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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Necrotic Enteritis in a Budgerigar Flock

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Dear Editor;

Etiology of Necrotic Enteritis is associated with *Clostridium perfiringens*. However, predisposing factors are crucial for overgrowing and developing of C. perfringens (Opengart 2008). A lot of and varying underlying causes for necrotic enteritis have been identified, which are dietary factors, immune status and stress, intestinal physiopathology, and coccidiosis (Opengart 2008, Stanley ve ark. 2014).

The diseases occurs in a budgerigar flock. Disease were revealed in 314 Budgerigar, 32 birds dead according to the condition. At the anamnesis; diarrhea, feather loss and sudden death were detected. At clinical examination; loss of appetite, lethargy, fatigue, diarrhea, incoordination which accompany standing on roosts. In newborns, weakness, unusual feather growth and also sudden death were observed.

pathological examination, necropsy At was performed on eight budgerigar. Organ specimens were taken systemically and fixed in formalin solution. After routine tissue processing, specimens were blocked in paraffin and slices were taken sequently. Afterwards, slides were stained with Haematoxilene and Eosine (HE) and investigated microscopy. At with light microscopical investigation which necrosis was performed on seven birds that priority defects were detected in the gut. On the other hand, lung lesions pointed out in one bird. Degeneration, shortened and bluntness in villus and excessive epithelia desquamation were observed due to necrosis. Inflammation which contain rare heterophil and mostly mononuclear cells in lamina propria. Also atrophy and necrosis were seen in glands of gut. however no agents were visible in the tissues even though necrotic enteritis was detected. As a result, diseases which are related with necrotic enteritis is major effective syndroms can cause death either in adults or in new borns in budgerigars.

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Figure 1. Microscopic appearance of gut; Villousnecrosis, mononuclear cell infiltration from propria mucosa till serosa and glandular hyperplasia.

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