## **Differential Diagnosis**

- > Erosions, diarrhoea, death
- ✓ Foot-and-mouth disease
- ✓ Malignant Catarrh
- ✓ Rinderpest
- ✓ Salmonella
- ✓ Poisoning

## **Clinical Diagnosis**

- ➤ Animal at
- six to 18 months old
  - > clinical signs.
  - ✓ Pyrexia
  - ✓ Diarrhoea
  - ✓ Erosions in the

mouth and on the muzzle

✓ weight loss

## **Laboratory Diagnosis**

- > laboratory tests
- ✓ virus isolation
- ✓ PCR
- ✓ ELISA

## **Sample Collection**

- ❖ submitted to the laboratory within 24 hours for virus isolation and for BVDV antibodies
- clotted and EDTA blood samples
- > nasopharyngeal swab
- > fresh spleen
- > mediastinal lymph node
- > thymus
- > small intestinal tissue (particularly with Peyer's patch tissue).
- ➤ Bulk milk

#### **Treatment**

- > There is no effective treatment
- ➤ Effective control measures may be instituted.

## **Prevention and Control**

- > vaccines prepared from attenuated cytopathic virus are available
- ✓ Cows vaccination prior to pregnancy
- ✓ calves for respiratory disease control