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<u>CASE I – 03032021 (AFIP 2890683).</u>

Signalment: Tissues from a 2.5-year-old, Hereford cow (*Bos taurus*)

History: Patient presented with a 6-8 month duration of upper respiratory noise and a 2 week history of b loody nasal disc harge. Physical exam ination re veals norm al temperature and pulse, increased respiration, inspiratory stridor with multiple 0.5-2.0cm in diameter, tan firm sessile to polypoid masses present in both nares.

Gross Pathology: The patient is in excellent nutritional condition. Significant gross findings were limited to the nasal mucosa. The nasal mucosa of the bilateral nasal passages were exp anded by multifocal and co alescing, raised, 0.5cm-2.0cm i n di ameter, g ranular t o sm ooth, firm nodules that are present beginning 3cm caudal to the opening of the nares extending 15cm back into the nasal passage.

Laboratory Results: Fungal culture of gross lesi ons: *Pseudoallescheria boydii*

Bacterial culture of gross lesions: Small number of contaminants (*Streptococcus sp., Bacillus sp.*) BVD immunohistochemistry (ear notch): negative

Contributor's Morphologic Diagnosis: Granulomatous

rhinitis, multifocal, severe with in tralesional fungal organisms identified at culture as *Pseudoallescheria boydii*.

Contributor's Comment: In March to Ap ril of 2003, several ind ividual cattle from g eographically iso lated herds across the state of Oklahoma presented with nearly identical clinical signs and gross lesions consistent with nasal granulomas. C ultures from the lesions revealed either *Pseudoallescheria boydii* or *Bipolaris sp*. Interestingly, similar fungal organisms were incidentally present within an ear no tch skin sample (granulomatous dermatitis) obtained for BVD immunohistochemistry in this patient.

Although uncommon, *Pseudoallescheria boydii* typically causes localized infections i n cutane ous and s ubcutaneous connective tissues. Within lesions, the organism is often arranged as densely entangled hyphae $(2-5\mu m)$ and swollen cells $(15-25 \mu m)$ that can be grossly evident as tissue grains or granules. Within the nasal mucosa of this cow, the organisms were di sseminated, and even when visualized with silver stains, did not form entangled hyphae. In fact, hyphae were inconspicuous com pared to the variably-sized spherical swollen cells.

Other than the cut aneous and subcutaneous m ycetomas, *Pseudoallescheria b oydii* has also bee n im plicated in bovine abortions.

AFIP Di agnosis: Nasal mucosa: Rhinitis, eo sinophilic and granulomatous, di ffuse, s evere, with numerous fungal conidia and few hyphae, Hereford cow (*Bos Taurus*), bovine.

Conference Comment: T his case, as published in the November 2007 issue of Veter inary Pathology, gives a good overview of *Pseudoallescheria boydii*.⁹

P. boy dii are $5-8\mu$ m septate h yphae th at form $6-30\mu$ m terminal round conidia with a discrete outer wall. They may exhibit n arrow- or broad-based budding. GMS is preferred over PAS for demonstrating the hyphae and conidia. The case presented in conference is unusual in that it consists of numerous $6-30\mu$ m round, occasi onally budding con idia, with relativ ely few hyphae. In so me slides, the conidia are light brown in H&E sections.

P. boydii are ubiquitous within the environment. Ho wever, infecti ons by this fungus are environment. Ho writer and primarily reported in immunocompromised patients. In this case, there was no evidence the cow was immunocompromised. I nan imals, *P. bo ydii* primarily causes trauma-induced eumycotic mycetomas. It has rarely been associated with equine and bovine abortions, pneumonia in a calf, granulomatous rhinitis and on ychomycosis in the horse, and eumycotic mycetoma and keratomycosis in the dog and horse. Unlike in dogs, nasal in fections of cattle with *P. boydii* do not typically invade the underlying bone.

