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Presidential Note



Dear friends,

It is my great pleasure to communicate with you all through this newsletter. I am happy to see the overwhelming response you have given for our ICVD3 conducted at Goa Which had 586 delegates. In ICVD3, Prof. Dr. Sheila M.F. Torres Professor of Veterinary Dermatology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, and Prof. Dr. Rosanna Marsella, Professor, Small Animal Clinical Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, USA were gracing the occasion. Sixteen current trending topics on small animal dermatology were delivered for continuing veterinary education by them. All the delegates expressed their greatest learning experience with these outstanding lectures. For Research Communication, 62 scientific papers and 14 posters were presented on various topics like One Health, Farm Animal Dermatology, Small Animal Dermatology, and Exotic, Avian, and Zoo Animal Dermatology. Outstanding Best papers in large and Small animal Dermatology were awarded with Prof. Dr. V. Gnanaprakasam award and Prof. Dr. S.K. Ray award respectively. Case conferences for PG students and practitioners were conducted and the best presentations were awarded.

In this period we have conducted 8 lectures, 2 webinars, and 5 hands-on workshops for our practicing veterinarians at various places in India. I am happy to see a few interesting scientific publications from our members. I wish more such publications would come from our members.

A group of 12 IAVD members attended the Tenth World Congress for Veterinary Dermatology at Boston, USA on July 25-29, 2024, with great spirit. We had a very great experience, appreciation, and interaction with dermatologists from all over the world. All of them were impressed and happy to see our activities presented as posters in our stall. I congratulate our member, Newsletter editor Dr V.R. Ambily from Veterinary College, Pookode, Kerala who has presented nicely, the supporting original studies on Exploring the role of filaggrin in canine atopic dermatitis. Hope more of our members will attend and present papers in the forthcoming WCVD.

I request all vets, especially young vets who are seriously interested in developing themselves as recognized veterinary dermatologists, to undergo a Diplomate in the Asian College of Veterinary Dermatology to improve our standards. The details will be seen on the AiCVD website.

Please get ready for our Fourth Indian Congress for Veterinary Dermatology (ICVD4) on 13-15 June 2025 at Hyatt Regency, Pune in which three great global veterinary dermatologists are going to deliver lectures in continuing veterinary education programme. Reserve your dates!

Dr. B. Nagarajan
IAVD, President

Highlights from the 10th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology (WCVD 10) - Boston, USA

The 10th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology (WCVD 10) took place in Boston, USA, from July 25-29, 2024, and attracted participants from over 70 countries. Held every four years, this prestigious event provided a platform to explore the latest advancements and research in veterinary dermatology. Twelve distinguished members of the Indian Association of Veterinary Dermatology (IAVD) attended the congress.



Members of the Indian Association of Veterinary Dermatology (IAVD) attended the WCVD 10 congress at Boston, USA

Hosted at the Hynes Convention Center, the five-day event began with a meet-and-greet session on the evening of July 25, setting the stage for a week of collaborative discussions. The following day, July 26, featured company symposia where leading scientists delivered insightful lectures on various dermatological topics. The official inauguration of the congress took place that evening, marking the start of scientific sessions from July 27 to 29.



Dr. B. Nagarajan, the founder president of the Indian Association of Veterinary Dermatology, stands proudly with Dr. Richard E. Halliwell, the esteemed founder president of the World Association of Veterinary Dermatology (WAVD) and Dr. Sue Paterson, the present WAVD president.

The congress featured 25 plenary speakers organized into three categories: State of Art (SOA), State of Review (SR), and Supporting Original Studies (SOS). Dr. Ambily V.R. was honored to be one of the 13 fully funded SOS speakers selected globally and was privileged to represent India. She delivered her presentation on "Exploring the Role of Filaggrin in Canine Atopic Dermatitis: Insights from Immunohistochemistry and Gene Polymorphism Studies" on July 28, 2024, during the thematic session "Innovations in Dermatology."

The congress program included a diverse range of lectures, hands-on wet labs, and case discussion sessions, providing valuable learning experiences for all delegates. Attendees also enjoyed exceptional social



Dr. Ambily V.R., an invited speaker representing India at WCVD 10 in Boston, delivering her SOS presentation in the thematic session “Innovations in Dermatology”

activities, including a lively evening at the Hynes Convention Center and a memorable night at the historic Boston Public Library, which combined cultural enrichment with networking.

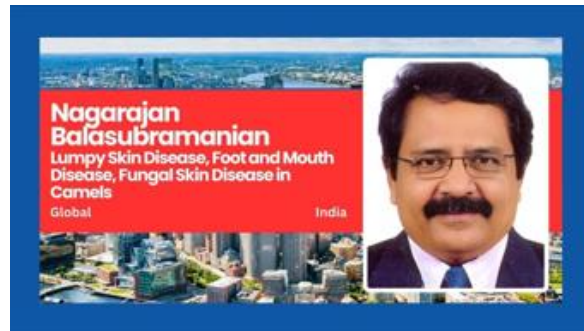
A notable highlight was the award of the WAVD scholarships, which enabled 40 attendees to participate in the congress. Among the scholarship recipients from India



WAVD scholarship recipients -2024. Dr. Neelam Singh Josan, Dr. Madhavi Awale, and Dr. Anisha Tiwari were the scholarship recipients from India

were Dr. Neelam Singh Josan, Dr. Madhavi Awale, and Dr. Anisha Tiwari. A special lunch was held in their honor, celebrating their achievements.

