
Some haematological and biochemical changes in Quails *Coturnix coturnix* Due to *Ascardia galli* infection in AL-Diwaniya city

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Abstract

The study was conducted to determine of haematological and biochemical changes in *quails* infected with nematoda worm *Ascardia galli* and compared with control group , 40

samples of quails were collected at local market of Al-Diwaniya city .

Birds divided in to four groups : G₁ represent control group , G₂ birds with light infection , G₃ birds with mediate infection , G₄ birds with severe infection .

Haematological parameters include count total red blood corpuscles (Erythrocytic) and white blood corpuscles (Leucocytic), packed cell volume%(P.C.V) and Haemoglobin concentration (Hb), biochemical parameters include measurement of total protein(T.P) concentration , total Cholestrol concentration(T.C) and Triglyceride(T.G) .

The results of blood examination showed that total cytosus count , Packed cell volume and haemoglobin (Hb) percentage decreased significant in infected group , The total leucocytic count showed significant increased in all infected group. also result showed that total protein concentration decreased significant in G₂,G₃,G₄ as compared with G₁. while total cholestrol and triglycerides ky word haemolotigical ,biochemical, quails, ascardia galli decreased gradual in serum blood of all infection birds .

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بعض التغيرات الدموية والكيموحيوية في طائر السلوى المصاب بالدودة الاسطوانية
Ascardia galli في مدينة الديوانية

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الخلاصة

أستهدفت الدراسة الحالية البحث والاستقصاء عن طبيعة التغيرات الدموية والكيموحيوية في طائر السلوى المصاب بالدودة الاسطوانية *Ascardia galli* ومقارنتها بمجموعة السيطرة , إذ تم إجراء هذه الدراسة على 40 طير من طائر السلوى جمعت من بعض الاسواق المحلية لمدينة الديوانية .

قسمت الطيور الى أربعة مجاميع G_1 تمثل مجموعة السيطرة و G_2 تمثل الطيور ذات الاصابة الضعيفة و G_3 تمثل الطيور ذات الاصابة المتوسطة و G_4 تمثل الطيور ذات الاصابة الشديدة .

شملت المعايير الدموية حساب العدد الكلي لكريات الدم الحمر Erthrocytic count والعدد الكلي لكريات الدم البيض Leucocytic count والنسبة المئوية لحجم الخلايا الدموية المرصوصة Packed cell volume وقياس تركيز الهيموكلوبين Haemaglobin , أما المعايير الكيموحيوية فشملت قياس تركيز البروتين الكلي(T.P) وتركيز الكولسترول الكلي (T.C) والكليسيريدات الثلاثية (T.G).

أظهرت نتائج فحوصات الدم حصول فقر دم أي انخفاض تركيز الهيموكلوبين مع انخفاض العدد الكلي لكريات الدم الحمر وانخفاض النسبة المئوية لجم الخلايا الدموية المرصوصة وزيادة عدد كريات الدم البيض في الطيور المصابة بالدودة *Ascardia galli* مقارنة بمجموعة السيطرة .

كما أشارت النتائج الى وجود انخفاض معنوي في معدل تركيز البروتين الكلي في G_2, G_3, G_4 مقارنة بـ G_1 , أما فيما يتعلق بمستوى الكولسترول والكليسيريدات الثلاثية فقد لوحظ انخفاض تدريجي في معدل تركيز الكولسترول الكلي والكليسيريدات الثلاثية في مصلى دم جميع الطيور المصابة .

Introduction

poultry farming plays a very important role in the struggle against poverty by producing a cheap source of protein, and local poultry represents the majority of animals raised by farming populations for their own consumption, sale, and cultural and social uses(1) .

Different types of poultry infected with many from intestinal helminthes that effect in production such as meat and eggs as well as its effect in functions operation and some toxins and chemical materials that causes block function body (2).

In addition to sucking blood of the host, the greatest damage is done when the young worms migrate in to the wall of the proventriculus, causing marke dirritation and inflammation, which may kill bird (3). Infected birds are emaciated and anemic in heavy infestation. There is diarrhea and death in heavily infected (4).

