

Detection of Immune complexes in serum of infected rabbits with *Trypanosoma evansi*

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Summary

Immune complexes detected in serum of rabbits infected by *Trypanosoma evansi*, which are reached 8 mg/ml of serum in fourth week of infection. Glomerulonephritis occurred due to precipitation of immune complexes on basement membrane of blood capillaries and Bowman's capsule. These material appear as homogenous without histological structures by using ordinary stain and by using horseradish peroxidase stain

Introduction

Some researchers studied the relation of the immune complexes with several diseases. Gills and Hendrickes (1963) noticed the production of immune complexes in serum of children infected with malaria. Berger *et al* (1967) added when the percent of immune complexes increased, glomerulonephritis with disturbances in blood pressure occur. In Brazil many infected patients with *Schistosoma mansoni* suffer from glomerulonephritis. Biopsy reveal, there is conjugation between immunoglobulin with complement which adhere on the wall of capillaries (Brito *et. al* (1975); Silva *et. al.* (1970). Zilton *et al* (1971) studied, the pathological changes in kidneys of. Patients infected with hepatosplenic schistosomiasis and diagnosed the chronic diffuse glomerulonephritis with focal thickening of basement membrane, while Losos (1980) added the skin can be used as indicator organ for the presence of autoantibodies or immune complexes. Wright *et al* (1985) worked on experiment on dogs which are injected intravenously with bovine serum albumin, thick precipitates on basement membrane of kidneys were noticed. Hussian (1986) used immuno peroxidase method for the diagnosis immune complexes, which precipitated on basement membrane. Waitumbi and Nantulya (1993) used ELISA test for diagnosis of immune complex, which are precipitated in kidneys camels infected by *Trypanosoma evansi*. In our present work, method of Kharazmi *et al* (1982) used for detection of immune complexes in serum of rabbits infected by *Trypanosoma evansi*

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Materials and Methods

Kharazmi methods

- 1- polyethylene glycol (30 lel) molecular, weight (20.000) mixed with 0.15 ml³ of rabbit serum in veronal buffer pH.7.6 then left in refrigator 4°C for 24 hours.
- 2- Centrifuged 1000 R/M for min., supernatant discarded and the pricipitae washed by using 0.1 ml³ polyethelene glycol 2% which is solved in 0.01 MEDTA.
- 3- By using the centrifuge the precipitate solved in 0.15 ml 3 of vernal buffer.
- 4- Finally this solution examined for detection immune Complexes.

Preparation of Anti- Immune complexes

Method of kaye (1976) used for preparation of antimmune complexes, Emulsion prepared by mixing 2-4 mlg of immune complexes which is precipitated from the serum of rabbit with equal volume of freuna a djuvent.

Immunization

Guinea pig injected with 50 ml of the emulsion in shoulder region in days 1,14,28,42. and 50, Blood collected the heat directly 10 ml from each animal for separation of serum.

Isolation of immunoglobulin

- 1- 5gm of Amonium sulphate added to 20 ml of serun of Guinea pig . Left for 24 hours in room temperature.
- 2- Centrifuged 4000 R/M, Supernatant is discarded
- 3- The precipitate washed two times with 5 ml of ammonium sulfate (1.75M)
- 4- The precipitate solved with small amount of distill water and put it in dialysis bag, then left in acetate buffer 12*2 hours with two times of changing the buffer.
- 5- The pricipitation of dialysis is contain lipoprotein, therefore to get red of this material, so centrifugation can be used .
- 6- Immunoglobulins are present in supernatant . Drop of Merthiolate in 4°C, quantitatively by using spectrophotometer

Histopathological sectioning

Fixed specimens in 10% formaline were dehydrated in histokinate and then embedded in wax.

Sectioning of these samples were establish by microtome and of the slides stained by haematoxylin and eosin and other stained by immunoperoxidase method.

Detection of Immune Complexes in Kidneys

This detection depend on direct method by labelling the antibodies which are precipitated in glomeruli and react against immune complexes, and by using the substrate which produce the staining of the precipitated material (Heinzman, 1981)

Finally, slides are stained by haematoxylin for one minute covered and examine by using Light microscope.

