

## **The TCVM of Chronic Equine Herpes: Myelopathy, Mutations & Headshaking**

Equine herpes virus, type 1 (EHV-1), is an ongoing infectious disease problem in the global horse population. Traditionally, the EHV-1 virus was thought to be primarily a virus that commonly caused upper respiratory infections, and less commonly, abortion in pregnant mares. However, the discovery of a new variant responsible for increasing outbreaks of severe neurologic disease in vaccinated populations has led to a growing awareness of the unpredictability of disease manifestation and the need for better management of horses in competition situations. Since there is no vaccine that is currently recognized to prevent the neurologic EHV-1 variant, Traditional Chinese Medicine food therapy, herbs and acupuncture can potentially play important roles in prevention and treatment.