## CHAPTER-I INTRODUCTION

Bangladesh is an agricultural dependent country with a high population density and per capital income is very low. In our country, one of the most potential subsectors of agriculture is livestock which plays a great role in promoting human health and national economy of the country. About 98% of livestock reared by the landless and marginal farmers in rural areas has removed their poverty (Alam, 1993). Livestock not only assists in upgrading the financial condition but also makes a substantial contribution to human nutrition. Large ruminants (Cattle and Buffalo) and small ruminants (sheep and goat) constitute the major portion of livestock in our country. The present population of livestock is 23.95 million cattle, 1.39 million Buffalo, 24.15 million goats and 3.07 million sheep (DLS, 2011). The total contribution of livestock sub-sector to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Bangladesh is approximately 2.9 % (DLS, 2011). It also generates 13% of foreign currency and provides 20% full-time employment and 50% partial employment of rural population (Alam, 1993). The annual milk production is 50.67 million ton, meat production 36.20 million ton in our country (DLS, 2011).

In Bangladesh 80% rural people rear indigenous cattle (Siddiki et al., 2009). The livestock production system is hampered by deficiencies in feeding and breeding; further more aggravate the conditions with disease and parasitism. The geo-climatic condition of the country also favors the growth, development, and survival of various parasites. Gastrointestinal parasitism is a worldwide problem (Regassa et al., 2004. The main reasons of poor health condition, retarded growth rate, diminishing the working efficiency, decrease milk and meat production, abortion; cost associated with preventive measures and reduces the disease resistance capability are caused by parasitic infection, which may ultimately lead to heavy economic loss (Chavan et al., 2008, and Radostits et al., 1994). The total annual loss due to gastrointestinal parasites was 25-30 million sterling pounds reported by Rahman (1997). It has been estimated that about 10% animal die annually due to parasitic disease. Prevalence of helminthes parasitic infestation in cattle in some areas of Bangladesh has been reported earlier (Rahman, 1970; Rahman and Razzak, 1973). Among the gastrointestinal parasites trematodes like as Fasciola and Paramphistomum are more commonly encounted in our country. Fascioliasis is distributed throughout the world (Blood et al., 1990) Fascioliasis is an infection caused by fluke fasciola hepatica and fasciola gigantica in the class of Trematoda, most often characterized by fever, eosinophilia, and abdominal pain, although as many as half of the patients may be

asymptomatic. Paramphistomum sp., is geographically widespread which is mainly caused by *Paramphistomum cervi and paramphistomum microbothrium and* clinically characterized by foetid diarrhea, Dehydration, anorexia, loss of body weight, Pale mucous membrane and there may be sub maxillary edema. Both of the parasitic cases are frequently uncounted in drier months, immediately after heavy rains or floods when pastures are heavily contaminated with metacercariae as well as encysted cercariae. There are many similarities in clinical sign and symptoms of this two diseases. Diagnostically eggs are almost similar. Many veterinarians mistakenly treat paramphistomiasis rather than fascioliasis due to similarities of the sign, symptoms and egg morphology.

Previously many study was founded to identify the prevalence of fascioliasis and paramphistomiasis. So far, till now comparative study of prevalence between Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis was not conducted in our country. So, the present study was conducted to measure the prevalence's of gastrointestinal parasites more specifically *Fasciola* sp., and *Paramphistomums*p., in Kaligang Upazilla under Lalmonirhat district.

## **Objectives of present study:**

- 1. To measure the prevalence of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis at Kaligang Upazilla.
- 2. To suggest an effective anthelmintic campaign for the farmer

## CHAPTER-II MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Study area:

The study was performed in Upazilla Veterinary Hospital, Kaligang, Lalmonirhat. This area was chosen to study clinical cases affected by Fasciola and Paramphistomum.



Figure: Study area

### 2.2 Study period:

The duration of study was about March to April 2017

### 2.3 Study population:

A total 75 cattle of different age and sex were registered for examining the feces. The animal were brought to veterinary hospital, by their owner. Sometimes I have visited the farm and collecting feces from there and examined under microscope. During study population, the total number of animals were divided into three age group.

### Selection of animals and Survey Design

a) Different cattle breed were selected for this study. Mainly, local breeds and crossbred cattle were selected for this study.

b) To determine the age and breed susceptibility of different parasites, cattle were categorized into three sub groups as Age group-I (6 month - 2 year), Age group -II (2year -4year), Age group-III above 4 year.

