

Effect of Antiviral drug (Ribavirin) on Very Virulent Infectious Bursal Disease Viral Infection in Chickens

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Abstract

Studies were carried out to evaluate the pathogenicity and coagulation disorders in 42-day-old chickens infected with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate vaccine or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment. Pathogenicity studies revealed that vvIBDV (S-95) produced acute disease with severe clinical picture and high mortalities reached to 60% in white egg-type chickens. Pathogenicity study indicated increased survival rate in chickens treated with ribavirin after challenged with vvIBDV, as 34 chicks survived from 35 chicks. It may be related to ribavirin-enhanced immune system (T-cell). Study of coagulation disorders indicated significant defects in extrinsic and intrinsic clotting systems, as the virus led to increase of bleeding time, clotting time, and prothrombin time which probably account for the rapid death and severe hemorrhagic lesions.

Introduction

Infectious bursal disease (IBD) is an acute highly contagious viral infection in young chickens firstly described by Cosgrove (1962). The disease leading to direct and indirect significant economic losses to the worldwide poultry industry (Chettle et al., 1989 ; Van Den Berg et al., 1991). The direct economic losses to IBD is due to morbidity and mortality rate while the indirect impact is due to immunosuppression of infected birds (Van den Berg, 2000). IBD is a highly contagious immunosuppressive disease caused by infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV), which is classified as a member of the family Birnaviridae (Van Den Berg, 2000 and Rautenschlein, 2003). The virus has predilection to replicate in the lymphoid cells of the bursa of Fabricius causing severe inflammatory changes resulting in bursal atrophy. Although the bursa of Fabricius is considered a target organ for IBDV (Muller et al., 1979 and Hirai et al., 1981), changes occur in other organs including spleen, thymus, kidney and liver (Henry, 1989; Sharma et al. (1993 & 2000). Elankumaran et al. (2002) mentioned that cecal tonsils, and the bone marrow might serve as non-bursal lymphoid tissues supporting IBDV replication.

The very virulent form (vvIBDV) caused by highly pathogenic strains first appeared at the late eighties in Europe and is currently expanding quite rapidly world-wide. This primarily causes high levels of mortalities up to 60% within a couple of days, generally occurring between 3 and 5 weeks of age (Lukert, 1996). Furthermore, in 1986 very virulent (vv) strains of IBDV had emerged in Europe, which can cause up to 70% flock mortality in laying pullets and 100% in specific pathogen-free (SPF) chickens (Chettle et al., 1989 and Van Den Berg, 1991). In Egypt (in the summer of 1989), several outbreaks of very virulent IBD (vvIBDV), similar to those reported in European countries in both vaccinated and non-vaccinated flocks associated with high mortalities up to 70% in replacement layer pullets.

30% in meat-type birds (El-Batrawi, 1990; Ahmed, 1991 and 1993; Khafagy *et al.*, 1991). The present study was directed towards Determination coagulation disorders associated experimental vvIBDV infection or vaccination with live IBDV vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment.

Material and methods

1-Chicks:

Sufficient, number of one-day-old commercial egg-type (L.s.L.) which possessed maternal antibodies against IBD, acquired from their parents.

2-Blood samples:

Blood samples were obtained by cardiac puncture. Blood samples were placed into tubes containing sodium citrate for measuring coagulation parameters.

3-IBD viruses

a-Two types of commercial live IBDV vaccines one "intermediate" (D78) strain and one "intermediate plus" "hot" vaccine (2512) obtained from the local agencies, were used in the study.

b- A local field isolate of vvIBDV isolated and identified by Sultan (1995) in the form of bursal extract was diluted 1: 10 in phosphate buffer saline (PBS), which killed 72% of 7-week-old susceptible commercial male chickens and designated as (S-95), was used during experimental infection.

4-Antiviral drugs :

Ribavirin was kindly supplied by Pharma Swede-Egypt Pharmaceutica Company.

5-For citrated blood:

One part of sodium citrate (3.8%) was added to nine parts of blood.

