EFFECT OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TURMERIC SUPPLEMENTATION WITH DIET ON HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSE TO NEWCASTLE, AND INFECTIOUS BURSAL DISEASE VIRUS AND HISTOPATHOLOGICAL CHANGES OF SOME INTERNAL ORGAN OF BROILER CHICKENS

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Abstract

In this study, evaluated the effect of turmeric dietary addition on immune response against the Newcastle disease virus (NDV) and Infectious bursal disease (IBDV), and histopathological changes in some internal organs was evaluated in 42 day old broiler chicks. Ninety-six Ross broiler chicks were reared from 1 to 42 days old and divided randomly into four groups. Feed and drinking water were offered ad libitum. Group 1 (G1) received turmeric (0.2%), while group 2 (G2) received turmeric (0.4%), Group 3 (G3) received turmeric (0.6%) and group 4 (G4) was the control positive received basal diet. At the end of the trial five birds from each treatment were slaughtered for assessment of histological section, take same of organ (liver, spleen, and bursa of Fabricius) at 42 day. Results of ELISA test titer revealed differences among various treatment groups at the end of the experiment. mean ELISA test values of G2 revealed a higher significant at (P < 0.05) in antibody titers in comparison with other groups and control. specimen from liver, spleen and bursa of fabricius were dissected out for histopathological examination and results of microscopic section showed increase in immune response of G2 chicken of microscopic sections of G2 histopathological changes in the liver tissue revealed mamefised by focal mononuclear cells aggregation and proliferation of kupffers cells and slight congestion of blood sinusoids and congestion of portal bloob vessels with few infiltration of inflammatory cells. The intrahepatic bile ductless exhibited dilatation and hyperplasia of their epithelial linings with slight portal fibrosis compared with G1, G3 which showed no clear histopathological changes. The microscopic examination of the spleen revealed range from mild (G1 and G3) to moderate hyperplasia of lymphoid follicles in (G2) histopathological changes in the bursa of fabricius were characterized by moderate follicular hypertrophy especially in G2 as compared with other treated group's and control.

Key words: Turmeric, broiler chicken, immune response.

المستختصر

أجريت هذه الدراسة لقياس تأثير اضافة الكركم في الاستجابة المناعية الخلاطية ضد فيروس مرض نيوكسوس والكمبرو والتغيرات المرضية للبعض الأعضاء الداخلية لدجاج المحم. تم دراسة تأثير الكركم على الاستجابة المناعية في بعض الأعضاء الداخليه في دجاج المحم بعمر 42 يوم. استخدم 96 طائر تم نزوجه في مجموعة من 4 مجموعات (G1، G2، G3، G4) تم قناعتها بكميات مختلفة من الكركم. نجحت نتائج الدراسة في عرض تأثير ثوري على مستوى الامراضية المناعية في بعض الأعضاء الداخليه (الكبد، الطحال، جراب فابريشيا) وقانون التغييرات المرضية. نتائج فحص الأنسجة أظهرت زيادة في الاستجابة المناعية لمدجاج في مجموعة G2. تضمنت النتائج تأثيرات الكركم على توضيح الخلاطيات المناعية ومعاينة الأنسجة، وتمت دراسة تأثير الكركم على مستوى التغييرات المرضية في بعض الأعضاء الداخليه في دجاج المحم. نلاحظ من النتائج أن تأثير الكركم على مستوى الامراضية المناعية، والتأثيرات المرضية. لذا فإن استخدام الكركم في المحم يحقق نتائج إيجابية، ويتطلب المزيد من الدراسات لمتابعة تأثيرات الكركم على مستوى الامراضية المناعية في بعض الأعضاء الداخليه.
INTRODUCTION

