

## **EFFECT OF BROILER DIET COMPOSITION ON NEWCASTLE DISEASE ANTIBODY PRODUCTION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

An experiment was conducted at the college of veterinary medicine to investigate the effect of two types of broiler starter diets, with or without animal protein, on Newcastle disease antibody production. Bursal weight index was also studied. Two replicates with 10 male broiler chicks, each were used in each treatment groups, A and B, for a total of 40 birds. The experimental birds were reared from day old till 4 weeks of age. Results revealed that there were no significant effects on antibody titer and bursal weight index, due to different types of the experimental diets. It was found that out of antibody titers 20 and 40, only 3 and 2 birds were found to be positive, respectively. Where as out of antibody titers 80 and 160 only 3 birds from each group, A and B, were found to be positive versus 8 and 4 birds from group B were shown to be positive.

### **INTRODUCTION**

There are extremely important interaction, synergism and antagonisms between nutrition and immunity that markedly affect productivity of poultry (Calnek *et al*,1997). Practically, there are many types of diets can be used for broilers. It is now more difficult to give general recommendations for allocation of these diets, since we now have the situation of broilers bird being processed at different ages. Therefore different nutrients are required according to the stages of production (Lesason and Summers,1997). Although there is a lack for many types from which the dietary level of nutrients required to supply adequate substrate to the immune system, to optimize disease resistance, is higher than the level set by the NRC (1994). However, for most requirement the levels that optimize growth and reproduction are also adequate for optimal immune competence (Pawison *et al.*,1996). Dietary manipulations of some nutrient result in immunoregulatory consequences due to the participation of the nutrient or its products in communication within and between Leucocytes (Dietert *et al.*,1994). With the economy of many third world countries improving, there appears to be increased demand for animal products especially poultry meat is ideally suited to meet the increased demand for animal products with improved efficiency of production, and in this sense, chickens continue to be the least expensive meat in most countries. But, because feed still represents by far the major cost of production of all poultry products, there is continual need to evaluate new or different sources of ingredients and to continually re-examine the more common ingredients, especially if the effect of these feed ingredients on external environment is to be considered, in the manure nutrient residues. Currently the focus is on phosphorous and nitrogen

excretion by animals, as expected becomes most critical in areas of very intensive production (Al-Zubeady, 1997). So nutritionist's role is to reduce manure nutrients residues, which revolves around diet formulation, the solution is the formulation of practical diets which provide a minimum excess of amino acids, by using methionine, lysine and threonine which are now available at competitive prices. However, it should be stressed that neither feed cost, nor effect of feed ingredients on the environment should be overlooked the interactions between nutrition and immunity and infection diseases. Chiefly because, nutrition affects the immunocompetence, of birds and, thus their resistance to infectious diseases can be noticed. Partly because, immune response due to infections, challenges affect growth, reproduction, metabolism and nutrient requirements (Cary, 1985). So, the purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of feeding of two types of broiler diets, differed in their protein source on Newcastle disease antibody production.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fourty, day-old male broiler chicks (cobb) were individually weighted, wing banded and housed in heated battery brooders under continuous fluorescent lighting. Chicks were randomly divided into two groups (treatments), 20 chicks each, with two replicates of 10 chicks each, fed two types of diets (Table 1). Feed and water were given *ad libitum*.

level of  $P < 0.05$  (Klasing, 1997).

Table (1): Diets used in experimental groups

Ingredient	Group A%	Group B%
Corn	57.2	60.5
Soybean meal (48%)	31.5	30.7
Meat meal (50%)	1.0	-
Fish meal (60%)	2.0	-
Fat (vegetable oil)	4.6	4.5
Ground Limestone	1.3	1.5
Calcium phosphate(20%P)	1.0	1.5
Iodized salt	0.3	0.3
Vitamin: Mineral premix	1.0	1.0
Methionine	0.08	0.06
Crude protine %	21.8	20.0
Ether extract %	7.0	7.0
Metabolizable Energy(Kcal/kg)	3045	3146
Calcium %	0.98	0.95
Available phosphorous%	0.42	0.42
Sodium %	0.18	0.17
Methionine	0.46	0.40
Lysin %	1.27	1.10
Methionine & cystine	0.80	0.71
Tryptophane	0.30	0.28