6-For prothrombin time:

Mammalian prothrombin time kit (BIO Merieux, Mareyl Etoile, France) obtained from local agencies.

- Citrated plasma.

7-Indirect Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA):

Commercial ELISA kits ProFlock supplied by Synbiotics Corporation, 11011 via Frontera, San Diego. CA 92127

Experimental design of laboratory experiment:

Group (no)	IBDV	Treatment	Assesment for 7 days PI
1 2	vvIBDV vvIBDV	Ribavirin non	1-Clinical signs and mortality. 2- Gross lesions. 3-follow up MDA by ELISA test. 4- B:B ratio and B:B index. 5- Seroconversion by ELISA test. 6- Antigen detection of bursal hemogenate of dead birds. 7 -Coagulation disorders: BT, CT, and PT.
3 4	IBDV intermediate vaccine(D78) IBDV intermediate vaccine(D78)	Ribavirin non	
5 6	IBDV intermediate plus vaccine (2512) IBDV intermediate plus vaccine (2512)	Ribavirin non	
7 8	non non	Ribavirin non	

(1) Field dose/bird via oculo-nasal route.

(2) The chickens were subjected to oculo-nasal challenge with 100 ul / bird.

(3) PI = post inoculation.

(4) B: B ratio = Bursal body weight ratio (Sharma et al., 1989).

(5) B: B index = Bursal body weight index (Lucio and Hitchner, 1979).

(6) Serological tests were used (ELISA).

(7) Bt = Bleeding time (Bigland, 1964)

(8) CT = clotting time (Benjamin, 1978).

(9) PT = prothrombin time (Coles, 1986).

RESULTS

I. Result of Pathogenicity study:

Results of waning of MDA in commercial white egg-type male chickens:

ELISA = Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

Age/ days	Birds (n)	ELISA titers	
		Range	Means \pm sd
7	5	15929 – 18811	17759.4 \pm 525.1
14	5	13953 – 16574	
21	5	6307 – 16056	15031.6 \pm 452.5
28	5	2307 – 5984	13556.2 \pm 1842.9
35	5	1358 – 3565	4554.2 \pm 647.9
42	5	763 - 4310	1982.8 \pm 406.2
			1806.8 \pm 638.9

Sd = standard deviation

N = Number

Table(2): Results of mortality rate at day post inoculation of chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 42-day-old age:

Group No.	Birds No.	Pattern of mortality DPI							mortality		Percipitogen detection in BF	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total (N)	%	Dead	survivors
1	35	.	.	1	.	.	.	0	1	2.68	1/1	0/34
2	30	.	.	10	11	.	.	0	21	70	21/21	0/14
3	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.	-	-
4	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.	-	-
5	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	.	.	-	-
6	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	-
7	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	-
8	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	-

(1) = simultaneous vvIBDV (Sultan, 1995) and Ribavirin (2) = vvIBDV Sultan (1995)

(3) = simultaneous Intermediate vaccine (D78) and Ribavirin (4) = intermediate vaccine (D78)

(5) = simultaneous intermediate plus (2512) vaccine and Ribavirin (6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine

(7) = ribavirin treatment (8) = non treated. DPI = day post inoculation

Table (3): Results of Bursal : Body weight ratio at day post inoculation of chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 42-day-old age.