Gross differentials for rhinitis in cattle in clude at opic rhinitis, n eoplasia (e.g. lym phoma, squ amous cell carcinoma), fo reign bod y, actino bacilloisis, actin omycosis, and other fungal diseases (e.g. rhinosporidiosis, aspergillosis and phycomycosis). *P. boy dii* differs from *Aspergillus* sp. and *Fusarium* sp. by an absence of both angioinvasion and dichotomous branching.

Treatment of *P. boydii* is d ifficult and requires an tifungal-susceptibility testin g since the organism exhibits some l evel o f i nherent resistance t o m ost ant ifungal agents.

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<u>CASE II – UFSM-2 (AFIP 2897020).</u>

Signalment: 6-month-old, female, Charolais, bovine

History: This cal f belonged to a group of 210 beef calves with ages varying from 6-8 m onths. They were weaned at 3 m on hs of age and placed in a pasture of 4 hectacres. T his past ure was very wet and had accumulated water in several places. At one e nd of the pa sture there was a feed trough where the cal ves had ad libitum access to corn silage and to concentrate (wheat bran) at the proportion of 1%/bw/day. During mid-fall of 2003 (3 months after being introduced onto the 4 ha.) 20 calves developed a respiratory disease with clinical signs including cough, rect al temperature of 40°C-41°C, serous nasal discharge, tachypnea, dyspnea, labored breathing through the mouth, and ano rexia with weight loss. Four calves died after a clinical course of disease of 5-8 days. The remaining 16 sick calves were treated with Doram ectin 1%, and recovered slowly.

Gross Pathology: The carcass was thin and dehydrated. The lungs had lar ge, r ed-gray, firm, slig htly d epressed, patchy areas of consolidation, mainly in the dorsocaudal lobes. Alternating with the consolidated depressed areas there were pink-white bulging, emphysematous areas of the lung parenchyma. The lumen of the trachea and major bronchi contained large tangles of numerous slender, white, 5-8 cm, nematodes mixed with a mucinous, foamy exudate. These parasites had m orphology com patible with Dictyocaulus spp. The areas of consolidation could be appreciated on the cut surface of the lungs. At the cut surface multiple 1 mm in diameter, yellow foci could be observed r andomly d istributed in the lung p arenchyma, and the parasites could be seen in the luminae of bronchi. There was an excess of 50 ml of yellow turbid fluid in the pericardial sac. Moderate dilatation was observed in the right ventricle of the heart, and a slight nutmeg pattern was seen in t he liver. Large num bers of Haemonchus *contortus* were found in the abom asum and m oderate numbers of Oesophagostumum spp. were fo und in the large intestine.

Laboratory Results: The parasite found in the airways was id entified as the trich ostrongilid nematode, *Dictyo-caulus viviparous*

Contributor's Morphologic Diagnosis:

1) In terstitial pneumonia, p roliferative, with n ematodes and larv ae consistent with *Dictyocaulus vivipar us*, Charolais, bovine.

2) Bron chitis an d bronchiolitis, ch ronic, sup purative, with ep ithelial h yperplasia an d bron cholitis ob literans, Charolais, bovine.

3) Heart, di latation of the right ventricale (*Cor pulmon-male*), Charolais, bovine (slides not included).

4) Nutmeg liver, Charolais, bovine (slides not included).

Etiologic diagnosis: Parasitic bronchitis and pneumonia

Etiology: Dictyocaulus viviparus

Contributor's Comment : The lesions present in the submitted slides are consistent with a patent infection of Dictyocaulus viviparus in cattle. Except for the abe rrant migration of Ascaris suum larvae in the bovine lung, D. *viviparous* is the only lung worm in this animal species.⁸ Bovine dictyocaulosis occurs worldwide but is seen more frequently in areas of high rainfall and intense irrigation.⁷ In the southern hemisphere it occurs mainly after weaning in calves l ess than one-y ear-old, during the fall (as was the case of the present outbreak) or winter and even in the first months of spring.⁷ The adult *D. viviparus* may reach 8 cm in length, and is a nematode which has a direct life cycle.³ Th e fem ale worms lay eg gs in the trachea and bronchi of affected anim als. The eggs hatc h rapidly and first stage larvae are coughed up, swallowed, and shed in the feces. In the pasture, depending on the

climate, the larvae can develop within 7 days in to infective th ird stage larv ae. Upon being ing ested with the grass by cattle, they penetrate the sm all-intestinal wall and gain access to the mesenteric lymph nodes were they molt to the L4 stage; these are taken by blood and lymph to the lungs, where they locate in the pulmonary capillaries of the ventral portions of the caudal lobes.^{3,8}