Considered *turmeric curcuma longa* of perennial herbs, grown widely in tropical-climate countries, especially in Asia (China and India) and is growing at a height of three to five feet, considered active ingredient of turmeric spice is effective antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent with hepatoprotective and anti-cancer as well as anti-bacterial properties (15). Nevertheless, Deshpande et al., (2), Confirmed high doses of turmeric or turmeric ethanol extract in rats and mice for long periods caused a reduction in body weight and hepatotoxic effects of the well necrotic foci. Similarly reported (8), use of turmeric or ethanol extract of Curcuma in protective doses against cancer may cause coagulative necrosis attached to with areas of parenchymal regeneration. Namagirilakshmi et al., (12) reported significant of the length increased intestinal villus in a dose related manner among the treatment groups compared with the control. Similarly, the bile duct epithelium primary and secondary folds count marked increas in 0.75 and 1.0% turmeric fed groups than other groups. The great benefit of plant bioactive material in feed animals increased appetite and feed consumed, improved the secretion of endogenous digestive enzymes, stimulated the immune response and increase the effectiveness of anti-bacteria, anti-viral and improve the actions of antioxidants. (20, 21). Also turmeric powder decreased ratio of triglycerides in the serum, but did not record any significant effect on the immune response against the Newcastle and Influenza virus and indicated the expected results for food supplementation of turmeric powder failed to any improvement in the performance except feed efficiency of broiler, however, feed treatment formed from the basal diet as control, 3.3, 6.6 and 10 g / kg turmeric powder added to the basal diet improves the positive influence of carcass abdominal fat, and the concentration of triglycerides in the serum at slaughter (13). (10,16) reported that turmeric powder has implications protective against Aflatoxin BRIR. Moreover, Wafaa et al., (22) showed that treatment of aflatoxicated birds either with Hydrated Sodium Calcium Aluminosilicate (HSCAS) or turmeric powder even their combination. One group was treated with HSCAS a concentration of 0.5% and the other group fed a diet contained turmeric powder at a dose of 80 mg / kg, gave good protection against signs and lesions resulting from Afltoxicosis with a significant improvement in body weight compared with the control group, while the group treated with both HSCAS and turmeric powder improved significantly in the weights of the body's organs ratio and immune response against Newcastle and biochemical measurements in the aflatoxicated chicken.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental animals: The experiment was conducted in a poultry breeding fields of the Animal Resources Department - college of Agriculture - University of Baghdad, after cleaning and disinfection by Formaline and Potassium Hypochlorite And left the hall closed for two days and then open all the doors and windows with running ventilator to get rid of the remaining toxic gases before the chicks entered the hall. Chicks (Ross 308, Syria origin) was purchased from hatchery Association of wade, AL-Rafidian – Bagdad /Abu graib. ninety six, (all Biosecurity protocols were applied). Allocated chicks to take randomly utilization within a completely randomized design (CRD) with four feed treatment from 0-42 days of age, the addition of two replicates (12 bird / pen). The experiment was designed diets as follows: G1 0.2% turmeric powder, G2 0.4% turmeric powder, G3 0.6% turmeric powder and G4 control. The birds were kept in floor pens (1.2×1.2m) in open sided house. The chicks in G1,G2 and G3 were vaccinated with ND (La Sota) via drinking water at day 15 followed by booster dose of Newcastle virus vaccine (La Sota) at day 25 and with IBD Gumbo L strain (Ceva-Hungary) at day (19) and G4 left without any vaccine as control. Blood samples of each group were aspirated from wing vein to determine antibody titers in serum against ND and IBD at days (42) using ELISA for (ND and IBD).

Diet composition and contents: The basal diet was formulated for broilers in which yellow corn and wheat were the major sources of energy, whereas the soybean and plant protein were the major sources of protein in this diet. This diet was fed to all groups. Other
ingredients were same as in the groups (Table 1). Nutritional requirements were adjusted according to the Nutritional Requirements Council (14). Starter: the chicks were fed on a starter diet for 1 to 28 days at the beginning of the experiment. Finisher: the chicks were fed from 29 days until the end of the experiment (day 42) (Table 1).

**ELISA test (Synbiotics – USA)**

The procedure used in this test was performed according to the manufacturer’s instructions listed in the ProFLOK ELISA Kit Synbiotics–USA (19), which is a rapid serologic test for the detection of antibody in chicken serum samples. It was developed primarily to aid in the detection of pre and post-vaccination antibody levels in chickens.

**Table 1. Composition of experimental diet used in this study**

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<th>Constituents</th>
<th>Percentages of ingredients in Starter</th>
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<td>plant protein (40%) protein</td>
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<td>Soybean meal (48% protein)</td>
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<td>Yellow corn</td>
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<td>Crude protein (%)</td>
<td>21.94</td>
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<td>Metabolizable energy (kcal/kg)</td>
<td>2921.9</td>
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<td>Calcium (%)</td>
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<td>Methionine + Cysteine (%)</td>
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Provided per kg of diet: vitamin A:22000IU, D3:60, E:60mg, B1:60mg, B2:140mg, B6:80mg, B12:700mcg, Biotin:2.00mcg, Folic acid:20mg, Vitamin E K3:5mg, Choline chloride:7.5mg, Cu:200mg, Mn:1.6mg, Zn:1.2mg, Fe:1.0mg, I:20mg, Se:5mg.

**Histopathological examination:**

The specimens were taken at 42 days old with dimensions (1 cubic cm) from the liver, spleen and bursa of fabricius, the tissues were fixed in 10% buffer formaldehyde solution immediately after removing. After 72 hrs of fixation, the specimens were washed with tap water and then dehydration was by upgrading alcoholic concentration of 70% to absolute 100% for 2 hrs in each concentration. Clearance was done by xylol, then the specimens were infiltrated with semi-liquid paraffin wax at 58°C on two stages, then blocks of specimens were made with paraffin wax and sectioned by rotary microtome at 5 μm. All tissue were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H & E) stain and the histopathological changes were observed under a compound microscope (9).