The WCVD 10 also featured a virtual program, approved for 30 hours of continuing education credit by RACE. This program included global presentations from WAVD-accredited associations and provided detailed overviews of common regional skin diseases. Each track focused on three specific skin conditions prevalent in various regions. Representing India, Dr. B. Nagarajan, President of the Association of Veterinary Dermatology, India, delivered a significant virtual presentation. He provided valuable insights on Lumpy Skin Disease, Foot and Mouth Disease, and fungal skin diseases in camels.



Dr. B. Nagarajan, President of the Association of Veterinary Dermatology, India, delivered a significant virtual global presentation.

Looking ahead, Spain was announced as the venue for WCVD 11, promising to continue the tradition of advancing the field of veterinary dermatology. The WCVD 10 in Boston has invigorated the global dermatology community, leaving attendees with renewed enthusiasm and a broader perspective.

Key Highlights from the Indian Congress for Veterinary Dermatology – 3 (ICVD-3): Advancing Skin Health and Recognizing Research Excellence in Goa

The Third International Continuing Veterinary Education and Symposium on "One Health Promotion through Skin Health: Advancing Dermatological Care in Animals" was hosted by the Association for Veterinary Dermatology, India, from June 7-9, 2024, in the picturesque city of Goa. This landmark event brought together leading experts and passionate professionals, all focused on advancing animal dermatology as a critical element of One Health.



The symposium featured an array of sessions, including One Health in skin health, farm animal dermatology, small animal dermatology, and exotic, avian, and zoo animal dermatology. Internationally renowned experts, Prof. Dr. Sheila M.F. Torres from Minnesota, USA, and Prof. Dr. Rosanna Marsella from Florida, USA, headlined the Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE) programme, sharing groundbreaking insights in dermatological care. For the first time, the congress instituted the prestigious Prof. V. Gnanaprakasam Award for the best research paper in farm animal dermatology and the Prof. Dr. S. K. Ray Award for the best research paper in small animal dermatology. Dr. Meera P. Sakhare, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Medicine, COVAS, MAFSU, Parbhani, earned the prestigious

Prof. V. Gnanaprakasam Award, while Dr. Ambily V. R., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Clinical



Dr. Ambily V. R., receiving the prestigious Prof. Dr. S. K. Ray Award

Medicine, Ethics and Jurisprudence, CVAS, Pookode, KVASU, Kerala, earned the distinguished Prof. Dr. S. K. Ray Award for their outstanding research papers in farm and small animal dermatology, respectively.



Dr. Meera P. Sakhare, receiving the prestigious Prof. V. Gnanaprakasam Award

With an impressive lineup of sessions and groundbreaking research, the symposium stood as a beacon of innovation and collaboration in the veterinary dermatology field, forging the way for better dermatological care in animals and promoting global One Health.


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16th June 2024 @ 6:00 PM Onwards

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Successful management of *Notoedres cati* in rabbits and its zoonotic potential

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Key words: *Notoedres cati*, zoonosis, Ivermectin, single drug therapy

Introduction:

The rabbit has been used for food, sport, and clothing, as a scientific model and as a hobby all over the world. Apart from meat and wool production, keeping rabbits as pet animals increased drastically. Many rabbits are kept as house pets and true companion animals. They are relatively long-lived in captivity (Up to 10 years). Rabbits are highly social, burrowing herbivores that are natural prey for a large number of carnivores.

Acariotic mange is a commonly encountered skin disease in rabbits produced for meat and fur, as well as pet rabbits. Darzi *et al.* (2007) reported that the mite infestation is one of the most common and major constraint in both pet and commercial rabbit population in India. Notoedric mange is caused by the sarcoptic mite *Notoedres cati* that belongs to the family Sarcoptidae that consists of the burrowing mites. *N. cati* burrows its way through the skin of the host animal, which results in intense itching. This parasitic skin disease is highly contagious and it is primarily transferred by direct contact with an infested animal (Morten *et al.* 2015; Hnilica *et al.* 2017). *N. cati* can survive for 1–3 days outside a host, and during that time the mite can transfer to another animal.

Notoedres cati, is the rarest mite ever been reported in rabbit which burrows superficially in skin. Narang *et al.* (2020) reported that the unusual rainfall and fluctuation in the environmental temperature and relative humidity in Punjab during the months of May might have played an important role in occurrence of mite infestation. Transmission requires close contact and typically is within a host species (Sivajothi *et al.*, 2015).