Group	DPI						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	4.59 ± 0.38 A	4.24 ± 0.60 AB	3.37 ± 0.52 B	2.44 ± 0.25 C	2.91 ± 0.34 B	2.48 ± 0.35 BC	2.05 ± 0.60 BC
2	4.68 ± 0.15 A	4.06 ± 0.14 B	5.86 ± 0.25 A	3.51 ± 0.22 BC	2.90 ± 0.34 B	1.88 ± 0.02 C	1.54 ± 0.08 C
3	4.97 ± 0.40 A	4.38 ± 0.61 AB	4.86 ± 1.11 AB	6.27 ± 0.90 A	4.86 ± 0.48 A	3.36 ± 0.64 ABC	3.85 ± 0.28 A
4	4.46 ± 0.39 A	4.70 ± 0.45 AB	4.34 ± 0.35 AB	4.89 ± 0.28 AB	4.45 ± 0.66 AB	3.40 ± 1.03 ABC	3.36 ± 0.33 AB
5	5.47 ± 0.53 A	4.63 ± 0.09 AB	4.42 ± 0.32 AB	3.93 ± 0.34 BC	3.62 ± 0.50 AB	2.40 ± 0.36 BC	2.39 ± 0.47 ABC
6	4.61 ± 0.96 A	4.18 ± 0.27 AB	4.74 ± 1.16 AB	4.39 ± 0.71 B	4.49 ± 0.41 AB	2.31 ± 0.34 BC	3.00 ± 0.68 ABC
7	4.61 ± 0.47 A	5.75 ± 0.16 A	4.17 ± 0.57 B	4.30 ± 0.51 B	4.39 ± 0.41 AB	3.59 ± 0.23 AB	3.77 ± 0.35 A
8	5.65 ± 0.41 A	3.85 ± 0.68 B	4.14 ± 0.39 B	4.12 ± 0.32 B	4.37 ± 0.60 AB	4.33 ± 0.44 A	3.78 ± 0.49 A

Groups:

(1) = simultaneous vvIBDV (Sultan, 1995) and Ribavirin

(2) = vvIBDV Sultan (1995)

(3) = simultaneous Intermediate vaccine (D78) and Ribavirin

(4) = intermediate vaccine (D78)

(5) = simultaneous intermediate plus (2512) vaccine and Ribavirin

(6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine

(7) = ribavirin treatment

(8) = non treated.

DPI = day post inoculation

number of observation per mean = 3.

values are means ± standard errors.

means in the same column (treatments within day) followed by the same capital letter are not significantly different at ($P = 0.05$).

Table (4): Results of Bursal : Body weight index at day post inoculation chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 42-day-old age.

Group	DPI						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0.81 ± 0.07 A	1.10 ± 0.15 B	0.81 ± 0.13 B	0.59 ± 0.06 C	0.67 ± 0.08 B	0.57 ± 0.08 B	0.54 ± 0.16 BC
2	0.82 ± 0.03 A	1.06 ± 0.04 B	1.41 ± 0.06 A	0.85 ± 0.05 BC	0.66 ± 0.08 B	0.43 ± 0.01 B	0.41 ± 0.02 C
3	0.88 ± 0.07 A	1.14 ± 0.16 AB	1.17 ± 0.27 AB	1.53 ± 0.22 A	1.11 ± 0.11 AB	0.78 ± 0.15 AB	1.02 ± 0.08 A
4	0.79 ± 0.07 A	1.22 ± 0.12 AB	1.05 ± 0.09 AB	1.19 ± 0.07 AB	1.02 ± 0.15 AB	0.78 ± 0.24 AB	0.89 ± 0.09 AB
5	0.97 ± 0.09 A	1.20 ± 0.02 AB	1.07 ± 0.08 AB	0.95 ± 0.08 BC	0.83 ± 0.12 AB	0.55 ± 0.08 B	0.63 ± 0.13 ABC
6	0.81 ± 0.17 A	1.08 ± 0.07 B	1.14 ± 0.28 AB	1.07 ± 0.17 B	1.03 ± 0.09 AB	0.53 ± 0.08 B	0.79 ± 0.18 ABC
7	0.82 ± 0.08 A	1.49 ± 0.04 A	1.01 ± 0.14 B	1.04 ± 0.12 B	1.00 ± 0.09 AB	0.83 ± 0.05 AB	1.00 ± 0.09 A
8	1.00 ± 0.07 A	1.00 ± 0.18 B	1.00 ± 0.09 B	1.00 ± 0.08 B	1.00 ± 0.14 AB	1.00 ± 0.10 A	1.00 ± 0.13 A

Groups:

- (1) = simultaneous vvIBDV (Sultan, 1995) and Ribavirin
 (2) = vvIBDV Sultan (1995)
 (3) = simultaneous Intermediate vaccine (D78) and Ribavirin
 (4) = intermediate vaccine (D78)
 (5) = simultaneous intermediate plus (2512) vaccine and Ribavirin
 (6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine
 (7) = ribavirin treatment
 (8) = non treated.

