

## EFFECT OF ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY ON BLOOD PLASMA BIOCHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS IN REPEAT BREEDER MEHSANA BUFFALOES

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Blood plasma biochemical constituents play an important role in maintaining fertility hence experiment was carried out to study the biochemical parameters like blood urea nitrogen, creatinine kinase and cholinesterase in blood plasma of repeat breeding mehsana buffaloes following antibiotic treatment. Total eighteen health repeat breeder Mehsana buffaloes were selected and divided in three groups. Animals of Subgroups-I and II were treated with 4 gm Cephalixin powder and Ciprofloxacin 125 mg + Tinidazole 150 mg each dissolved in 60 ml of distilled water respectively, once only by intra uterine route, whereas in Group-II no treatment was advocated. Blood urea nitrogen levels showed noticeable significant changes which were comparatively higher in antibiotics treated Group-I as compared to untreated control (Group-II), whereas creatinine kinase and cholinesterase levels were not affected significantly which may be indicative of non infectious causative factors for repeat breeding condition.

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Changes in various biochemical constituents have been blamed for reproductive failures. Therefore serum biochemical profile might be a potential aid in characterizing these problems. Qureshi (1998) reported higher blood urea nitrogen level in anoestrus animals than those resuming cyclicity within 45 days postpartum.

Deranged enzymatic activity reflects the reproductive failure. Enzymes play an intermediate role in the promotion of action of hormones and enzymes at sub-cellular

level in integrated fashion (Dhoble and Gupta, 1986). Acetylcholine is released by cholinergic nerves and it has been reported by Hafez (1980) that it produces oviductal contraction inspite of absence of any pharmacological evidence of cholenergic innervations to the oviductal musculature. Depressed cholinesterase activity affects indirectly on pituitary gland which results in reduced synthesis and release of gonadotrophins (Shalaby *et al.* 1998). Cetin *et al.* (2002) indicated that there was non-significant elevation of creatinine level in repeat breeding cows as compared to fertile cows. Sattler and Furll (2004) and Azawi *et al.*, (2008) indicated significantly higher creatinine values in buffaloes with endometritis due to the destruction of cells of uterine wall mainly in the chronic type of inflammation which induced an increase in serum creatinine level.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Eighteen otherwise healthy repeat breeder Mehsana buffaloes were selected from the villages on the basis of breeding history and detailed gynecological examination. They were divided in to 3 groups each of six animals. Animals of Group-I (Subgroup-I and II) were treated with intra-uterine route once only with 4 gm Cephalixin powder and Ciprofloxacin 125 mg + Tinidazole 150 mg each dissolved in 60 ml of distilled water respectively, whereas in Group-II no treatment was advocated. Blood samples were obtained in heparinised vials on days 0, 3, 12, 17 and 24 of oestrus cycle to study the levels of blood urea nitrogen and enzymes like cholinesterase and creatinine kinase.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mean blood urea nitrogen concentrations (mg/dl) were found to be varied from  $22.26 \pm 2.611$  to  $25.19 \pm 1.619$ ,  $23.15 \pm 1.795$  to  $24.99 \pm 1.743$  and  $17.56 \pm 1.152$  to  $19.72 \pm 1.590$  mg/dl in Subgroup-I, Subgroup-II and Group-II, respectively. The differences in the blood urea nitrogen concentrations between two Subgroups were non-significant. Similar findings were obtained by Cetin *et al.* (2002) and Ahmad *et al.* (2004) in cows whereas significant differences were observed between Group-I and Group-II in present study which was in accordance with the findings recorded by Parmar *et al.* (1986). The blood urea nitrogen concentration on day of oestrus in Group-II was higher than 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> days of oestrus cycle. These findings were also supported by Parmar *et al.* (1986) who recorded highest blood urea nitrogen

level on day of oestrus in repeat breeding crossbred cows ( $28.88 \pm 1.89$  mg%). Lubna Jabbar (2004) explained that the different levels of energy had affected the blood urea nitrogen ( $P < 0.01$ ) significantly. The highest values were observed in blood of growing heifers fed on high energy levels while these values were lowest in heifers which were offered low energy ration. They also observed significant seasonal effects on blood urea nitrogen values. The highest values were found during autumn, whereas lowest values were noted during winter.

