A lethal case of natural infection with the H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza virus of clade 2.3.4.4 in a mandarin duck

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## Abstract

Here, we report a lethal case of natural infection with the H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza virus of clade 2.3.4.4 in a mandarin duck. Pathological findings revealed that neurological clinical signs were attributable to neurotropic infection. The potential role of mandarin ducks in HPAIV dissemination should be re-evaluated.

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