**Statistical analysis:**

Used variance analysis to analyze the data (17) and means significant separated by Duncan-multiple test (3).

**RESULTS**

Mean antibody titer values against NDV for group 1,2,3, and 4 were 3820.60, 6061.40, 4429.00 and 168.00, respectively (Table 2). Table 2 shows that antibody titers were significantly higher when broilers were fed by turmeric in G2 (p<0.05) than the control group. The Mean antibody titer values against IBD for group 1,2,3, and 4 were 1350, 6696, 4487 and 443, respectively (Table 2). Mean antibody titer against IBD was higher for G2 than other groups and control. These results indicate that Curcuma longa (turmeric) has improved immunity by increasing the antibody titer against ND and IBD Antibody.

**Table 2. The means of Ab titer at 42 days old of chicken against NDV and IBD .(Mean ± SE)**

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<th>Groups</th>
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<tr>
<td>G1</td>
<td>3820.60 ±120.75a</td>
<td>1350 ± 882.5bc</td>
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<td>G2</td>
<td>6061.40 ±280.5a</td>
<td>6696 ± 933.5a</td>
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<td>G3</td>
<td>4429.00 ±22.06b</td>
<td>4487 ± 1410.6b</td>
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<td>G4</td>
<td>168.00 ±16.8d</td>
<td>443 ± 61.7c</td>
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Small letters between groups (colum) denoted significant differences (p≤0.05). G1 (0.2%) turmeric, G2 (0.4%) turmeric, G3 (0.6%) turmeric, G4 basal diet (vaccinated), Antibody (AB).

**Histopathological study**

**Control group**

**Liver:** The tissue section of (liver, spleen and bursa of fabricius of the control group showed normal histology structure (Fig1, 2 ad 3) respectively.

**Treated groups**

**Liver:** Tissue microscopic sections of G2 showed focal mononuclear cells aggregation
and proliferation of kupffers cells and slight congestion of blood sinusoids (Fig.4), congestion of portal blood vessels with few infiltration of inflammatory cells (Fig.5). The intrahepatic bile ductless exhibited dilation and hyperplasia of their epithelial linings with slight per portal fibrosis (Fig.6) as compared with G1, G3 which showed no clear histopathological changes.

**Spleen:** The histopathological changes noticed in the treated groups range from mild (G1 and G3) to moderate hyperplasia of lymphoid follicles (G2) Fig.7

**Bursa of Fabricius The microscopic section:** Were characterized by moderate follicular hypertrophy especially of G2 as compared with other treated group's (G1 and G3) Fig.8.

**DISCUSSION:** Serum antibody level is the indicator of humoral immunity. These results showed higher significantly ($p<0.05$) in antibody titer in group G2 receiving turmeric 0.4% than other groups and G4, suggesting that Curcumin has been reported to possess Many pharmacological properties including anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, anti-viruses, anti-fungal, anti-oxidants and wound healing properties (6). In addition turmeric powder have effectiveness Immunomodulatory activities through which regulates the effectiveness of each of (T, B, Macrophages, heterophils, natural killer and dentric) cells.
Many researchers confirmed presence of significant differences (P <0.05) in means of antibodies titre for the treated groups with Neem dose of 8g / kg feed and turmeric powder at a dose of 2 g / kg feed. Also vitamin E at a dose of 0.2 g / kg and in combination with turmeric (Curcuma longa) compared to the control group. Other results proved higher immune response as a result of feed additive of turmeric in broiler (11). On the contrary, it was recorded the highest significantly immune response in the chicken treated with turmeric and vitamin E against Newcastle virus. These results disagree with Shivappa et al., (18) who found the Used of turmeric powder with vitamin E has a significant effect on the means of HI antibodies titre. Similarly Nazarene et al., (13) found no significant impact of turmeric powder 3.3, 6.6 and 10 g/kg has been observed in antibody titre against viruses Newcastle and Influenza. The result of histological sections of the liver in present study was inagreement with El-Far (4) observed addition of turmeric 1.0% to duckling’s ration were induced a protective effect against aflatoxicosis and enhancement of phagocytosis in the liver. Similarly result of this study is agreed with AL-Sultan and Gameel (1) who Who reported mononuclear cells infiltration of parenchymal and portal area and congestion of portal vessels in liver tissue sections of broiler chickens diet treated with turmeric (Curcuma longa) in concentrations of 0.0, 2.5, 5.0 and 10%.  

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