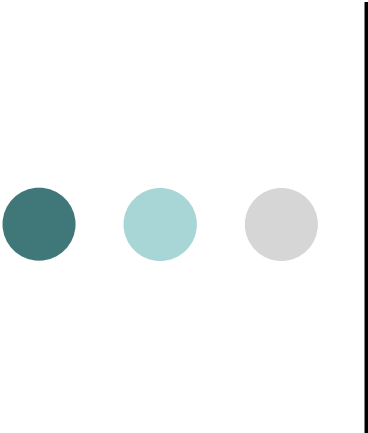
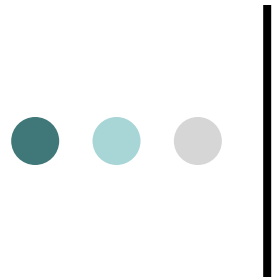




Alfaxalone: Clinical use and review of recent literature



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Objectives

- Review clinical use of alfaxalone in dogs and cats including case examples
- Review recent literature using alfaxalone in dogs and cats
- Review recent literature using alfaxalone in other companion animal/exotic species

● ● ● | IV Alfaxalone in dogs

- Bigby et al. 2017
 - 0.5 mg/kg/min
 - Reduced dose needed for induction and incidence of post-induction apnea
- Liao et al. 2017
 - 0.3 mg/kg of midazolam reduced induction dose by 36.7%





● ● ● | IM Alfaxalone in dogs

- Tamura et al. 2015
 - IM Alfaxalone results in dose dependent sedation with moderately smooth recovery
- Maney JK, 2017
 - IM Alfaxalone at low doses





IM Alfaxalone in dogs

- 3 year-old MN Rat Terrier presented to the AVC for surgical fixation of fractures of the right radius and ulna
 - Previously diagnosed with Addison's disease



● ● ● | IM Alfaxalone in cats

- Ricco et al. ACVAA 2017
 - IM alfaxalone with dexmedetomidine and butorphanol compared to ketamine with dexmedetomidine and butorphanol
- Deutsch et al. 2017
 - IM alfaxalone with butorphanol



● ● ● | IM Alfaxalone in cats

- 7 month old F DSH presented for fracture of R femur and L tarsus.
 - Weekly splint changes needed
 - Plan:
 - Dexmedetomidine
10 mcg/kg IM
 - Hydromorphone
0.05 mg/kg IM
 - Alfaxalone
2 mg/kg IM



● ● ● | IV Alfaxalone in cats

- 8 year old FS DLH presented to the AVC for evaluation of possible anal sac abscess
 - Previously diagnosed with chronic renal disease



Complete blood count

PLATELETS APPEAR ADEQUATE

Biochemical profile

Sodium	152 mmol/L	149 - 156		T. Bili.	1 umol/L	0 - 4
Potassium	3.8 mmol/L	3.3 - 5.2		L Alk.Phos.	6 U/L	14 - 49
Na:K Ratio	40			CK	433 U/L	58 - 489
Chloride	114 mmol/L	112 - 122		AST	23 U/L	11 - 44
Calcium	2.47 mmol/L	2.28-2.85		L ALT	19 U/L	34 - 90
Phosph.	1.14 mmol/L	0.94-1.95		Gamma-GT	0 U/L	0 - 6
L Magnesium	0.71 mmol/L	0.74-1.12		T. Prot.	67 g/L	65 - 84
Urea	8.9 mmol/L	6.4 - 11.8		L Albumin	18 g/L	25 - 37
Creat.	138 umol/L	67 - 157		Globulin	49 g/L	35 - 54
H Glucose	7.7 mmol/L	3.2 - 6.7		L A:G Ratio:	0.37	0.50-0.90
Cholest.	3.51 mmol/L	1.80-5.83		Lipase	24 U/L	16 - 139

● ● ● | IV Alfaxalone in cats

- Plan for this cat is daily sedation/anesthesia for bandage changes
- Premedication with 0.01 mg/kg buprenorphine IV followed by alfaxalone CRI at 0.1 mg/kg/min



● ● ● | Questions?

- Slow is the way to go...
- Combine sedatives or analgesics with IM alfaxalone
- Well suited for constant rate infusion



● ● ● | Alfaxalone in pigs

- 4 week old F Landrace cross presented to the AVC for OHE
 - Dexmedetomidine
30 mcg/kg IM
 - Hydromorphone
0.05 mg/kg IM
 - Alfaxalone
3 mg/kg IM





● ● ● | Alfaxalone in guinea pigs

- D'Ovidio et al. 2017
 - 5 mg/kg IM
 - Onset of sedation approximately 3 min
 - Duration of sedation approximately 30 min
 - No adverse effects were observed





What about these pigs???



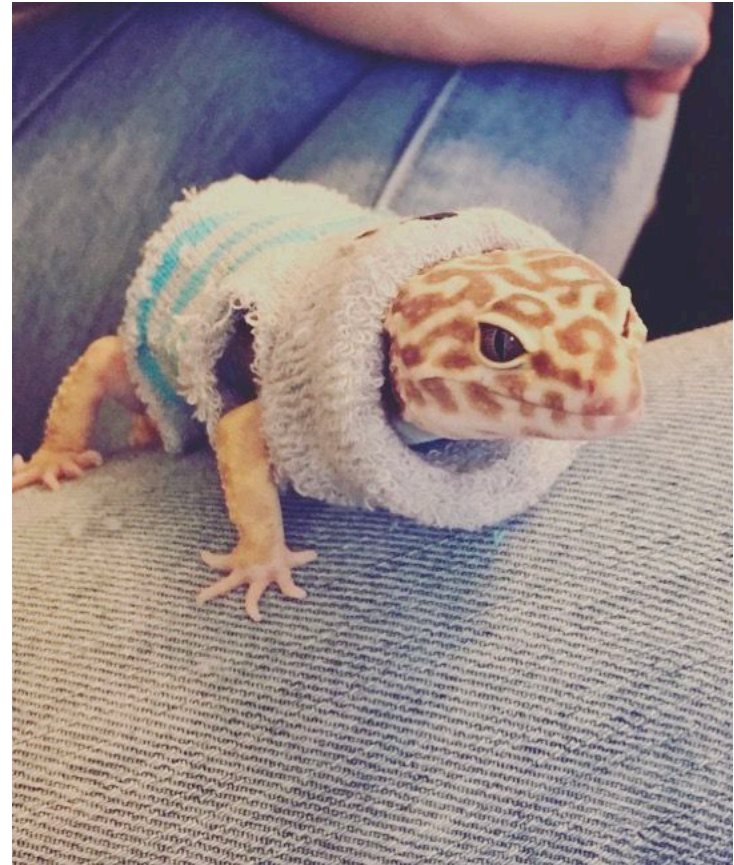
Alfaxalone in rabbits

- Huynh et al. 2015
 - Studied doses of 4, 6, and 8 mg/kg IM
 - All rabbits were sedate within 4 min
 - Respiratory depression was observed



Alfaxalone in leopard geckos

- Doss et al. 2017
 - Dexmedetomidine 0.1 mg/kg + Midazolam 1 mg/kg SC
 - Alfaxalone 15 mg/kg + Midazolam 1 mg/kg SC



● ● ● | Alfaxalone in ponies

- Deutsch et al. 2017
 - Used alfaxalone to induce (1 mg/kg) and maintain anesthesia (2 mg/kg/hr) in ponies undergoing field castration



Questions?