Mean creatinine kinase concentrations (u/l) were found to be varied from  $203.45 \pm 1.448$  to  $214.20 \pm 1.769$ ,  $204.24 \pm 1.650$  to  $216.13 \pm 2.356$  and  $185.69 \pm 1.121$  to  $202.51 \pm 2.088$  u/l in Subgroup-I, Subgroup-II and Group-II, respectively, during different phases of oestrus cycle. In the present findings there were no significant

Table. 1. Blood plasma concentrations of blood urea nitrogen, creatinine kinase and cholinesterase at different phases of oestrus cycle in repeat breeding Mehsana buffaloes.

Days of oestrus cycle	Groups		Blood urea nitrogen (mg/dl)	Creatinine kinase (u/l)	Cholinesterase (u/l)
0 <sup>th</sup> day	Group-I	Sub group-I	$22.26 \pm 2.611^a$	$214.20 \pm 1.769$	$818.81 \pm 1.420$
		Sub group-II	$23.65 \pm 2.050^a$	$216.13 \pm 2.356$	$853.71 \pm 1.842$
	Group-II		$19.72 \pm 1.590^b$	$198.96 \pm 2.286$	$840.91 \pm 1.940$
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	Group-I	Sub group-I	$24.24 \pm 1.464^a$	$204.76 \pm 1.324$	$798.73 \pm 2.628$
		Sub group-II	$24.99 \pm 1.743^a$	$212.99 \pm 1.048$	$810.14 \pm 1.199$
	Group-II		$18.58 \pm 0.703^b$	$202.51 \pm 2.088$	$785.48 \pm 1.411$
12 <sup>th</sup> day	Group-I	Sub group-I	$23.08 \pm 1.876^a$	$203.45 \pm 1.448$	$780.15 \pm 1.872$
		Sub group-II	$23.15 \pm 1.795^a$	$205.49 \pm 1.722$	$763.29 \pm 1.642$
	Group-II		$17.56 \pm 1.152^b$	$196.73 \pm 1.853$	$805.63 \pm 1.424$
17 <sup>th</sup> day	Group-I	Sub group-I	$24.04 \pm 2.479^a$	$206.77 \pm 1.436$	$819.07 \pm 1.338$
		Sub group-II	$23.38 \pm 1.069^a$	$204.24 \pm 1.650$	$866.08 \pm 1.769$
	Group-II		$19.58 \pm 0.768^b$	$201.44 \pm 1.166$	$816.95 \pm 1.779$
24 <sup>th</sup> day	Group-I	Sub group-I	$25.19 \pm 1.619^a$	$209.65 \pm 1.959$	$808.03 \pm 1.747$
		Sub group-II	$24.80 \pm 1.627^a$	$210.16 \pm 1.780$	$816.24 \pm 2.117$
	Group-II		$19.45 \pm 1.669^b$	$185.69 \pm 1.121$	$794.32 \pm 2.066$

Note: Means bearing different superscripts between the rows differ significantly at 5 % level.

differences between Groups-I and II. These patterns of non-significant differences observed in Group-I and Group-II in the present study were in agreement with the results obtained by Azawi *et al.* (2008) who reported buffaloes with endometritis with higher creatinine kinase ( $321.47 \pm 39.06$  vs  $162.01 \pm 16.41$  U/l) activities ( $p < 0.05$ ) than control-heifers, but no significant differences were observed between buffaloes with endometritis in creatinine kinase ( $321.47 \pm 39.06$  vs  $208.33 \pm 5.84$  U/l) activities than control pluriparous buffaloes. Marai *et al.* (1992) studied on typical repeat breeding and its improvement in buffaloes and stated that repeat breeding significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) surpassed normal buffaloes in creatinine kinase values.

Mean cholinesterase concentrations (u/l) were found to be varied from  $780.15 \pm 1.872$  to  $819.07 \pm 1.338$ ,  $763.29 \pm 1.642$  to  $866.08 \pm 1.769$  and  $785.48 \pm 1.411$  to  $840.91 \pm 1.940$  u/l in Sub group-I, Subgroup-II and Group-II, respectively, during different phases of oestrus cycle. The difference in the plasma levels of cholinesterase (u/l) within Group-I (Subgroups-I and II) and Group-II were non-significant during different phases of oestrus cycle, whereas contradictory results were observed by Latif *et al.* (1993) who had estimated level of cholinesterase enzyme as  $4.35 \pm 1.93$  and  $13.95 \pm 1.91$   $\mu\text{mol}$  in anoestrus and normal cycling buffaloes, respectively, which were highly significant ( $P < 0.01$ ). Ahmed (2007) stated that indirect action of environmental pollution like pesticides through the pituitary gland with reduced synthesis and release of gonadotrophins may be involved as a result of depressed cholinesterase activity.

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