DPI = days post inoculation

number of observation per mean = 3.

values are means ± standard errors.

means in the same column (treatments within day) followed by the same capital letter are not significantly different at (P = 0.05).

II- Results of coagulation disorders:

Table (5): Results of bleeding time (BT) in seconds at day post inoculation of chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 42-day-old age.

Group	DPI						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	216.00 ± 10.79 A c	241.67 ± 30.31 AB bc	291.67 ± 6.69 B b	543.33 ± 11.67 B a	281.67 ± 33.78 B b	192.33 ± 9.40 BC cd	156.00 ± 19.76 AB d
2	161.33 ± 20.74 AB e	275.33 ± 34.28 A d	469.33 ± 39.10 A b	920.67 ± 30.34 A a	380.67 ± 17.29 A c	280.67 ± 4.06 A d	190.00 ± 0.58 A e
3	175.00 ± 28.16 AB ab	172.33 ± 3.93 CD ab	144.67 ± 22.10 DE ab	191.67 ± 17.85 D a	122.67 ± 13.28 D b	114.67 ± 2.85 D b	132.33 ± 0.67 AB ab
4	115.33 ± 5.90 B bc	198.00 ± 22.11 BC a	115.00 ± 12.77 E bc	109.00 ± 9.00 E c	135.00 ± 17.79 D bc	171.67 ± 3.53 BCD ab	146.33 ± 2.91 AB abc
5	157.00 ± 11.00 B ab	161.00 ± 24.54 CDE ab	210.67 ± 74.31 C a	199.33 ± 8.11 D ab	146.00 ± 23.58 D b	180.67 ± 7.67 BC ab	147.33 ± 4.84 AB b
6	115.33 ± 7.86 B c	131.33 ± 22.06 DE c	156.67 ± 24.55 CDE bc	258.00 ± 22.50 C a	209.33 ± 7.42 C ab	229.33 ± 9.60 AB a	161.67 ± 1.33 AB bc
7	143.00 ± 17.79 B a	145.00 ± 18.93 CDE a	159.33 ± 7.06 CDE a	115.67 ± 9.94 E a	173.67 ± 6.96 CD a	165.33 ± 3.28 CD a	126.67 ± 2.40 B a
8	124.00 ± 11.79 B ab	106.00 ± 3.46 E b	176.00 ± 9.29 CD a	176.00 ± 8.19 D a	136.33 ± 13.97 D ab	136.00 ± 13.01 CD ab	113.33 ± 1.67 B b

Groups:

(1) = simultaneous vvIBDV (Sultan, 1995) and Ribavirin

(2) = vvIBDV Sultan (1995)

(3) = simultaneous intermediate vaccine (D78) and Ribavirin

(4) = intermediate vaccine (D78)

(5) = simultaneous intermediate plus (2512) vaccine and Ribavirin

(6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine

(7) = ribavirin treatment

(8) = non treated.

DPI = days post inoculation

number of observation per mean = 3.

values are means ± standard errors.

means in the same column (treatments within day) followed by the same capital letter are not significantly different at (P = 0.05)

Table (6) :Results of clotting time (CT) in seconds at day post inoculation of chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate or intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 42-day-old age.

