

The effects of
Red Weed

infection upon the
Human Body

and changes of physiology caused
by the colonisation of the nervous
system and how to reverse these;
or How to tell if your

Friend

is turning into a

Ravager

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This article is based on my recent encounter with the denizens of a ravager nest and individuals in various stages of infection, and the experiences of a number of members of **TRJAC** including myself in attempting to treat this affliction. I hope it is of some small use to **TRJAC members and other physicians** treating those exposed to the **Red Zones**.

The behaviour of the Martian pseudo-plant **Red Weed** in the world at large was famously recorded in the early days of the Martian assault:

"Wherever there was a stream, the Red Weed clung and grew with frightening voraciousness, its claw-like fronds choking the movement of the water; and then it began to creep like a slimy red animal across the land, covering field and ditch and tree and hedgerow with living scarlet feelers, crawling! crawling!"

A Red Weed infection of the human body follows a similar pattern, with the colonisation initially of the host blood stream, followed by a spread throughout the host body.

It has been demonstrated that the Martian pseudo-plant

known as **Red Weed** can, when **ingested** or **exposed** to the membranes of the **eyes, nose, ears, or mouth**, make its way in microscopic fragments into the human blood stream. There it multiplies, then coagulates into **claw like fronds** up to twenty centimetres in length and five millimetres breadth. These fronds then lodge in the veins of the patient near major groupings of the nervous system in the **wrists, arms, legs**, and particularly in the veins of the **throat**. This connection to the nervous system causes the patient crave **Red Weed**, driving them, often **violently**, to attempt to locate and consume more of the pseudo-plant, speeding its colonisation of their body.

Later stages of infection can partially paralyse the patient, or drive them into an unreasoning or near catatonic state. This is the last stage that I have been able to successfully treat thus far.

Beyond this stage the **Red Weed** infuses the patient's body, working its way into the organs and musculature, and causing the body to **mutate and change**, to become one of the beings referred to as **Ravagers**

Early stage infection manifests in a similar manner to **Influenza**, the patient experiences headaches and nausea that

come on swiftly.

A **blood sample** scrutinised under a microscope will reveal small **filaments of Red Weed** that **swarm and multiply** like creatures in a drop of water.

Traces of these filaments can often be found in phlegm samples also.

At this stage the infection can be **treated** by the patient ingesting a **pharmacological preparation of Opium Poppy, Foxglove and Wolfsbane.**

This preparation persuades the pseudo-plant the patient is a toxic environment and the Red Weed filaments rapidly exit the body via the stomach lining, causing an **intense bout of vomiting** and fully **purging the patient.**

The **second stage** of infection is reached within two hours of initial onset, and at this point the **Red Weed** is sufficiently concentrated to allow the **fronds to be cut from the body** by a trained surgeon. With skill and practice, a small half centimetre incision into the vein can allow access to the tendril so that can be **drawn out entire** with a fine pair of tweezers, the rear of a lancet, or similar. The process of identifying and removing the fronds is likely to take at least five minutes on the operating table. The attending physician must be sure to remove all of the weed and not allow fragments of it to remain lest the

patient relapse into an early stage infection.

A late stage infection can see fronds of Red Weed sprouting from the orifices of the patient. Surgical intervention is required to remove all the fronds that can be identified within the patient's veins and membranes, a process that will take at least ten minutes. Once the surgery is complete, the patient must be forced to ingest a pharmacological preparation of Opium Poppy, Foxglove and Wolfsbane. This purgative forces any remaining Red Weed from their system and leaves the patient alive and uninfected, however physiological and mental damage may have been caused by long exposure to the mutative properties of the Red Weed and further medical examination and care is strongly advised.

Kavagers bodies are so infused with and altered by the Red Weed that any attempt at surgical intervention is almost certain to prove fatal, with fronds found embedded in all the major organs, and my current medical opinion is the poor wretch who once inhabited that shell has been driven quite mad by the effects of the Weed. Do not weep for the husk you gun down, grieve rather for the person who used to inhabit it, murdered by the Martian menace.