Threonine%	0.94	0.86
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Newcastle disease (ND) La sota vaccine (TAD), with  $10^6$  EID 50/ml was used in the drinking water for the purpose of vaccination as recommended by Sibbald (1987). All groups were vaccinated at 7 and 21 days of age. Individual blood samples were collected from the experimental birds at 28 days of age by cardiac puncture, for the measurement of haemagglutination inhibition (HI) test. After that, birds were killed by cervical dislocation, bursa of Fabricious were taken for determination of bursal weight index using the following equation:

$$\text{Bursal weight index} = \text{bursal weight/body weight} * 1000. ]$$

Statistical analysis was performed using student's -t- test with significant

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Antibody titer:** Hemagglutination inhibition titers of both broiler groups A and B is presented in figure 1.

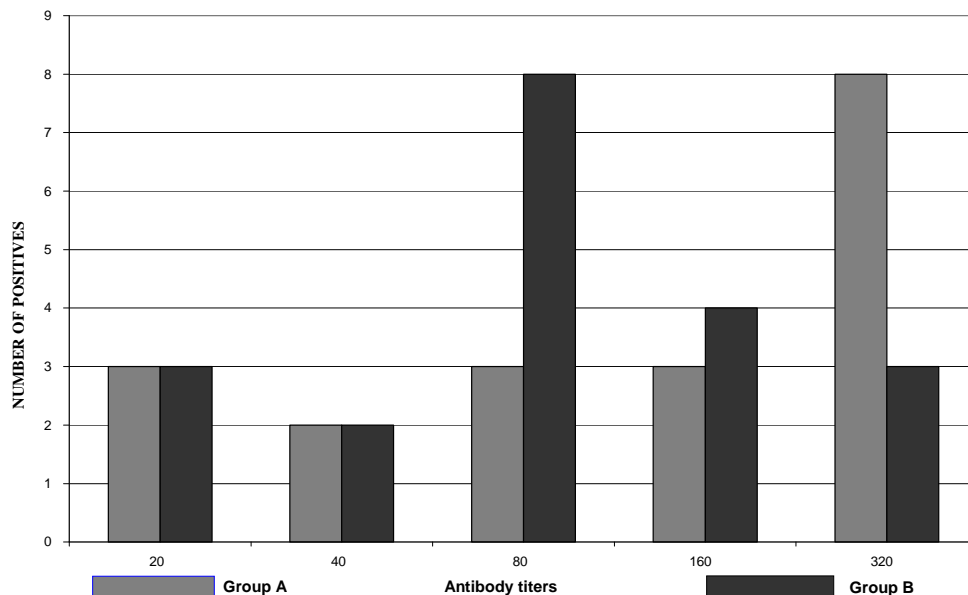


Figure (1): Hemagglutination inhibition titers of birds in two broiler groups

at age 28 days.

From figure 1, it is evident that same number of chicks in both treatments groups (A and B) showed positive antibody titers 20(3 chicks), and for titer 40, (2chicks), respectively. In titers 80 and 160, more numbers of birds in group B were shown to be positive with these titers than chicks in group A, which were 8 and 4 chicks in group B. While they were 3 chicks in both titers in group A. On the other hand, At titer 320,only 8 birds in group A showed positive response, while only 3 chicks in group B were found to be positive.

From figure 2, it is clear that chicks in group A had higher geometric mean (1.098) than those of group B (0.909).

**Bursal weight index:** Bursal weight index of each bird in each of both groups, are shown in figure (3).

It is evident that bursal weight index of birds in both groups (A and B) were occur within the normal range of 2-4. However, statistically no Differences were noticed in bursal weight index between both groups of chicks.