Group	Age category
Age Group - I	6 month – 2 year
Age Group - II	2 year – 4 year
Age Group - III	Above 4 year

c) A total of 75 fecal samples were collected from 75 individuals, were brought for examination in Upazilla Veterinary Hospital (UVH) during the study period. The cattle were suspected to be affected with gastro-intestinal parasitic infestation on the basis of owner complaint, clinical history- emaciation and gastro-intestinal disturbances; clinical signs- diarrhoea, inappetite, unthriftiness; and physical examination. The description of each patient age, sex and date was recorded to assess their influence on the Veterinary Hospital Kaligang in Lalmonirhat district. The suspected *Fasciola* sp., infected cattle were separated from better thorough check-up and for confirmatory diagnosis.

### **2.4 Collection of sample:**

Fecal sample from all reported animal were collected directly from the rectum in small polythene bag. The sample were transferred to the diagnostic laboratory at prevalence of the GI parasitic infestation. Random sampling was followed during sample collection. A prototype questionnaire was used to record the information like owner's name and address, animal Identification (ID), breed, age, sex, deworming history.

### 2.5 Criteria of diagnosis:

The egg of suspected parasites were identified on the basis of their morphological features.

### 2.6 Morphological study of *Fasciola* egg:

Eggs are oval, operculated, yellow-brown color and measure 130 to 150 by 60 to 90  $\mu$ m. (Hendrix,1998)



Figure: Egg of Fasciola sp.,

### 2.7 Morphological study of *Paramphistomum* egg:

Presence of posterior knob, distinct operculum and measure 114 to 176  $\mu$ m by 73 to 100  $\mu$ m.(Foreyt,2001)



Figure: Egg of Paramphistomum sp.

### **Examination techniques:**

- 1. Physical examination.
- 2. Microscopic examination.
  - a) Direct smear method.
  - b) Sedimentation method.

### **1. Physical examination:**

A presumptive diagnosis of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis in cattle can be made on history of enzootic area and most of the suspected cattle were showed following signs:-

#### Clinical sings of *Fasciola* sp:

- The animal become anemic
- The animal become Dull, Depressed, roughened coat appearance
- Pale and oedema of the mucosa and conjunctiva
- Sub mandibular oedema (Bottle jaw) develop
- Loss of body weight
- Loss of milk production.
- Diarrhoea with characteristic foul odor
- The animal become show inappitance

In long standing case, the fowl odor feces appearance and animal become dehydrated.

#### Clinical sign of *paramphistomun* sp:

- Persistent foetid diarrhea.
- Dehydration observed in affected animal and loss of body weight.
- Dehydration and anorexia followed by sudden and frequent death.
- Pale mucous membrane and there may be sub maxillary edema.

### 2. Microscopic examination:

#### a) Direct smear method

A drop of fecal sample was taken on a glass slide, thoroughly diluted with few drop of water, covered with cover slip and examined under microscope using both low and high power of magnification (10x and 40x) for the identification of *Fasciola* egg and *Paramphistomum* eggs.

### b) Sedimentation method:

5gm of fecal sample was diluted with 20ml of water in a cylinder, after which the cylinder was kept standing for one hour. After this, supernatant fluid was decanted off, one drop of sediment was taken to little glass slide, with covered with cover slip and examined under microscope for the presence of *Fasciola* egg and *Paramphistomum* eggs. The *fasciola* and *Paramphistomum* eggs were identified on the basis of their morphological feature as described by Soulsby (1982).



Figure: Sample preparation for microscopic examination

### 2.8 Data collection:

The species, age, sex, breed, body condition score with drugs and vaccination history was recorded during the handling the patient. Information about affected cattle and knowledge about parasitic disease and its management were also obtained from the farmers, who brought their animals affected by parasites to the Veterinary Hospitals during the study period. A face to face farmer's interview was performed to record the information using a separate questionnaire.

### 2.9 Entry and analysis of data:

All the data obtained from the study areas were entered into Microsoft Excel 2013 according to the selective parameters.



Figure: Microscopic observation



Figure:Egg of Fasciola sp.,

Figure:Egg of Paramphistomum sp.,

## CHAPTER-III RESULTS

The most of the cases in this study area were affected Fascioliasis than Paramphistomisais. The fecal examination by direct microscopic examination is the best for diagnosis. The clinical signs of animal is also observed. In the study area, out of 75 samples the 58 cases were test positive of which 52% are *Fasciola* sp., and 25.33% are *Paramphistomum* sp., In *Fasciola* sp., male are 18.66% and female are 33.34% and In *Paramphistomum* sp., female are 16% and male are 9.33%, respectively.