Disease from intestinal parasites results when normal body function are impaired and the degree of impairment determines severity of the disease , in some instance , there is no apparent disease but there is alos in production such as food conversion or gain , severity of disease can depend on the type of parasite or the number of parasites involved (5).

Finally Infestation by parasites, mainly helminths, is very high and probably responsible for a high proportion of keet deaths. Indeed, several surveys have indicated a high prevalence of parasites in different African countries: 85to 89% in Burkina Faso (6) 40 to 92% in Niger (7) and 87 to 97% in Benin (8) .

In Iraq there is no data about effect *Ascardia galli* in haematological and biochemical paramrters in quails and this is first one .

The aim of the study is contain, determine haematological and biochemical changes in quails that causes by *Ascardia galli* .

Materials and Methods

Fourteen adult quails were collected from some local market of Al-Diwaniya city .

The visceral separated from mesentery were divided in to five parts crop , gizzard , small intestinal , large intestinal and caecum then put in container then worms isolation kept in tube contain physiological saline , this worm stained with lactophenol (9) and examined under lower and higher magnification(10x,40x) . Identification of *Ascaridia galli* was carried out using the characters described by Calenk *etal* the in tensity of infection accont form number parasites and divided on number infection birds. (10) .

Haematological parameters:

Blood was collected from the individual birds of each group from vein at region under wing. Sterile vials with 20 mL of 10% EDTA were used as anticoagulant for collection of blood. Two milliliters of anti-coagulated blood was collected from each bird and was kept in refrigerator for haematological studies. R.B.C. and W.B.C. were done by Neubauer haemocytometer. The Rees and Ecker solution was used as diluting fluid as described by Sastry (11). Hb concentration was estimated by cyanmethemoglobin method as described by Dacial(12). P.C.V was determined by Wintrobe haematocrit method as described by Schalm *et al.* (13).

Biochemical parameters:

Blood was collected from the individual birds of each group from vein at region under wing. Two milliliters of blood was collected from each bird in sterile test tubes without anticoagulant and allowed to clot. Serum was separated by centrifuge and kept at 20°C until analysis. Total protein was estimated by Biuret and Dumas method as described by Dumas *et al.* (14) by using SPAN diagnostic kit (Code No. 23935). Cholesterol concentration was estimated by colour method as described by Richmond (15) , measurement of triglycerides were deponded on method Allaint *et al.*,(16) .

Statistical analysis:

The results were analysed by Analysis variance and used test Least significant differences (LSD) under probability level P<0.05.

Results

1- Haematological parameters:

Table (1) shows different haematological changes in quails infected with *Ascaridia galli*, it is clear from table (1) that a significant decrease in erythrocytes in all infected groups as compared to control group (non-infected), and shows a significant decrease in haemoglobin values, packed cell values in all infected groups with *Ascaridia galli*, while a significant increase in leucocytic values in all infected groups as compared with control group of quails, also seen in table (1)

Table 1: Haematological changes in quails infected with *Ascaridia galli*

Groups of birds Examination	R.B.C. $\times 10^6/\text{mm}^3$	W.B.C. $\times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$	Hb gm/100ml	P.C.V. (%)
G ₁	5.988 ± 0.040 a	24.071 ± 0.136 a	11.875 ± 0.080 a	38.995 ± 4.669a
G ₂	4.877 ± 0.033 b	29.014 ± 0.542 b	9.440 ± 0.281 b	30.155 ± 0.369
G ₃	4.132 ± 0.153 b	31.189 ± 0.596 b	8.178 ± 0.0845 b	28.090 ± 0.291
G ₄	3.575 ± 0.168 b	32.027 ± 0.050 b	6.913 ± 0.046 b	24.933 ± 0.278

Values of R.B.C, W.B.C, Hb, P.C.V. are presented as mean ± standard deviation

all results show significant difference from other values at $P < 0.05$

2- Biochemical parameters :