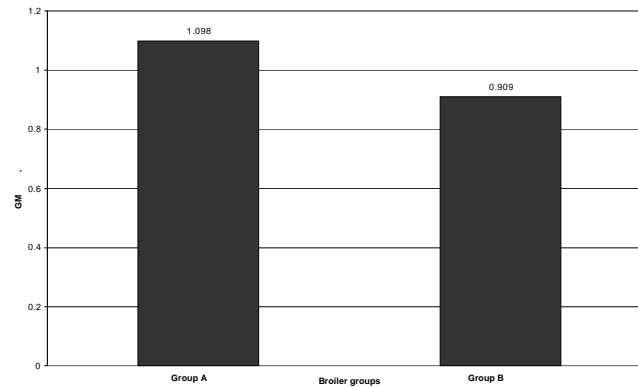


Figure (2): Geometric mean of Newcastle antibody titer of two broiler chicks at 28 days of age.

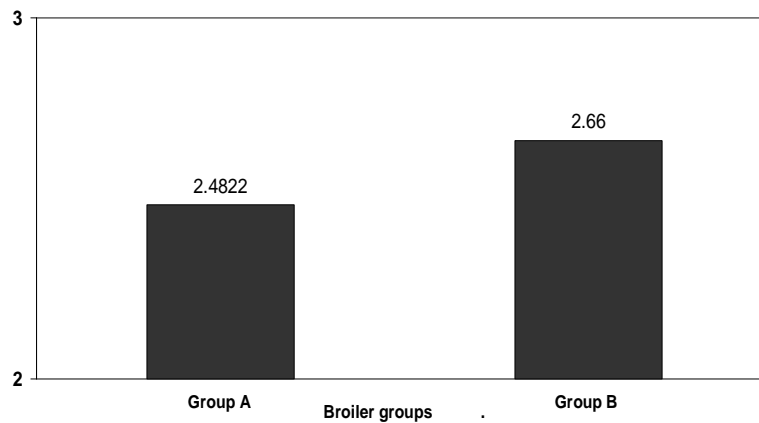


Figure 3: bursal weight index of chicks in both broiler groups.

In this experiment, it was tried to elucidate if there is an effect of formulating broiler diets of tow different types (with or without animal protein), on the immune response of broilers to vaccination with NDV vaccine. It was found that there is no significant differences in the geometric mean in HI titers in both groups of chicks which is a reflect of antibody titers experienced by chicks in both groups of chicks.

Moreover, feeding both types of feed had also no significant effect on the relative bursal weight of these chicks. As it is well known that attention with regard to NDV vaccination must be focused more on the possible factors affecting the immunological response of the birds to vaccination and not to the vaccine alone, but at the same time, however, feed must not be over looked. The result showed that, attaining the required protein and metabolizable energy levels, feed with or without animal protein could be used with out adverse effect on NDV, antibody response, or any index of immunity like bursal weight index.

**الخلاصة**

تم تنفيذ تجربة في كلية الطب البيطري لدراسة تأثير نوع البادئ (بإضافة أو عدم إضافة البروتين الحيواني) على إنتاج أضداد مرض نيوكاسل وعلى دليل وزن غدة فابريشيا. ربيت الطيور من عمر يوم واحد لغاية عمر أربعة أسابيع. شملت كل معاملة ٢٠ طير وزعت على مكررين بواقع ١٠ طيور لكل مكرر ضمن المعاملة الواحدة. دلت النتائج على عدم وجود تأثيرات إحصائية على المعايير المضادة لمرض النيوكاسل نتيجة لاختلاف نوع العلف المستخدم في التجربة. لوحظ أن من بيانات المعيار المضاد ٢٠ والمضاد ٤٠ كان هنالك فقط ٣ و ٢ طير ذات تأثير موجب، على التوالي. من ناحية أخرى، المعايير المضادة ٨٠ و ١٦٠ ظهر وجود ثلاث طيور في كل معاملة بحالة موجبة في المجموعة A مقارنة مع ٨ و ٤ طيور في المجموعة B للمعايير المذكورة أعلاه، على التوالي.

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