Variable	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Fasciola	39	52
Paramphistomum	19	25.33
Negative	17	22.67
Total	75	100

**Table3.1**: Total prevalence of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis.

This table showed that, total case is 75, in which frequency of *Fasciola* sp., is 39(52%), frequency of *Paramphistomum* sp., is 19(25.33%) and negative case frequency is 17(22.67%) According to this table Fascioliasis is higher than Paramphistomiasis.



Species	Sex	Total	6  month - 2	2-4 years	Above
		positive case	years		4 years
	Female	25(22,220/)	5(6,670/)	14(10, 670/)	((0)/)
Fasciolsa sp.,	Female	25(33.33%)	5(6.67%)	14(18.67%)	6(8%)
	Male	14(18.66%)	3(4%)	7(9.33%)	4(5.33%)
Paramphistomum	Female	12(16%)	3(4%)	6(8%)	3(4%)
sp.,					
	Male	7(9.33%)	2(2.67%)	4(5.33%)	1(1.33%)
Negative	Female	7(9.33%)	1(1.33%)	6(8%)	
	Male	10(13.33%)	2(2.67%)	8 (10.66%)	
Total		75	16	45	14

**Table 3.2**: Sex and age wise comparative prevalence of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis.

This table shows that the total prevalence of *Fasciola* sp., is 52%. In female prevalence is (33.33%) which is higher than the male (18.66%). When categories *Fasciola* sp., according to age it shows that two to four year age group are more susceptible than age group six month to two year and above four year.

Again This table shows that the total prevalence of *Paramphistomum* sp., is 25.33%. In female prevalence is (16%) which is higher than the male (9.33%). When categories *Paramphistomum* sp., according to age, it shows that two to four years age group are more susceptible than age group six month to two year and above four year.

**Table3.3**: Total comparative prevalence of Fascioliasis, Paramphistomiasis and negative cases on the basis of different factors like- Breed, Body condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment.

	Variable		Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)	<i>p</i> -value
Animal related data	Breed	Local	61	81.33	0.004
		Cross	14	18.67	
	Body condition	Cachectic	48	64	0.002
		Normal	27	36	
Managemental data	Anthelmintic practice	Yes	28	37.33	
		No	47	62.67	0.094
	Grazing pattern	Free grazing	52	69.33	0.082
		Zero grazing	23	30.67	

This table shows that total prevalence of Fascioliasis, Paramphistomiasis and negative cases on the basis of different factors like- Breed, Body condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment. In total 75 cases on the basis of Breed animal are divided into local and cross breed. Local breed (81.33%) are more susceptible than cross breed (18.67%). On the basis of Body condition animal are divided into cachectic and normal. Cachectic animal (64%) are more susceptible than normal (36%). On the basis of Anthelmintic practice animal are divided into two group. Previous time anthelmintic used animal (37.33%) are less susceptible than that animal in which anthelmintic not used (62.67%). On the basis of Grazing pattern animal are divided into two group. Free grazed animal are more susceptible than zero grazed animal.

**Table 3.4**: Prevalence of Fascioliasis on the basis of different factors like Breed, Body

 condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment.

	Variable		Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Animal related data	Breed	Local	33	84.62
		Cross	6	15.38
	Body condition	Cachectic	21	53.85
		Normal	18	46.15
Managemental data	Anthelmintic practice	Yes	15	38.46
		No	24	61.54
	Grazing pattern	free grazing	23	58.57
		Zero grazing	16	41.03

This table shows that total prevalence of Fascioliasis on the basis of different factors like-Breed, Body condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment. In total 39 cases on the basis of Breed animal are divided into local and cross breed. Local breed (84.62%) are more susceptible than cross breed (15.38%). On the basis of Body condition animal are divided into cachectic and normal. Cachectic animal (53.85%) are more susceptible than normal (46.15%). On the basis of Anthelmintic practice animal are divided into two group. Previous time anthelmintic used animal (38.46%) are less susceptible than that animal in which anthelmintic not used (61.54%). On the basis of Grazing pattern animal are divided into two group. Free grazed animal are more susceptible than zero grazed animal. **Table 3.5**: Prevalence of Paramphistomiasis on the basis of different factors like- Breed, Body condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment.

