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 - ٢- زيادة في العد التصنيفي للخلايا المتعادلة والاحادية .
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**THE INFLUENCE OF SYNTHETIC CORTICOSTEROID HORMONES*
(TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE) UPON CIRCULATING LEUCOCYTES
IN SHEEP**
(with Two Tables)

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SUMMARY

the effect of intramuscular injection of corticosteroids on the level on the level of circulating of total and differential leucocytic count in normal sheep was studied. Sheep responded to single treatment with corticosteroids by marked leucocytosis, neutrophilia and monocytosis. Lymphocytes and eosinophils numbers were substantially reduced. Continued treatment with the same drug for 5 days, animals shown a similar responses.

INTRODUCTION

Natural and synthetic corticosteroid hormones were commonly used in therapy of many sheep diseases as pregnancy toxemia, eczema, dermatitis, hepatitis, arthritis and allergic conditions (BLOOD and HENDERSON, 1974). On the other hand BRANSOME (1968) and PRUNTY (1962) investigated that corticosteroids production in the body were stimulated under stress conditions including those of infection, parasitism, trauma, cold, freat, starvation, allergic and emotional stresses. These stresses full stimuli and activate anterior lobe of the pituitary gland to secrete ACTH which, in turn stimulate adrenal cortex to release its secretory products into the blood stream. Corticosteroid in general are potent inhibitors of the inflammatory reactions. This antiinflammatory action includes inhibition of the vascular margination of leucocytes, of the migration of leucocytes from the capillaries and of the formation of fibrin and accumulation of oedema fluid with subsequent increase in their amount in the peripheral blood (LATUER, 1975). ARCHER (1959) reported that any increase in the level of adrenal cortical steroids resulted in the level of adrenal cortical steroids resulted in a marked eosinopenia in mice and dog. PERVY, GRADDOCK and LAWERENCE (1958) found lymphopenia in dogs and cats after experimental administration of corticosteroids.

The aim of this work is to elucidate clearly the effect of corticosteroids upon the leucogram of sheep.

MATERIALS and METHODS

Five mature non pregnant female sheep aged 2 4 years, weighing between 40 - 50 Kg. were used for studying the effect of corticosteroids on WBCs of the blood. Anticoagulated blood samples were obtained early in the morning before treatment by intramuscular injection with corticosteroids (40 mg/ 1/M for each animal). The samples were collected at intervals of 2 hrs. for the first 10 hrs., the final samples being taken after 24 hrs. in the short term effect of the drug.

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To study the effect of long term administration, corticosteroid was given intramuscular injection at a dose of 40 mg every 24 hrs. for five days. Blood samples were collected daily in the morning over a period of 10 days. Total and differential leucocytic count were performed by COLES (1974). Statistical analysis of data was performed according to SNEDECOR, (1967).

RESULTS

The total and differential leucocytic count in short term application of corticosteroids are shown in table (1), while long term effect are shown in table (2).

DISCUSSION

The leucogram response in sheep in short term treatment corticosteroids (tab. 1) showed increase in number of leucocytes within 4th and 6th hours post inoculation, after which the values returned to the normal levels. This agrees with the findings of LATNER, (1975). This transit leucocytosis was principally due to neutrophilia, and in part to monocytosis. The neutrophils were markedly increased at the 4th hrs. post inoculation reaching a peak at 6th hours, and then returned rather quickly towards normal values. The reported neutrophilia came from two sources, the first from previously collapsed capillary beds which have been flushed out by increased heart action, and the second from the bone marrow "Pool" of mature stored neutrophils (FURNESS, 1959). Monocytosis was appreciable at 4th and 6th hrs. Post inoculation. The increased number of monocytes could be attributed to the reduction of circulating histamine as a result of increased corticosteroid levels (SCHALM, 1962).

Lymphopenia reached its maximum levels at 4 - 6 hrs. post inoculation, this decrease in lymphocytes number may be due to lysis of lymphocytes and failure of their delivery into the circulation (GORDON, 1955).