Group	DPI						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	39.00 ± 7.37 A b	64.33 ± 7.22 A b	153.00 ± 49.57 A a	65.00 ± 15.70 A b	74.33 ± 4.33 AB b	56.67 ± 4.67 A b	55.33 3.53 A b
2	73.33 ± 10.14 A a ab	49.67 ± 5.17 A b	89.00 ± 4.93 B a	68.33 ± 7.51 A ab	92.33 ± 3.71 A a	84.33 ± 1.20 A ab	68.33 2.19 A ab
3	47.67 ± 6.49 A a	57.33 ± 9.53 A a	42.33 ± 6.33 C a	37.67 ± 2.60 A a	53.67 ± 1.76 B a	59.67 ± 4.33 A a	62.33 2.33 A a
4	46.33 ± 3.67 A a	72.67 ± 12.71 A a	57.00 ± 10.15 BC a	65.00 ± 10.00 A a	78.67 ± 12.12 AB a	62.67 ± 2.40 A a	66.00 1.15 A a
5	39.33 ± 8.33 A cd	36.00 ± 0.58 A cd	126.00 ± 49.44 A a	31.67 ± 4.41 A d	51.00 ± 6.66 B bcd	70.67 ± 4.48 A bc	79.67 1.45 A b
6	41.00 ± 3.46 A b	50.67 ± 2.60 A b	85.67 ± 18.41 B a	38.33 ± 8.01 A b	75.33 ± 5.17 AB ab	78.00 ± 4.58 A ab	68.33 3.71 A ab
7	42.33 ± 9.56 A b	45.67 ± 3.38 A b	84.67 ± 26.27 B a	33.33 ± 0.67 A b	47.33 ± 14.38 B ab	51.00 ± 4.04 A ab	48.33 1.67 A ab
8	37.67 ± 3.93 A a	33.00 ± 1.53 A a	69.33 ± 22.81 BC a	45.00 ± 6.43 A a	43.00 ± 5.13 B a	48.00 ± 1.73 A a	49.00 4.58 A a

Groups:

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 (6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine
 (7) = ribavirin treatment
 (8) = non treated.

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means in the same column (treatments within day) followed by the same capital letter are not significantly different at (P = 0.05).

Table (7): Results of prothrombine time (PT) in seconds at day post inoculation of chickens challenged with vvIBDV or vaccinated with intermediate intermediate plus vaccines associated with or without ribavirin treatment at 4 day-old age.

Group	DPI						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	101.33 ± 18.84 BC c	239.33 ± 77.70 B b	480.00 ± 63.51 A a	181.67 ± 11.70 AB bc	142.67 ± 22.98 B bc	145.67 ± 2.96 A bc	146.33 ± 4.84 A bc
2	259.33 ± 50.47 A c	754.67 ± 109.92 A a	425.00 ± 138.41 A b	227.00 ± 17.95 A c	245.00 ± 14.05 A c	176.33 ± 1.67 A c	177.00 ± 2.65 A c
3	136.00 ± 20.23 BC a	105.67 ± 32.69 CD a	112.67 ± 9.77 B a	112.67 ± 4.06 B a	106.00 ± 6.00 B a	115.33 ± 0.88 A a	114.33 ± 2.03 A a
4	186.33 ± 35.03 AB a	152.33 ± 55.11 BC a	172.00 ± 13.32 B a	99.00 ± 6.03 B a	140.00 ± 8.50 B a	134.33 ± 0.67 A a	132.33 ± 1.20 A a
5	177.67 ± 23.92 AB a	101.00 ± 51.50 CD a	151.67 ± 3.33 B a	106.00 ± 2.31 B a	152.67 ± 5.21 AB a	148.33 ± 2.60 A a	148.67 ± 3.33 A a
6	133.67 ± 17.32 BC a	106.67 ± 7.06 CD a	165.00 ± 3.00 B a	123.33 ± 8.65 B a	192.00 ± 4.04 AB a	171.00 ± 2.00 A a	175.67 ± 2.33 A a
7	42.67 ± 8.69 C a	54.67 ± 4.48 CD a	107.67 ± 7.45 B a	101.00 ± 6.24 B a	111.33 ± 2.40 B a	112.00 ± 1.00 A a	113.33 ± 0.88 A a
8	38.33 ± 12.68 C a	41.33 ± 5.78 D a	101.33 ± 3.67 B a	102.67 ± 3.38 B a	101.67 ± 1.67 B a	101.67 ± 1.20 A a	102.00 ± 1.53 A a

Groups:

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- (6) = intermediate plus (2512) vaccine
- (7) = ribavirin treatment
- (8) = non treated.

