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# **Dedication**

To My parents, My wife, My daughter Janat Abdelrahim, My son Mohammed Abdelrahim and Dr Ahmed Abdelrahman Ismail.

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## LIST OF ABBERVIATION

AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
AVM	Avernectin.
Aba	Abamectin
Aba1	Abamectin a single dose
Aba2	Abamectin multiple doses.
CNS	Central nervous system.
EpG	Eggs per gram of faeces
ERP	Eggs reappearance period.
FECRT	Faecal egg count reduction test
GABA	Gamma amino butyric acid
GLUCL	Glutamate gated chloride.
IVM	Ivermectin
MLS	Macrocyclic lactones.
No	Number
PRZ	Praziquantel
SD	Standard deviation.
TSP	Total serum protein
+ve	Position or infected animals.

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#### **Abstract**

In afield survey conducted in El fashir city, North Darfur State 900 fecal samples of donkeys and 500 fecal samples of horses were examined for the presence of helminthes parasites by assessment of fecal eggs count during October 2011 to May 2012. The overall prevalence of infection with GIT parasites in donkeys and horses was found to be 24.64%. The prevalence of internal parasites in donkey and horses was 35.5% and 5%, respectively. About 51.25% of donkeys had single infection, whereas the remaining had 48.75% mixed infection, while in horses 92% had single infection and the remaining 8% mixed infection. The rate of infection in donkeys were 69.7%, 15.6% and 14.7% for mild, moderate and severe infection respectively, while the rate of infection in horses was 84% mild and 8% for both moderate and severe infection.

Twenty four donkeys naturally infected with gastrointestinal nematodes were selected to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy and persistent effect using abamectin 0.2 mg/kg body weight oral formulation single dose, abamectin 5 doses and single dose of 1% Ivermectin injectable solution at 0.2 mg/kg body weight. The animals were divided in four treated random groups of 6 donkeys each. Fecal egg counts was conducted 3 days before treatment daily and on day 7 in first week after treatment and then every week for 10 successive weeks. Both abamectin single dose, abamectin 5 doses and ivermectin single dose reduced the eggs counts per gram to zero on day 7 to day 49 in abamectin single dose and to day 56 in both abamectin 5 doses and ivermectin single dose. The percentage of efficacy of three medicated groups abamectin single dose, abamectin 5 doses and ivermectin against nematodes parasites were found to be 100% on day 14 post treatment. The persistent effect of single dose of abamectin was continuous to day 70, while in both abamectin 5 doses and ivermectin single dose extended to day 77. The treatment interval was 66.5±52 in abamectin single dose and 72.3±32.7 in both abamectin 5 doses and ivermectin single dose.

The same twenty four donkeys used to evaluate the toxicity of a single dose of abamectin paste formulation, abamectin for 5 successive days and ivermectin a single dose solution. Blood sample collected on day 7, 10, 14, 24 and 39, result was received post treatment compared to pretreatment level. Significant increase (p<0.05) showed in serum total protein, albumin and urea in three evaluated groups compared to day zero, while significant decrease and significant increase (p<0.05) showed in in creatinine, bilirubin, calcium and AST compared to day zero. Content of serum post treatment was normal value.

No toxicity was observed in three evaluated groups. Abamectin and ivermectin were safe to use in donkeys and horses.

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#### الخلاصة

في مسح حقلي شمل 900 رأس من الحمير و 500 رأس من الخيول في ولاية شمال دارفور الفاشر تم التقصي عن وجود الديدان الأسطوانية المتطفلة في القناة الهضمية وذلك من خلال الفحص المعملي لعينات البراز وعدد بيوض الديدان في الفترة من اكتوبر 2012م الي مايو 2014م.

معدل انتشار الديدان الأسطوانية في الخيول و الحمير كان 24.64 ومعدل انتشار الديدان الأسطوانية في الخيول 5%، الأسطوانية في الحمير كان %35.5, بينما كان معدل انتشار الديدان الأسطوانية في الخيول 5%، وقد سجلت الاصابة بنوع واحد من الديدان في الحمير 51.25% والاصابة المتعددة 48.75% كانت الاصابة بنوع واحد من الديدان في الخيول92 % وهي اعلي من الاصابة بعدة اجناس من الديدان.

درجة الاصابة في الحمير اظهرت أن 69.69% كانت خفيفة، متوسطة الي شديدة 15.63%، 14.69% اما درجة الاصابة فيها خفيفة ، بينما قد سجلت اصابة متوسطة الى شديدة في 8%.

تم استخدام أربعة و عشرون حماراً مصاب اصابة بالديدان الاسطوانية لدراسة الفعالية والأثر المستمرلمضادات الديدان (الأبامكتبن جرعة واحدة، الأبامكتين متعدد الجرعات و الأيفر مكتين جرعة واحدة) بجرعة 200 ميكروجرام /كيلوجرام من وزن الجسم تحت الجلا. تم تقسيم الحيوانات الي أربعة مجموعات بصورة عشوائية قبل العلاج، 6 حمار لكل مجموعة و تم اجراء العلاج علي ثلاثة مجموعات بينما المجموعة الثالثة تركت بدون علاج بغرض التحكم و المقارنة، تم أخذ العينات في ثلاثة ايام متتالية قبل بدء العلاج، وفي اليوم السابع من العلاج. وقد وجد فيها اختفاء كامل لبيوض الديدان الاسطوانية في المجوعات المعالجة في اليوم 7 وقد استمر في الاختفاء الي اليوم 40 في المجموعة الثانية و الثالثة. وقد كانت فعالية الابامكتين وذ الجرعة واحدة، الأبامكتين متعدد الجرعة و الأيفرمكتين جرعة واحدة، 100 % ضد الديدان الأسطوانية في اليوم 14 بعض العلاج. و كانت الأثر المستمر لمضادات الديدان وكان الفترات العلاجية 52±66.6 في المجموعة الأولي بينما 77 في كل من المجموعة الثانية و الثالثة. وكان الفترات العلاجية 52±66.6 في المجموعة الأولي بينما 72±2.7 في كل من المجموعة الثانية و الثالثة.

تم جمع مصل الدم من الحيوانات المعالجة بمضادات الديدان الاسطوانية (الأبامكتبن جرعة واحدة، الأبامكتين متعدد الجرعات و الأيفرمكتين جرعة واحدة بجرعة 200 ميكروجرام /كيلوجرام من وزن الجسم، قبل العلاج في اليوم ،7، 10، 14، 24 و39، وقد اوضحت النتائج أن هنالك نقص في كل من الكرياتين، البلروبين، الكالسيوم، بينما زيادة في كمية البروتين الكلي، الزلال واليوريا و انزيم AST (\$0.05)، مقارنة باليوم قبل البدء في اختبار السمية. كل التغيرات التي حدثت في المجموعات المعالجة كانت في الحد الطبيعي. و لايوجد اي سمية في لكل مضادات المستخدمه في التجربة ، عليه يمكن استعمال الأبامكتين و الايفرمكتين في علاج الديدان الاسطوانية في الخيول و الحمير.