Approximately seven days after ingestion, penetration of the alveoli oc curs, and from there the larvae reach the bronchioles where the final molt (L5) takes place; during further development the y oung a dults m ove u p t o t he bronchi. The prepatent period is 3-4 weeks.

The lesions produced by D. viviparus depend on the susceptibility of the host and on the number of invading larvae. There are two m ain manifestations of clinical disease caused by D. viviparus. The primary in fection occurs in cal ves younger t han 1-year-old, and e ven older cattle p reviously u nexposed to D. viviparus, that come into contact with heavily parasitized pastures for the first time. And, this was the case for the calves of this report. The sec ond manifestation is referred to a s reinfection syndrome. T his condition occurs 14-16 days after immune, adult cattle that have been infected previously with D. viviparus, are placed on heavily contaminated pasture. Clinical signs include respiratory distress, marked coughing, in creased resp iratory rate, pro jectile diarrhea, dramatic milk yield drop, and harsh respiratory sounds. This second manifestation being the function of an allergic reaction.1,3

The primary infection can be subdivided into a penetration phase (1-7 days), a prepatent phase (approximately 7 t o 25 days aft er i nfection), a patent ph ase (approximately 25 to 55 days after infection), and a postpatent ph ase (approximately 55 to 90 days after infection). The penetration phase is usually not associated with clinical signs.³ As the larvae reach the alveoli in the prepatent phase there is c oughing, increased respiratory rate, but death is infrequent unless complications occur. In this phase no adult worm can be found in the airways; even though D. viviparus larvae can be seen in t he smears of expectorated mucous, they are not detectable in the feces. In the patent phase clinical signs are m arked and include coughing, increased respiratory rate, labored breathing, dec reased i ntake of f ood a nd water, l oss of condition, harsh respiratory so unds, crack ling so unds in the lung, and subcutaneous emphysema. Deaths are frequent in this phase and lesions observed at necropsy include bronchitis, bronchiolitis, parasitic pneu monia with consolidation and col lapse of t he l ung l obes, a nd t he presence of hyaline membranes. Sec ondary bacterial bronchopneumonia i s see n i n s ome cases.^{1,7} As is the case in this report, adult worms, larvae, and e ggs are observed in the airways. Many larvae are passed in the feces and can be detected by the Baermann technique. Recovery occurs in the late patent phase, with gradual waning of the clinical signs leading to a recovery over several months t ime. H owever, deaths m ay occur i n 25% of cases due t o complications such as s udden exacerbation of dyspnea at days 45-60, after secondary bacterial infection.^{1,8} Lesions in these fatal cases i nclude pulmonary edema, hyaline m embranes, alveolar e pithelial hyperplasia, and interstititial emphysema.

In the case reported here, *Cor pulmonale* was observed to be ass ociated with hy dropericardium and nutm eg liver. This was interpreted as being caused by impediment of blood transit through the lung, and thus congestive heart failure.

The diagnosis of this case was straightforward since the epidemiology, clinical signs, typical lesions, and the pres-

ence of large characteristic worm s permitted a definite diagnosis. All things considered, if an an imal with the above discussed symptoms was examined superficially, without necr opsy and di scovery of nem atodes, AR DS would be a definite differential.

AFIP Diagnosis: 1. Lung: Bronchitis and bronchiolitis, chronic, multifocal to coalescing, moderate, with multifocal b ronchiolitis o bliterans, adult and larval n ematodes and ova, etiology consistent with *Dictyocaulus viviparus*, Charolais (*Bos taurus*), bovine.