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values are means ± standard errors.

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Discussion

At first, it was important to investigate the pathogenicity of the field isolate (Sultan, 95) and intermediate vaccine or intermediate plus vaccine associated with or without ribavirin treatment for susceptible commercial egg type chickens under controlled laboratory condition. Table.1 revealed that maternally derived antibodies are gradually dropped from 1st week till the 5th week. These results supported by Khafagy et al. (1991) who followed up the decline of maternally derived antibodies in chickens. The ELISA titers (mean) was 1775 ± 525.1 at 1 week, 15031.6 ± 452.5 at 2 weeks, 13556.2 ± 1842.9 at 3 weeks, 4554.2 ± 647.9 at 4 weeks, 1982.8 ± 406.2 at 5 weeks, and 1806.8 ± 638.9 at 6 weeks.

Maternal derived antibodies (MDA) played an important role in protection of chickens at early age 3-5 weeks of age that ensured by Al-Natour et al. (2002) who demonstrated the important role of maternally derived antibodies and their titers in protecting the newly hatched chicks against IBDV when exposed to virus at different ages. In the present study, the daily observation revealed typical signs of IBD which appeared on the IBDV-infected birds including ruffled feathers, depression, anorexia, trembling, watery-whitish diarrhea, vent pick and prostration. The mortality and many of the clinical signs of IBD might be caused by depletion in the circulating hemolytic complement resulting from formation of immune complexes (Ivani and Morris, 1976 and Ley et al., 1979) or by depletion in some clotting factors leading to hemorrhage (Skeels et al., (1979 a, 1979-b).

Moreover, the observed clinical signs, morbidity and mortality rates matched with those previously reported by Inoue et al. (1994), and Lima et al. (2005). Differences in mortality rates could be attributed to the variable levels of residual maternal antibodies at time of infection. In all cases, all mortalities occurred within 10 DPI, and dead birds showed severe hemorrhagic lesions typical of IBDV infection. IBDV antigen could be demonstrated in all bursal homogenate from birds that succumbed within 2-4 days to infection, but not in those from survivors 10 DPI. This finding is of significance from the diagnostic point of view in that detection of IBDV antigen in the bursa by the AGPT should be done on acutely affected birds. It was apparent from these results that the 42-day-old chickens were most susceptible and suitable to use for evaluation of other parameters. Postmortem lesions characteristic for IBDV were observed. The observed gross lesions were similar to those previously reported by Inoue et al. (1994), Rodriguez-Chavez et al. (2002).

As shown in tables 3 & 4 the vvIBDV-inoculation in group (1), caused significant decrease of bursal weight to body weight ratio and bursal body weight index. While in group (2), there was significant increase of bursal body weight ratio at 3rd DPI followed by significant decrease at 6th and 7th DPI. There was significant increase of bursa body weight index at 3rd DPI followed by significant decrease at 6th and 7th DPI. The bursal atrophy might be resulted from replication of the virus in the bursa of Fabricius (Sharma et al., 2000) On

other hand ribavirin treated group showed significant increase of bursal to body weight ratio and bursal to body weight index at 2nd day post treatment.

Secondary, coagulopathies associated with IBDV infection or intermediate vaccine or intermediate plus vaccine associated with or without ribavirin treatment in 42-day-old susceptible chickens are presented in tables 6, 7, and 8. It was found that all values obtained from the parameters used to reflect the effect of extrinsic and intrinsic clotting system (bleeding time, clotting time, and prothrombin time, respectively) during 7DPI.

