Centrum poisoning in a young horse- a case report.

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Abstract

A case is reported of acute Cestrum aurantiucum poisoning in a young horse in which there were signs due to toxic changes in the liver, kidneys, skeletal muscles and the central nervous system. There were also hematological and biochemical alterations unlike those reported for Cestrum diurnum poisoning in horses. The plant, which is commonly used for hedges in this area is proposed to be a cause of many sudden deaths in horses and cattle. Consequently, further studies are warranted to determine the active agent, anticipated clinical signs, hematological, biochemical and pathological alterations in horses fed on this plant.