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On a New Species of *Avitellina shantae* n.sp. from *Ovis–Bharal* From Buldhana district (M.S.) India



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ABSTRACT

The present investigation deals with the new species of *Avitellina shantae* n.sp. obtained from the host *ovis bharal* from buldhana district (M.S.) India. The present cestode parasites *Avitellina shantae* differs from the characters the scolex is large in size, almost oval in shape, distinctly marked off from the strobilla, broader anteriorly, tapering posteriorly, with a blunt anterior surface. The four Suckers are large in size, oval in shape, arranged in two pairs, one in each half of it overlapping with each pair, with high

musculature. The neck is long wide, slightly longer than broad, with high musculature, broader anteriorly, narrow posteriorly. The mature segment broader than long, cirrus pouch is small in size, oval in shape, the cestode parasites is identified and confirmed to be representing *Avitellina shantae* n.sp. in mammalian host i.e *Ovis bharal*.

KEY WORDS

Avitellina, Buldhana, *Ovis bharal*, India.