2. Lung: Pneumonia, in terstitial, acute, diffuse, sev ere with fibrin.

3. Lu ng: Bro nchopneumonia, supp urative, multifocal, marked.

Conference Comment: The contributor gives an excellent overview of the life cycle of *Dictyocaulus viviparus*, and the various stages of infection.

Reinfection is n ecessary to maintain immunity as a d e-

Lungworms of selected domestic and wild mammals:

• *Aelurostrongylus abstrusus* – cats; catarrhal bronchiolitis, submucosal gland hyperplasia, granulomatous alveolitis, alveolar fibrosis

• *Eucoleus aerophilus (Capillaria aerophila)* – dogs, cats, foxes; dogs and cats usually have very mild infection

• *Crenosoma vulpis* – foxes, occasionally dogs; eosinophilic catarrhal bronchitis and bronchiolitis

• *Filaroides hirthi, Andersonstrongylus milksi (Angiostrongylus milksi, F. milksi)* – dogs, mink; pyogranulomatous, eosinophilic pneumonia

• *Oslerus (Filaroides) osleri* – wild canids; single/multiple 1-10mm diameter, firm, gray-pink, sessile or polypoid, submucosal nodules in trachea and bronchi, usually at tracheal bifurcation

• Angiostrongylus vasorum – dogs, foxes; inhabits pulmonary artery and right ventricle

• *Dictyocaulus filaria* – sheep and goats; catarrhal and eosinophilic bronchitis and bronchiolitis

• *Dictyocaulus viviparus* – cattle; pneumonia, bronchitis, pulmonary edema and emphysema

• *Dictyocaulus arnfieldi* – horses, donkeys; obstructive or eosinophilic bronchitis, edema, atelectasis

• *Muellerius capillaris* – sheep and goats; small subpleural nodules; alveolar fibrosis +/- granulomatous inflammation

• *Protostrongylus rufescens* – sheep and goats; lambs and kids; adults live in bronchioles; results in pulmonary nodules and eosinophilic bronchiolitis.

• *Metastrongylus apri* – pigs; growth retardation, bronchitis, catarrhal inflammation

crease in the immune response is seen in as little as 1 00 days following infection. A hype rsensitivity reaction seen in animals with the reinfection syndrome caused by *D. viviparus*, can have clinical signs and lesions indistinguishable from acute bovine pulmonary edema (ABPE).⁸

In the case presented at this conference there appears to be a m ore acu te i nterstitial component underlying th e verminous pneumonia with features of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In addition, the multifocal suppurative bronchopneumonia m ay be t he result of a secondary bacterial infection, which is not uncommon in these cases.

Bronchiolitis obliterans is a le sion of chronic bronchiolar damage that consists of either fibrous polyps occluding the bronchiolar lumen or intraluminal aggregates of inflammatory cells that obstruct the airways.² It can occur following a variety of pneumonias caused by agents such as bov ine resp iratory syn cytial v irus (BR SV), bovine parainfluenza vi rus 3 (BPIV-3), infectious b ovine rhinotracheitis (IBD), *D. viviparus*, bacte ria, toxic gases, and hypersensitivity reactions.²

Histologic features of metastrongyles include a body cavity, in testine lined by few m ultinucleated cells with microvilli, accessory hypodermal chords, coelomyarian musculature, and, in females, a uterus with larvae or embryonated eggs.⁴

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CASE III - 02B5194 (AFIP 2839228).

Signalment: A 10-year-old, male, Labrador retriever

History: The dog had recently becom e ataxic, nonresponsive t o t he o wner, uncomfortable whe n l ying down, and had watery di arrhea f or se veral day s be fore presentation. Radiographs revealed diffuse calcification throughout the small intestine, enlarged liver, and diffuse spondylosis of th e t horacic and lum bar vertebral col umns. An ultraso und rev ealed m ultiple h ypoechoic nodular masses in the liver and diffuse hyperechogenicity of the submucosa of the small intestine. Because of t he grave prognosis, owner elected euthanasia. Biopsy specimens of liver, spleen, and small intestine were collected.