	Variable		Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Animal related data	Breed	Local	11	57.89
		Cross	8	42.11
	Body condition	Cachectic	10	52.63
		Normal	9	47.37
Managemental data	Anthelmintic practice	Yes	9	47.37
		No	10	52.63
	Grazing pattern	Free grazing	14	73.68
		Zero grazing	5	26.32

This table shows that total prevalence of Paramphistomiasis on the basis of different factors like- Breed, Body condition, grazing pattern and anthelmintic treatment. In total 19 cases on the basis of Breed animal are divided into local and cross breed. Local breed (57.89%) are more susceptible than cross breed (42.11%). On the basis of Body condition animal are divided into cachectic and normal. Cachectic animal (52.63%) are more susceptible than normal (47.37%). On the basis of Anthelmintic practice animal are divided into two group. Previous time anthelmintic used animal (47.37%) are less susceptible than that animal in which anthelmintic not used (52.63%). On the basis of Grazing pattern animal are divided into two group. Free grazed animal are more susceptible than zero grazed animal.

## CHAPTER-IV DISCUSSION

The parasitic infestation mainly Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis is responsible high productive and economic loss for farmer. The prevalence of Fasciola sp., is 39(52%), and prevalence of Paramphistomum sp., is 19(25.33%). In both sex's table3.1 are common. In Fasciola sp. The female 33.33% are more susceptible than male 18.66%. Similarly in Paramphistomum sp., Female (16%) is also more susceptible than male 9.33%. According to my study it has been the prevalence of Fasciola sp., is shown that higher than Paramphistomum sp., The overall performance of Fasciola sp., 52% and Paramphistomum sp., is 25.33%. In this study the fecal sample examination revealed that overall prevalence of Fasciola sp., 52% where Garrels (1975) showed that the overall prevalence was 22.41%. Which is less than my study. Chawdhury (1990) showed that 19.72%. Which is less than my study. So In my study it showed that the prevalence of Fasciola sp. is higher than that of Garrels and Chawdhury. The result is also higher than the report of Rahman and Razzak (1973), which was 16.3% Chilardi and Mantovani (1975) showed that, by fecal examination of overall prevalence of Fasciola sp., was 57% which is closely related to my study (56.66%) and again Lowcock (1982) showed that, in Nepal, on fascioliasis by examining fecal sample from cattle the prevalence is 66% which is higher than my study (52%)

Okiluddin (1996) examined that, fecal sample of cattle in Kisoregang district and showed that the overall prevalence is 43%, which is less than my study. Rahman (2006) showed that by fecal examination the overall prevalence of *Fasciola* sp., in cattle was 64.27% which is higher than my study 52%.Siddiki et al., (2010), showed that prevalence of *Fasciola* sp., in red Chittagong cattle is (2%) which is very much lower than my study. Bilquees and Alam (1988) reported only 8.50% prevalence of Fascioliasis in buffaloes and 6.95% in cows from Karachi,Pakisthan. Similarly, sabri et al (1981) observed prevalence of Fascioliasis 8% in cattle which is lower than my study 52%.

Incase of *Paramphistomums*p., the overall prevalence in Bandarbhan district was 56.50% where as my study is 25.33% which is lower than that study. The *Paramphistomum* sp., prevalence in savar area is 46% which is higher than my study (25.33%). Islam *et al.*, (1989) mentioned that the *Paramphistomum* sp., most prevalent in ruminant in Bangladesh. Controversies over the pathogenecity of the adult amphistomes still exist in the country.

Hoque *et al.*, (1992), showed that, the prevalence of *Paramphistomum* sp., is 21.8% which is lower than my study.(25.33%). Islam et al., (1992), reported 48.3% infestation rate *Paramphistomum* species in water buffalo in Bangladesh which is higher than my study (25.33%). Siddiki *et al.*, (2010), showed that prevalence of Paramphistomum sp., in red Chittagong cattle is (38%) which is higher than my study. M.N. Kakar *et al.*, showed that prevalence of paramphistomum in ruminant is 7.82% which is lower than my study. S.A.Sardar *et al.*, (2006) stated that the overall prevalence of gastrointestinal parasite in native cattle is *Fasciola sp.*, 25%, which is lower than my study and *Paramphistomum* sp., 45.28%, which is higher than my study. Uddin *et al.*, (1994) conducted a study on the overall infection rates of different species of gastro-intestinal helminthes in Bandarban district. They showed the infection rates were *Fasciola sp.* (15.42%), which is lower than my and *Paramphistomum sp.* (56.66%) which is higher than my study.