Results

Immune complexes in serum

The percent of immune complexes is increased in rabbits which are infected by *Trypanosoma evansi* gradually until it reach the peak the 8mlg/ml in fourth week of infection while it remain standard control group on 2 mlg/ml of serum . Then the percent of immune complexes of infected group decrease until it reaches 4 mlg/ml in thenth week of infection (Fig).Increased in percent of Immune complexe at the begging of infection and then decreased after the fourth week . due to precipitation of immune complexes in tissues and organs and some of it discarded out with urine .

Immune complexes in Kidneys

Grossly the kidneys which are affected by the precipitation of immune complexes appear rough granulated surface, Fig (2). Section of affected kidneys stained by Haematoxylin and eosin stain and also stained by horseradish peroxides . These sections were examined by Light microscope and the immune complexes noticed precipitated on basement of the glomerular capillaries as a homogenous material, red-orange in color and without cellular structures . This material also present in the glomerular space. Therefore glomerulonephritis was very clear in these section . Fig (3)

Discussion

Separation of immune complexes form the blood serum can be done several methods such as Ultracryoprecipitation, polyethyleneglycol and rapid cell binding, but the polyethyleneglycol is the most common methods used for separation of immune complexes (Heaf 1969) and Tausing (1979)Karazmi (1981) used polyethylene glycol method for separation immune complex produced due to Leishmania infection in human. Davey and Busch (1969) noticed the horse radish peroxidase is the most suitable strain for diagnosis the immune complexes. Berger *et al* (1967) diagnosed the glomerulonephritic due to immune complexes produced by malaria infection. Silva (1970) and Brito (1971) noticed the immune complexes precipitated on the wall of blood capillaries of glomeruli due to infection of trypanosomiasis, while Gallo *et al* (1981) write the immune complexes can be stimulated by the injection of albumine and increased its percent in serum and its precipitation in kidneys.Patailk *et al* (1993) provided the ELISA test with immunoperoxidase van be used for detection of immune complexes in kidneys of infected rabbits which are infected with *T. evansi* .In our present work the level of immune complexes in serum of followed for 12 weeks of infection and there is variation in this level recorded.

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Fig . (1) shows the immune complexes in serum of rabbits