Gross Pathology: Received for biopsy was a 10 cm segment of small intestine. The wall was firm and thickened and had multiple, 1-3 mm, white, raised foci on the serosal surface. The entire circumference of the submucosa was prominent, gritty and white.

Laboratory Results: CBC and serum chemistry panel revealed anem ia, elevated liver e nzymes (AST, ALP, ALT, and total bilirubin), hypoalbuminemia, hyperglobulinemia, and hypocholesterolemia.

Contributor's Morphologic Diagnosis: Small intestine: Enteritis, granulom atous, eosinophilic, trans mural, chronic, severe, with large numbers of intralesional, mineralized and u nmineralized t rematode eggs (*Heterobilharzia americana*)

Contributor's Comme nt: *Heterobilharzia america na* (Digenea: Sc histosomatidae) is a bl ood t rematode t hat causes canine schistosomiasis in North America. Natural *H. am ericana* in fection has been reported in bobcat, armadillo, b eaver, dogs, co yote, a cap tive born B razilian tapir, m ountain lion, m ink, nutria, opossum s, raccoons,

red wolves, swamp rabbits, white-tailed deer, etc. Geographically the natural infection is essen tially limited to the sou thern Atlantic Co ast states (Flo rida, Georgia, North Caro lina, Sou th Carolin a) and Gulf Coast states (Texas, Louisi ana, Mississippi), although it has been reported in Kansas.

Members of this family, Schistosomatidae, are the only trematodes that live in the blood stream of warm-blooded hosts. They are dioecious, the male bearing the female in the ventral gynaecophoric canal. There are no m etacercaria. T he ce rcariae become fork-tailed a nd pe netrate directly through the skin of the host. In the eggs there are no opercula. The intermediate hosts are snails of the genera Fossaria cubensis (Lymnaea cubensis) and Pseudosuccinea columella. The adult worms reside in the mesenteric veins. The eggs laid in the mesenteric veins produce enzymes to er ode through submucosa and mucosa of the intestine to reach the intestinal lumen. Some of the eggs are carried by the venous flow to the liver, spleen, and other organs such as the lungs and brain. Once the eggs containing m ature miracidia leave the host, they must reach water of low osmotic pressure in order to hatch. The miracidia swim actively until they find sn ails of the right species. They bore into them and become mother sporocysts that produce daughter sporocysts that in turn produce cercariae. A single m iracidium can produce se veral thousand cercariae. They leave the snail, swim in the water, and enter the host by p enetrating through the skin and into the lymphatics.

Clinical signs of canine H. am ericana in fection in clude dermatitis due to skin penetration, coughing, chronic intermittent mucoid to hemorrhagic diarrhea, and anorexia. Significant cli nical pathology f indings in clude an emia, hyperglobulinemia, h ypoalbuminenia, eo sinophilia, and hypercalcemia in some cases. No hypercalcemia or eosinophilia was no ted in this particular case, however. Although the pathogenesis of hypercalcemia in schistosomiasis is not fully understood, a recent report described hypercalcemia with elevated parathyroid ho rmone-related protein (PTHrP) in ca nine schistosomiasis. Fecal floatation is usually in effective in the diagnosis of H. am ericana infection. Saline sedimentation or a miracidia hatch is necessary to d iagnose the infection. In cidentally, the liver (not submitted) of the current case had eosinophilic granulomatous hepatitis with n umerous in tralesional trematode eggs.