Table: 3.2 Incase of *Fasciola* species the age group of 2-4 years are more susceptible than age group 6 month and above 4 years. The age group of 6month -2years population size are small and above 4 years age group of animal immunity is higher than others group. 4 years group are less susceptible and female (25) are more susceptible than male(14) due to female population larger. Table: 3.3, Local breed (81.33%) are more susceptible than cross breed (18.67%). On the basis of Body condition animal are divided into cachectic and normal. Cachectic animal (64%) are more susceptible than normal (36%). On the basis of Anthelmintic practice animal are divided into two group. Previous time anthelmintic used animal (37.33%) are less susceptible than that animal in which anthelmintic not used (62.67%). On the basis of Grazing pattern animal are divided into two group

## CHAPTER-V LIMITATION

- The study period was short. Sample size was short.
- Farmers were not cooperative during the study.
- No follow up done in the study period.
- This study is limited to certain parameters and some of the parts of the study were left untouched due to time and cost factors so that future researchers can elaborate this study by approaching the untouched portion.
- Again in my study for conformation only observe clinical sign and done fecal examination but not the serological technique used.

## CHAPTER-VI CONCLUSION

The study focused the estimation of the comparative prevalence of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis on cattle of Kaliganj Upazilla, Lalmonirhat. The results revealed that the prevalence of *Fasciola* sp. (52%) is higher than *Paramphistomum* sp. (25.33%). The breed and BCS had significant effect (p<0.05) on the prevalence of irrespective of disease conditions. The frequency of parasitoses was significantly higher in local breed (81.33%) and cachectic animal (64%) than cross (18.67%) and normal (36%) animal accordingly. There was no significant effect (p<0.05) of sex, grazing pattern and anthelmintic administration on the prevalence of both parasitic infestations. Nevertheless, the prevalence is higher in those animals which had been managed through free grazing system (69.33%) and without deworming practices (62.67%). So, cross bred animal with good body conformation and the management of having regular deworming and zero-grazing system can be advisable to retard the prevalence of Fascioliasis and Paramphistomiasis.

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## **CHAPTER- VIII**

## APPENDIX

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Case No:
1. Nature of case: Fresh/Repeat Category of case: Medicine/Surgery/ Gynecology
2. Name of the owner:
Address: Occupation: Farming/ Business/
3. Patient identification data
Species: Cattle/Buffalo/Sheep/Goat/others Breed: Local/Cross/Age:Sex: Male/Female Weight:Kg Milk yield:L/day
4. Source/ Target population:
Source of patient: Farm Livestock/ Domestic Pet/ Family livestock Size of farm:
5. Owner's complain:
6. Clinical history (Anamnesis):
Onset: Sudden/ GradualDuration of illness:
7. Clinical examination:
Rectal temperature:° F/C Respiration rate:/minute Pulse rate:/minute Visible mucous membrane: Pink/ Pale/ Icterous/ Cyanotic/ Hair coat: Shiny/ Rough/ Lesion/ Others Posture: Normal/ Defective Gate: Normal/ Lameness Abdomen size: Normal/ Distended/squeezed Lymphnode: Normal/ Enlarged BitingWound: Present/Absent Wound area: Ear/Neck/Abdomen/Thigh/Tail Frequency of Biting:
8. Additional findings:
9. Diagnosis:
Presumptive: Confirmatory:
10. Prognosis: Good/ Fair/ Favorable/ Grave
11. Welfare Issue:
I <u>Freedom from hunger and thirst</u>
Type of Feeding: Concentrate/roughage Feeding Nature: Free Grazing/ Tethering/ Zero Grazing
Amount of concentrate:Kg/day Amount of roughage:Kg/day Amount of water:L/day

# QUESTIONNAIRE

#### II Freedom from discomfort:

Space requirement: .....feet²/animalFloor of shed: Concrete/ Brick/ Sandy/ Muddy Types ofHousing: Concrete/ Semi-concrete Ventilation system: Open/ Moderate/ Close

#### III Freedom from pain, injury and disease

Injury Lesion: Present/Absent Concern with Vet.: Yes/ No Previous Disease History: .....

Anesthesia During Operation	Yes/ No	
Types of Anesthesia	Local/ General/ Regional	
Anesthesia Performed by	VS/ VFA/Compounder/	
Anesthesia Technique		
Anesthetic Agents		

#### IV Freedom to behave normally:

Rearing System: Free/ Semi-intensive/ Intensive Breeding Nature: Natural/ Artificial Company with other Animal: Yes/No

#### V Freedom from fear and distress:

Mental suffering during treatment: Yes/ No Beating to control animal: Yes/ No General attitude: Alert/ dull/ Depressed/ Others

#### 12. Treatment:

Date	Observation(s)	Treatment	

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## CHAPTER-X BIOGRAPHY

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