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THE MOTOR NERVES OF THE EYE, ORIGIN AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE ONE HUMPED CAMEL  
(*Camelus dromedarius*)  
(With One Figure)

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SUMMARY

The origin, course and distribution of the oculomotor, trochlear and abducent nerves were described in details. The quadriangular ciliary ganglion was also completely described. The present results were discussed with the available literatures of other domestic animals.

INTRODUCTION

The anatomical features of the cerebral nerves supplying the ocular muscles are completely described in domestic animals other than camel. PRINCE *et al.* (1960), GODINHO and GETTY (1971, 1975) and SEIFRLE (1975) gave a detailed description of the motor nerves of the eye, however, the lack of such knowledge in the one humped camel necessitates carrying on this investigation.

MATERIAL and METHODS

The present study was carried on 10 heads of adult camels (*Camelus dromedarius*) of both sexes and different ages. The specimens were collected from Cairo slaughter house. The heads were injected by 10% formalin solution and preserved for 24 hours before dissection was carried on. The nomenclature used is that adopted by NOMINA ANATOMICA VETERINARIA (1973).

RESULTS

N. Oculomotorius:

The oculomotor nerve (1/1,2) originates by about five roots from the lateral border of the Fossa intercurularis. It passes in a rostradorsal direction with lateral inclination to pierce the deep surface of the dura mater cerebri at a level with the infundibulum of the pituitary gland and appears on the dorsal surface of the cavernous sinus and rete mirabile epidurale rostromedial to the trochlear nerve. The oculomotor nerve passes through foramen orbitotundum ventral to the trochlear nerve and medial to the ophthalmic and maxillary nerves. Just rostral to the Foramen orbitotundum, the oculomotor nerve divides into a dorsal smaller and a ventral larger branch.

The dorsal branch of the oculomotor nerve (1/2) passes in a rostral direction ventral to the trochlear nerve and disappears under M. rectus dorsalis where it divides into 3-4 branches which enter and supply the substance of this muscle. From these branches originate one or two twigs which traverse M. rectus dorsalis to terminate in M. levator palpebrae superioris.

The ventral branch of the oculomotor (1/1) passes in a rostral direction medial to the nasociliary nerve till it reaches the apex of the muscle cone where it enters between the origin of Mm. rectus dorsalis and rectus lateralis, accompanied dorsally by long ciliary nerve. The ciliary ganglion is situated on the ventral branch of the oculomotor nerve as it passes between the above mentioned muscles from one side and the ventro-lateral aspect of the optic nerve on the other one. The ventral branch of the oculomotor nerve gives off 2-3 small twigs to the M. rectus ventralis at the level of and rostral to the ciliary ganglion continues medial to the ganglion in a rostroventral direction where it joins the communicating branch of the maxillary nerve, the ventral branch of the oculomotor nerve continues its course ventral to the belly of the M. rectus ventralis from its caudal end to its rostral one and then ventral to the Corpus adiposum intraperiorbita reach the caudal border of the M. obliquus ventralis in which it terminates

by dividing into 3-4 small branches.

#### Ganglion Ciliare:

The ciliary ganglion is a quadriangular structure situated between the distal fourth of Mm. rectus lateralis and rectus ventralis in relation to the lateroventral aspect of the optic nerve. The ciliary ganglion receives twigs from the ventral branch of the oculomotor nerve after giving a branch to M. rectus medialis, in addition, it receives Ramus communicans cum ganglion ciliare of the nasociliary nerve which enters the ganglion through its caudodorsal angle. From its rostradorsal angle the ciliary ganglion gives off the short ciliary nerves which divide into two groups one on the medial and other on the lateral side of the optic nerve.

#### N. Trochlearis:

The trochlear nerve (Fig. 1/7) is originated from the dorsal wall of the mesencephalon and descends within the dural fold of the tentorium cerebelli and pierces it just rostral to the pons and appears on the ventral surface of the dura mater cerebri in a point between the oculomotor nerve medially and the trigeminal nerve laterally.

About 1.5-2 cm. from its origin the trochlear nerve comes in relation with the dorsolateral aspect of the oculomotor nerve, leaves the Foramen orbitotudum dorsal to the oculomotor nerve then continues dorsal to the dorsal branch of the latter till the apex of the muscle cone where it passes within the periorbita, crossing the dorsal surface of the M. rectus dorsalis where it detaches fine twigs to this muscle. The trochlear nerve enters the caudodorsal border of the initial part of M. obliquus dorsalis after giving off a fine twig to the same muscle.