AFIP Diagnosis: Small intestine: Enteritis, granulomatous, submucosal, circumferential, multifocal to co alescing an d m ultifocally tran smural, sev ere, with m yriad schistosome eggs, Lab rador retriever (*Canis fa miliaris*), canine. **Conference Comment**: *Heterobilharzia americana* and *Schistomatium d outhitti* are the two s pecies of sc histosomes that infect mammals in the United States of America.⁷ Althou gh typically limited to the southern Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasta 1 states, *H. americana* infection in Kansas has been reported, presumably linked to the importation of infected r accoons into the state during the mid-20th century.⁷

The m ost tissu e damage o ccurs during oviposition and extrusion of the eggs through the tissue. The ideal movement of eggs to the outside world includes penetration of the m esenteric v essels, lam ina propria and ex it in to the e intestinal lu men, throug h secretio ns produced by t he miracidium as well a s t hrough m echanical dis ruption.⁶ When t he e ggs m igrate i n t he wrong direction or get swept in to th e po rtal or syste mic circu lation, th ey can induce a g ranulomatous reaction i n a va riety of or gans (lymph node, liver, lungs, etc.), depending on where they lodge.⁶

The eggs within tissue u sually in voke a h ypersensitivity reaction, resulting i n a granulomatous response that is followed by degeneration or mineralization of the schistosome eggs and eventual fibrosis. ⁶ The mineralization of the schistosome eggs i n this case i s unusual in its extent.

Although hypercalcemia was not seen in this case, it has been ass ociated with c hronic gra nulomatous i nflammation.⁸ Activated m acrophages produce cal citriol that is not regulated by parathyroid h ormone, cal citriol, or calcium levels.⁸ Causes of hypercalcemia are listed below:

- Neoplasia (lymphoma, multiple myeloma, adenocarcinoma of the apocrine gland of the anal sac, tumors metastatic to bone)
- Primary hyperparathyroidism (hyperplasia, adenoma, adenocarcinoma) - elevated levels of circulating parathormone cause increased intestinal absorption of calcium and phosphorus as well as increased renal activation of vitamin D
- Granulomatous inflammation (canine blastomycosis, bovine paratuberculosis, schistosomiasis)
- Hypoadrenocorticism (increased tubular resorption of calcium)
- Osteolytic lesions of bone
- Immobilization
- Metabolic acidosis
- Renal failure in horses (rarely canine renal failure associated with familial disease)

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CASE IV - 1-777-05 (AFIP 2977999).

Signalment: 3-day-old, male, beef calf, black Angus

History: Diarrhea affecting multiple calves at 3-7 days of age. Calves are unresponsive to treatment and die 1-2 days after onset of clinical signs.

Gross Pa thology: Segmental, dark red, small in testine with semifluid bloody content

Laboratory Results:

Serum IgG(1) >2000 mg% E coli K99 negative Gram stains of intestinal c ontents reveals moderate bacilli Clostridium perfringens cultured an aerobically. C. perfringens PCR genotyping: Alpha Beta Epsilon Iota Beta2 Enterotoxin POS POS NEG NEG NEG NEG

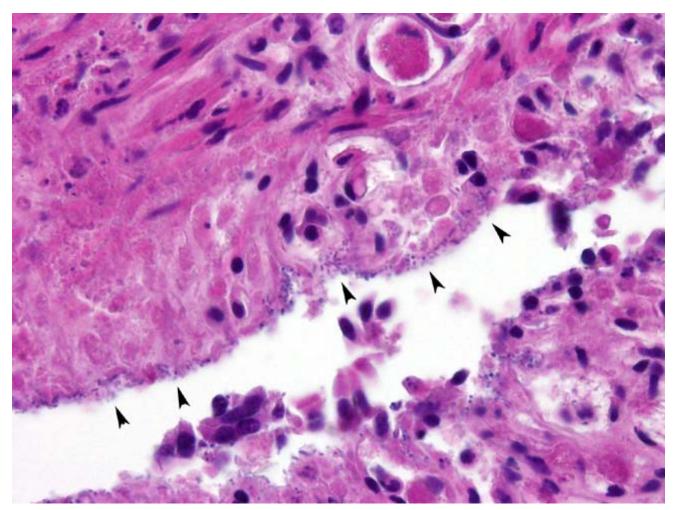
Contributor's Mor phologic Diagn osis: Small In testine: En teritis, necrotizing, acu te, seg mental, m arked, with bacilli