Tables 5,6 and 7 showed that the vvIBDV caused a significant increase of bleeding time, clotting time, and prothrombin time. These results are supported by those observed by Koster et al. (1972) who found prolonged thromboplastin time in 23-day-old chickens infected with IBDV and decreased clotting factors II, V, VII (prothrombin factors) which attributed to disseminated intravascular coagulation. Moreover, Kumar and Rao (1991); Giambone et al. (1978-b), and Chang and Hamilton (1982) reported prolonged clotting time and prothrombin time in combined infection of aflatoxicosis and IBD. Moreover, Bigland and Triantophyllopoulos (1961) speculated the prolonged prothrombin time due to the lack of coagulation factors.

Cho et al. (1974) and Skeels et al. (1979-b), explained the prolonged clotting times to depletion of circulating level of hemolytic C (complement) from the formation of immune complexes at sites of viral replication or a depletion in some clotting factors which result in hemorrhage or both. In addition, Moreover, Mayahi et al., (2003) showed prolonged mean prothrombin time (which is a measure of extrinsic clotting system), the mean whole blood recalcification time (which related to factors I, V, VIII, IX and X) and the mean activated partial thromboplastin time (which related to factors VIII, IX, X and XI) in broiler chick inoculated with IBDV by intrabursal route at day and 14-day-old. But the IBDV had no effect up on the clotting time (which related to V and X factors and prothrombin synthesis in liver) up to 7 days while the clotting time prolonged at 14 days of age. Also the authors revealed that the effect of IBDV on clotting time related to age of birds as with increasing the age the effect was more severe. Other groups (3, 4, 5 & 6) showed various significant changes that depend on severity and pathogenesis of viral strain. On the other hand the group treated with ribavirin showed no significant changes of coagulation parameters.

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الملخص العربي

تأثير العقاقير المضادة للفيروسات (ريبافيرين) على عدوى فيروس التهاب كيس فابريسي الشديد الضراوة في الدجاج
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أجريت الدراسات المعملية لمعرفة التغيرات الإكلينيكية والباثولوجية والسيروولوجية عند حقن فيروس مرض الجمبورو شديد الضراوة في الدجاج البيض التجاري القابل للإصابة. كما تم دراسة التغيرات في ظاهرة تجلط الدم حدث نفوق في المجموعة المصابة بالعترة شديدة الضراوة للفيروس بنسبة ٦٠% بينما كانت نسبة النفوق في المجموعة المصابة بالعترة شديدة الضراوة والمعالجة بالريبافيرين ٢,٦٨% بينما لم يكن هناك أي وفيات في المجموعات الأخرى.

١- أوضح فحص الطيور وجود أنزفة دموية وأفات تشريحية مميزة لعدوى فيروس كيس فابريسي . حدث زيادة معنوية في زمن النزيف (BT) في المجموعات المصابة بالعترة شديدة الضراوة للفيروس سواء عولجت اولم تعالج بالريبافيرين ،المجموعة المحصنة باللقاح الحي متوسط الضراوة مع العلاج بالريبافيرين و المجموعة المحصنة باللقاح الحي شديد الضراوة سواء عولجت أو لم تعالج بالريبافيرين . وجد زيادة معنوية في زمن التجلط (CT) من اليوم الثاني إلى اليوم السابع حيث سجلت أعلى زيادة معنوية في اليومين الثالث والخامس في المجموعات المصابة بالعترة شديدة الضراوة سواء عولجت أو لم تعالج بالريبافيرين. أيضا كان هناك زيادة معنوية عند اليوم الثالث في المجموعة المحصنة باللقاح الحي متوسط الضراوة مع العلاج بالريبافيرين .

حدثت زيادة معنوية في البروثرومبين تايم (PT) عند اليوم الثالث في المجموعات المصابة بالعترة شديدة الضراوة للفيروس سواء عولجت اولم تعالج بالريبافيرين بينما كان هناك زيادة معنوية عند اليوم الثاني فالمجموعة المحصنة باللقاح الحي متوسط الضراوة فقط.