Horse Worm Treatment Prescribing Options

Following the loss of a praziquantel-only worming product

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	ACTION	TAPEWORM TEST	WORM COUNT	FIRST CHOICE TREATMENT	SECOND CHOICE OPTION	THIRD CHOICE OPTION
AUTUMN/ WINTER	Treat possible encysted redworm Tapeworm test.	-ve	N/A	moxidectin	5-day fenbendazole (ONLY if no known resistance*)	
		+ve	N/A	moxidectin + praziquantel	none	
OTHER TIMES OF YEAR	Worm egg count every 6-12 weeks depending on risk. Seek advice from a veterinarian or Suitably Qualified Person. Tapeworm test every 6 months.	-ve or N/A	-ve	no treatment required		
		-ve or N/A	+ve redworm	ivermectin	pyrantel (if no known redworm resistance or treat & test efficacy*)	moxidectin (if circumstances dictate**)
		-ve or N/A	+ve roundworm	fenbendazole (check efficacy after treatment*)	pyrantel (check efficacy after treatment*)	
		+ve	-ve	double dose pyrantel	ivermectin + praziquantel	
		+ve	+ve redworm	ivermectin + praziquantel	double dose pyrantel (if no known redworm resistance or treat & test efficacy*)	moxidectin + praziquantel (if circumstances dictate**)
		+ve	+ve redworm +ve roundworm	double dose pyrantel (if no known redworm resistance or treat & test efficacy*)	ivermectin + praziquantel (if no known roundworm resistance or treat & test efficacy*)	

N/A - not applicable

^{*}seek advice from prescriber on efficacy testing after treatment

^{**}seek advice from veterinary surgeon or Suitable Qualified Person on use of moxidectin outwith autumn/winter