Contributor's Comment: This is a typical case of neonatal hemorrhagic en terotoxemia (n ecrotic en teritis) du e to Clostridium perfringens type C, as determined by PCR genotyping. This is a disease of neonatal calves, lambs, foals and piglets.³ Clostridium perfringens types A and C are increasingly common in poultry, due to reduced use of an tibiotic growth promoters.⁴ Clin ical signs in clude hemorrhagic diarrhea, de hydration, anemia and wea kness. Although sporadic in occurrence, this disease has a high morbidity and mortality despite treatment. Disease is primarily due t o el aboration o f cy totoxic bet a-toxin. This tox in is readily d egraded by try psin. The try psin inhibitors in co lostrum, effective in facilitating ab sorption of intact maternal immunoglobulins, also inhibit the degradation of beta-toxin in neonates.⁵ Death can be due to dehydration and fluid/acid-base derangement or due to secondary gram-negative septicemia/endotoxemia. This case presented with a mild interstitial pneumonia suggestive of bacteremia/endotoxemia and had adequate passive transfer of maternal antibody, both typical ancillary findings. Vaccina tion for C. perfringens type C and D is readily available and widely used.

AFIP Dia gnosis: Sm all in testine, villi: Necrosis, d iffuse, with fibrin thrombi, and myriad mixed bacilli, Angus (*Bos taurus*), bovine.

Conference Comment: The five types of *Clostridium perfringens* are differentiated by their production of one or more of the four types of antigenic exotoxins.¹ Diagnosis de pends on d emonstration of the toxin with the presence of hemorrhagic and necrotizing enteritis.³ Bacterial **colonization (fig. 4-1)** alone will not produce disease or determine a diagnosis. Disease production is dependent on t oxin type a nd the toxin's effect on t issue, either through lo cal tox in i nducing necrotizing effects, secretory effects of locally acting enterotoxins.¹

Alpha toxin is a lecithinase (phospholipase) that damages cell membranes causing necrosis or lysis of er ythrocytes, platelets, leukocytes, and en dothelial cells. Beta toxin is a trypsin labile, pore forming toxin that causes necrosis, decreases mobility of intestinal villi, and enhances bacterial attachment to the villi. The Epsilon toxin is produced



4-1 Small intestine, Black Angus calf. The necrotic, denuded villi are lined by a dense layer of bacilli that are 3-7 um long by 1-2 um wide (arrowheads). (H&E 600X)

as a prototoxin and activated by enzymatic digestion (i.e, by tryp sin in the in testine), and cau ses necrosis. Iota toxin i ncreases cap illary p ermeability and is also produced as a prototoxin that is activated by proteolytic enzymes.¹

Another *Clostridium p erfringens* toxin i dentified a s β 2 has been described in recent literature. Despite its name, β 2 toxin is un related to the B eta toxin.¹ Th e gene c pb2 codes for β 2-toxin, but not all cp b2 positive strains of *C*. *perfringens* produce the β 2 toxin *in vitro*.⁶ It has been implicated in enteric disease in swine and typhlocolitis in horses.¹

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Туре	Toxin				Diseases
	Alpha	Beta	Epsilon	lota	Discases
А	+ +	_	_	_	 Gas gangrene Food Borne Illness humans Necrotic enteritis - Chickens Gastroenteritis - Ferre Yellow lamb disease - enterotoxemia, wester US Colitis X in horses - unproven association
В	+	+ +	+	-	 Lamb dysentery Hemorrhagic enteritis calves, foals, guinea pigs - UK, S. Africa, Middle East
с	+	+ +	-	-	 Enterotoxic hemorrha enteritis - neonatal lambs, goats, cattle, pigs Struck - Adult sheep, UK
D	+	-	+ +	-	 Overeating disease/ pulpy kidney - Sheep cattle, goats Focal symmetric en cephalomalacia - She
E	+	-	-	+ +	 Enterotoxemia – calve lambs. guinea pigs, rabbits

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