History and Clinical Assessment:

A one-year-old doe and her three kits (2 male and 1 female) aged 6 months were presented with crustaceous lesions on the head, ears, shoulder, and forelimbs. The owner first noticed the lesion on the ear pinnae of the doe initially and started spreading to the kits also prior to two weeks before the presentation. Upon physical examination, the presence of bilateral crustaceous lesions on the ear pinnae, on the face, around both eyes, on the nose and commissure of the mouth making the rabbits unable to eat, and lesions were noticed on the shoulder and forelimbs (Fig. 1a,b,c)

Skin scrapping was collected from affected parts of the body and its microscopic evaluation was performed as per standard procedures. The microscopic examination under 10X revealed *Notoedres* mange (Fig.1d) infestation on the basis of morphology having concentric thumbprint-like rings on dorsal surface and absence of dorsal scales with distinct dorsal anus (Galdhar *et al.*, 2015). Interestingly, during presentation of the rabbit, the owner also reported that they have itching on the hand after handling of the rabbits. Advised the owner to consult the medical dermatologist for the same.

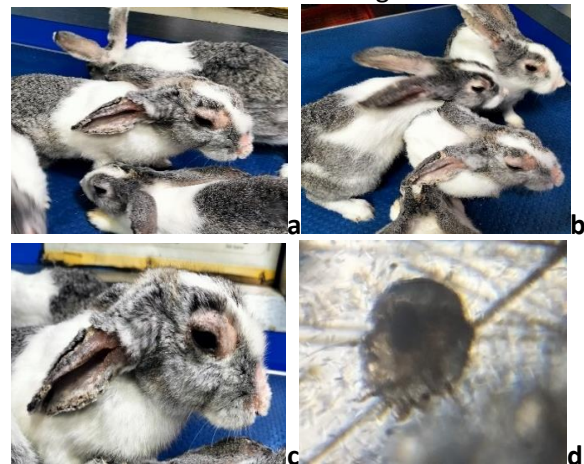


Fig. 1a,b,c: before treatment (Lesion on the face, ear and shoulder and Fig.1d: *Notoedres Cati* under 10X)

Therapeutic Management:

The affected rabbits were treated with injection Ivermectin subcutaneously at the dose rate of 0.6mg/kg bodyweight at weekly interval for three weeks without any other medication. No adverse reactions were recorded at any stage of the treatment. All the rabbits responded well after one dose of Ivermectin and completely recovered by fourth week (Fig.3). The owner was not treated for the itching and self-cured during the course of therapy for the rabbits.

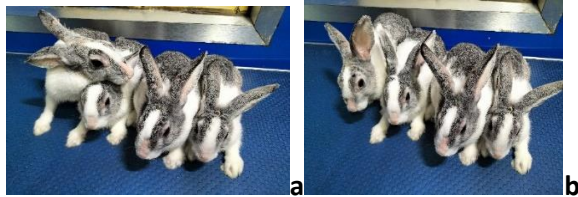


Fig. 2a, b: After two doses of therapy between one week interval note the drastic reduction of lesion on the face, ear pinnae and limbs

Discussion:

Darzi *et al.* (2007) reported that the epidemiological study sighted that *Sarcoptes scabies var cuniculi* is mostly found in Indian rabbits, *Psoroptes cuniculi* infestation is also not uncommon, but infestation of *Notoedres cati* is very rare (Ravindran and Subramanian 2000). Though it is very rare previously the increase in pet rabbit population and also disease occurrence the reports are available in the field condition making increase in the incidence of disease (Darzi *et al.*, 2007; Galdhar *et al.*, 2015; Panigrahi *et al.*, 2016; Narang *et al.*, 2020).



Fig. 3: Complete recovery after the third dose

In the present study three doses of Ivermectin alone was given without any supportive therapy showed complete recovery. These results

indicate that the Ivermectin alone is enough for the successful management of *N. cati* in rabbits for the effective and economic treatment.

Although the *Notoedres cati* have limited zoonotic potential the rabbit owner got resolved of itching while the rabbits are under therapy. Even though no diagnostic test was performed on the owner based on the observation and history of loss of itching further studies indicated to estimate the zoonotic potential of *N. cati*.

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From the editor's desk



We are delighted to announce the upcoming 4th Indian Congress for Veterinary Dermatology (ICVD-4), which will take place in Pune, India, from June 13-15, 2025. This event marks a significant step forward for the Indian Association for Veterinary Dermatology (IAVD) in its ongoing commitment to meet the expectations of veterinary professionals by providing a comprehensive platform for exploring advancements in veterinary dermatology.

ICVD-4 promises to bring together experts and practitioners from across the country and beyond, offering a unique opportunity for collaboration, learning, and professional growth. The congress will focus on cutting-edge research, clinical developments, and emerging trends, ensuring participants gain deeper insights into the challenges and innovations shaping our field.

We strongly encourage all IAVD members to share their valuable feedback and constructive criticism. Your ideas and active participation are vital to the continued success of our association. This ongoing dialogue not only fuels the efforts of the editorial team but also serves as a source of inspiration for all those who contribute to the broader growth of veterinary dermatology.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. B. Nagarajan,

President of IAVD, for his tireless dedication, as well as the Hon. Administrative members for their invaluable guidance and suggestions, which have played a pivotal role in driving our progress. Together, with the collective efforts of our members, we look forward to a highly engaging and enriching experience at ICVD-4. Let's work hand in hand to elevate veterinary dermatology to new heights, and we eagerly anticipate your contributions and participation as we move forward.

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