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COVER LEGEND

Enzootic hematuria of cattle occurs in most countries of the world. The map (*pictured*) indicates its distribution in Turkey. The disease is usually confined to small, well-defined areas and occurs in cattle raised in mountainous, wooded wastelands. A. M. Pamukcu (Zentr. Veterinarmed., 4: 185-197, 1957) demonstrated that the serious problem of enzootic hematuria in cattle and water buffalo along the Black Sea was a manifestation of carcinoma of the urinary bladder.

Initial epidemiological studies convinced Pamukcu that an environmental factor was involved, it being the common fern of the mountain forests (*Pteris aquilina*). Collaborative investigations between Dr. Pamukcu and Dr. J. M. Price extended the field studies in Turkey. Cattle from non-disease areas (*e.g.*, Ankara) were fed bracken fern from farms where the problem existed (in the mountains near Bolu). Bladder cancer was induced in virtually all cattle that survived for more than 3 years on a feeding regimen patterned after field observations. The induced bladder cancers were indistinguishable from the disease seen under natural conditions (*cf.* Cancer Res., 27: 917-924, 1967 and 28: 2247-2251, 1968).

Bracken fern feeding produces intestinal and urinary cancers in rats (J. Natl. Cancer Inst., 43: 275-281, 1969) and leukemia and pulmonary tumors in mice (Cancer Res., 32: 1442-1445, 1972). The thrust of current studies is the identification of the chemical carcinogen in bracken fern.

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The map of the bovine enzootic hematuria region in Turkey is from Dr. Pamukcu (Ann. N. Y. Acad. Sci., 108: 938, 1963). The illustrations of bracken fern and of a typical wooded mountainous area of endemic disease occurrence in cattle were furnished by Dr. Price.

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