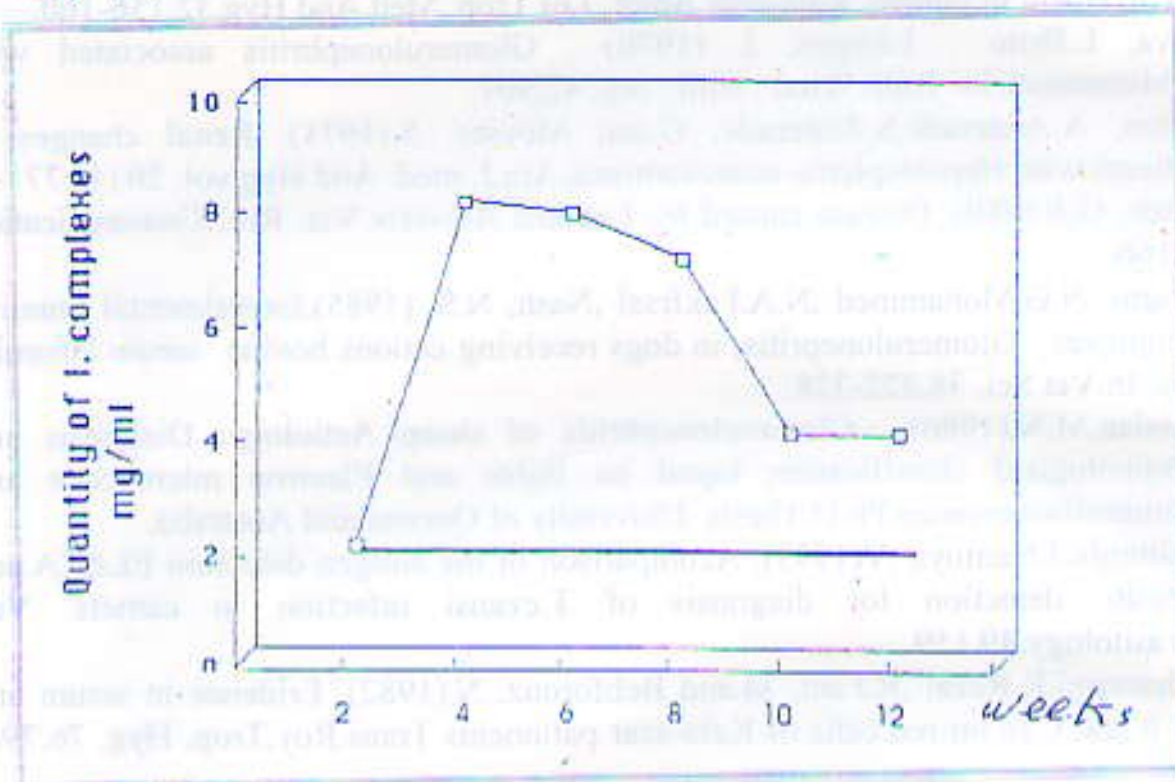


Fig (2) kidney of rabbit in twelfth week of infection of T.evansi. Notice the granulated surface .

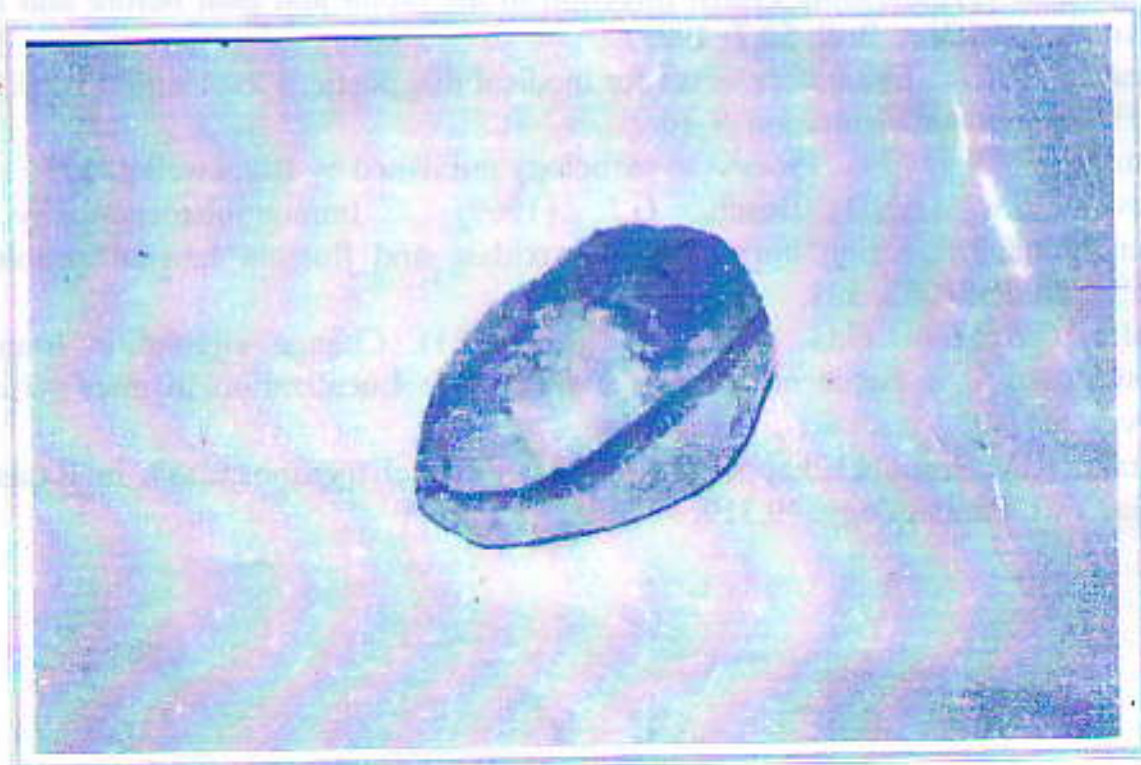


Fig (3) Glomerulus in the infected Kidney Immune complexes precipitated on the basmentmembrane of blood Vessels.