#### N. abducens :

The abducent nerve (Fig. 1/8) originates from the Corpus trapezoidum and passes in a rostral direction ventral to the pons where it pierces the Dura mater encephali and continues ventral to the dural sheath of the semilunar ganglion and the initial part of the trigeminal nerve. The abducent nerve continues along the ventral aspect of the maxillary nerve for about 1.5 cm. then along the ventromedial border of the later nerve passing within the cavernus sinus and the Rete merabile epidurale rostrale. At the Foramen orbitotundum, the abducent nerve lies ventral to the medial branch of the ophthalmic nerve and medial to the maxillary nerve. It leaves the before mentioned foramen and continues ventral to the medial branch of the ophthalmic nerve, on reaching the apex of the ocular muscle cone it crosses the nasociliary nerve laterally and passes between the Mm. rectus dorsalis and rectus lateralis lateral to the before mentioned nerve. The abducent nerve continues for a short distance between the M. rectus lateralis and the lateral aspect of the M. retractor oculi where it terminates by dividing into three muscular branches one for each muscle nearly at the level of its caudal third.

## DISCUSSION

Similar to that of camel, in other domestic animals (GODINHO and GETTY 1975) the oculomotor nerve is divided into dorsal and ventral branches. The dorsal branch supplies Mm. rectus dorsalis and levator palpebrae superioris. The ventral branch supplies Mm. rectus ventralis, rectus medialis and obliquus ventralis, in addition, the ciliary ganglion is situated on this branch.

According to GODINHO and GETTY (1975) the trochlear nerve in horse and pig arises from the rostral cerebral peduncle just caudal to the caudal colliculus while in bovines, ovines and dogs, the nerve emerges at the rostral medullary velum as stated also by SEIFERLE (1975).

The trochlear nerve reaches the orbit through the foramen orbitotundum in camel as: in swines, bovines and ovines (GODINHO and GETTY 1975).

The branch given from N. trochlearis to M. rectus lateralis in the camel is not stated by GODINHO and GETTY (1975) and SETFERIE (1975).

The abducent nerve arises in camel at the level of corpus trapezoidum as stated by SEIFERLE (1975) in all animals and by GODINHO and GETTY (1975) in bovines and ovines.

According to GODINHO and GETTY (1975), the abducent nerve in the dog and pig innervates the dorsal and ventral portions of M. retractor bulbi, while the same nerve in ruminants and horse is distributed in the whole muscle in addition to M. rectus lateralis.

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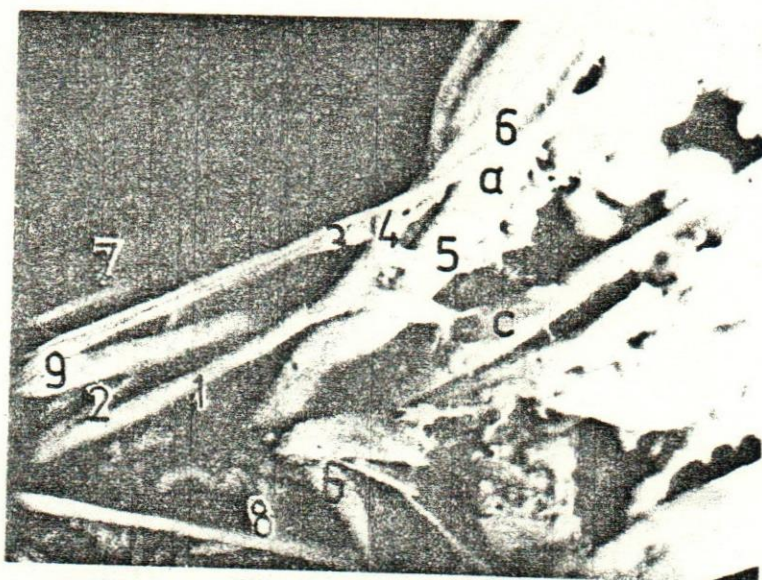
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*Fig. (1): Motor nerves of the eye of Camel.*

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| a) N. opticus,                          | b) rectus lateralis,   |
| c) rectus ventralis                     |                        |
| 1) R. ventralis of N. oculomotorius,    | 2) R. dorsalis,        |
| 3) R. communicans cum ganglio ciliaris, | 4) Ganglio ciliaris,   |
| 5) Nn. ciliares breves,                 | 6) N. ciliaris longus, |
| 7) N. trochlearis,                      | 8) N. abducens,        |
| 9) N. nasociliaris.                     |                        |