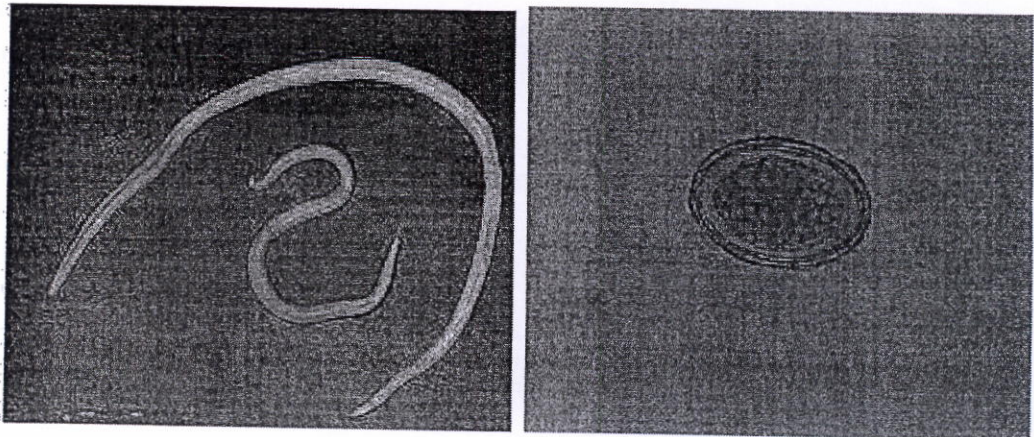
The results of table (2) showed significant decrease of total protein in G₂, G₃ and G₄ of infected birds with *Ascardia galli*, total cholesterol and triglyceride shows decrease gradual in infected groups of quails with nematoda worm (*Ascardiagalli*).

Table 2: Biochemical changes in quails infected with *Ascardia galli*

Groups of birds examination	Total protein gm/100 ml	Total cholestrol mg/100 ml	Triglycerides mg/100ml
G ₁	6.026 ± 0.088 a	134.4 ± 4.926 a	73.8 ± 3.910
G ₂	4.419 ± 0.376 b	113.3 ± 5.912 b	64.65 ± 5.142
G ₃	4.015 ± 0.029 b	102.5 ± 2.175 b	55.928 ± 4.445
G ₄	3.08 ± 0.193 b	95.875 ± 3.270 b	48.75 ± 1.832

Values of T.P., T.C. and T.G. are presented as mean ± standard deviation

all results shows significant difference from other values at P ≤ 0.05

Picture(1)egg of *Ascardia galli*picture (2)male &female of *Ascardia galli*

Discussion

During the study an attempt was made to find nematoda worm (*Ascardia galli*) infesting native quails in local market subsequent of Al-Diwaniya city and also to determine haematological and biochemical changes caused by this *Ascardia galli*.

Haematological study showed that total erythrocyte count decreased significantly in infected groups of quails (G_2, G_3, G_4) than that of control group (G_1). this agree with (17, 18, 19).

Lowered of total erythrocytic count in *Ascardia galli* infected quails might be due to lowered erythropoiesis, and its usually associated with mild-acute enteritis which hampers the absorption of essential nutritis for blood cell formation. In the present study the total leukocytic count were showed significant increase in (G_2, G_3, G_4) as compared with control group, this is in agreement with finding (18) in quails and chicken and agreement with (19) in poultry.

The net increase in the total leukocytic count might due to the increase in heterophils and eosinophils because they reform first defence line against body infection (19). The haemoglobin percentage showed significant decrease in all

infected groups than that control group . (18) also record similar observation in his experiment . the lowered in Hb values might be due to metabolic disturbance caused by worms rather than direct blood loss (20). also results shows that as significant decrease in packed cell volume in(G₂,G₃,G₄) as compared with control group (G₁). (18) recorded the same finding in his experiment in quails and chicken infected with *Ascaridia galli* , also (21) in fowls infected with *Ascaridia galli* (22) in ducks.

Biochemical study showed that total serum protein decreased significant in all infected groups with *Ascaridia galli* as compared with control groups . This finding was in agreement with finding of (18,19) , the lowered of T.P. values may belonged a great loss of tissue protein may occur through leakage into gut with loss of digestive secretion and mucous due to intestinal parasitism in anaemic birds ,which also caused inefficient protein absorption (18). total cholesterol and triglycerides values shows as significant (P<0.05) decreased in all infected groups with *Ascaridia galli* that than control group , the lowered of T.C and T.G values might be due to effect of worms in lipids absorption .

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