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## Fatal levamisole toxicosis of captive kiwi (Apteryx mantelli)

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## **Abstract**

CASE HISTORY: Nine of 24 captive kiwi treated with oral levamisole at a dose between

25-43 ma/ka showed signs of respiratory distress. Six died within 4 h of treatment and

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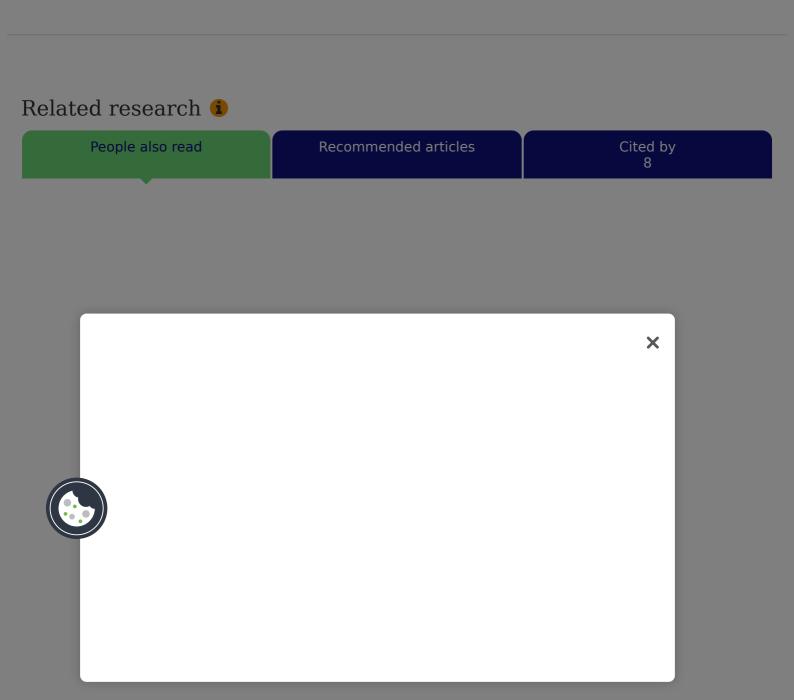
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CLINICAL RELEVANCE: Kiwi were acutely sensitive to levamisole toxicity at doses that are well within the safe range for domestic poultry. Levamisole should not be used as an anthelmintic in kiwi.



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