Eosinopenia was clearly manifested between 4 - 6 hrs. post inoculation. Such decrease in eosinophils may be attributed to their leaving of the blood stream to enter attributed to their leaving of the blood stream to enter the tissues (BIGGART, 1932).

Basophils in peripheral blood were not affected with corticosteroids injection. Screening the number of both total and differential count in the short term effect of corticosteroid in the studied animals (Tab. 1), indicated that their level appeared normal values by 24 hrs. post inoculation.

Long term treatment with corticosteroid for 5 days (table , 2) showed gradual increase in total leucocytic count, neutrophils as well as monocytes. The peak count being obtained at 2nd and 4th day post inoculation, after which the count tend to fluctuate near the pre-treatment levels. On the other hand lymphocytes and eosinophil counts were reduced with 4 days of treatment. After stoppage of corticosteroid injections the count gradually increased to reach the normal values by 9th day.

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Table (1)

Changes in circulating leucocytes in sheep following single treatment with corticosteroid.

Time	Total WBCs (G/L) [±]	Differential leucocytic count (DLC) [±]					
		Neutrophils	Monocytes	Eosinophils	Lymphocytes	Basophils	
Before	9.00	3.300	300	500	4.900	100	
treatment	± 0.99	± 601	± 111	± 122	± 530	± 27.7	
After treatment	2 hrs	9.60	3.300	500	400	4.100	100
		± 0.73	± 555	± 122	± 111	± 601	± 19
	4 hrs	10.92	5.800	800	420	3.800	98
		± 1.1	± 667	± 123	± 123	± 733	± 23
	6 hrs	11.32	5.800	1000	400	4000	120
		± 0.68	± 770	± 243	± 122	± 881	± 23
	8 hrs	10.18	4.300	800	470	4.500	110
		± 0.37	± 633	± 173	± 131	± 772	± 12
	10 hrs	9.900	4.300	600	500	4.400	120
		± 0.5	± 801	± 122	± 145	± 701	± 11
	24 hrs	9.100	3.500	450	550	4.500	100
		± 0.68	± 595	± 116	± 133	± 666	± 17

± G/L = Giga/Liter = 10^9 / L.

± DLC in absolute values.

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Table (2)

Changes in circulating leucocytes in sheep following 5 days
therapeutic treatment with corticosteroid.

Time	Total WBCs (G/L)*	Differential leucocytic count (DLC)**					
		Neutrophils	Monocytes	Eosinophils	Lymphocytes	Basophils	
Before	9.000	3.200	400	500	4.800	100	
Treatment	± 0.99	± 601	± 111	± 122	± 536	± 27.7	
after treatment	24 hrs	9.100	3.500	450	550	4.500	100
		± 0.68	± 595	± 116	± 133	± 666	± 12
	2days	9.300	3.880	600	500	4.110	120
		± 0.73	± 267	± 99	± 112	± 780	± 23
	3days	9.500	4.300	700	400	4.000	100
		± 0.76	± 1.400	± 110	± 101	± 437	± 13
	4days	10.360	5.800	750	400	3.300	110
		101	± 1.301	± 91	± 99	± 300	± 22
	5days	10.235	5.700	800	420	3.200	115
		± 0.77	± 554	± 113	± 101	± 329	± 25
	6days	10.050	5.500	750	400	3.300	100
		± 1.01	± 433	± 135	± 89	± 576	± 33
	8days	9.510	4.300	550	450	4.100	110
		± 0.97	± 560	± 102	± 99	± 667	± 25
	9days	9.100	3.600	400	500	4.500	100
		± 0.75	± 666	± 121	± 101	± 722	± 12
	10days	9.100	3.500	450	530	4.500	120
		± 0.88	± 788	± 112	± 122	± 888	± 23

* G/L = Giga/Liter = 10^9 /L.

** DLC in absolute values.

