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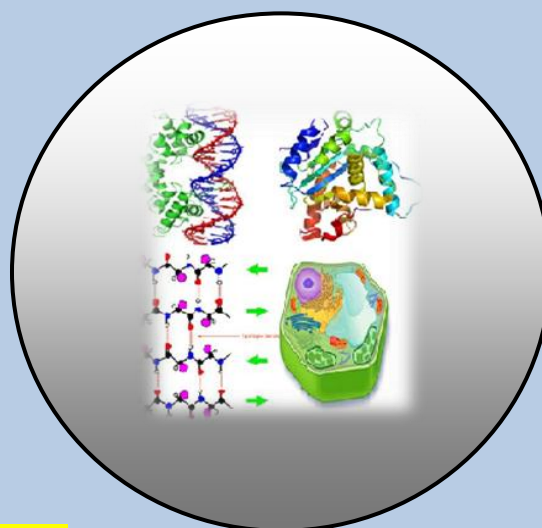
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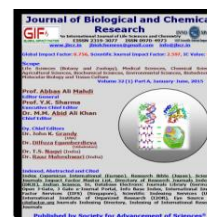
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ABSTRACT

Goat farming is considered as the best option for the rural farmers in developing countries which improves the status of household nutrition and economy as well as boosts capital storage and self employment (Kumar, 2007). Goats are economically important short-day ruminants (Machugh and Bradley, 2001) which experience a variety of ecological challenges like wide variation in temperature, humidity and pathogenic invasions (Kaushalendra and Haldar, 2012).

Key words: Biochemical, Diarrhoea, Haematology, Haemoglobin and Sirohi goat.

INTRODUCTION

The Sirohi is a compact medium sized breed native to the Sirohi district of Rajasthan located in western India. The breed is also known by other names such as Devgarhi, Parbatsari and Ajmeri. Sirohi goats are dual purpose breeds i.e. for both milk and meat. The animals can be kept in poor quality rearing conditions and are resistant to major diseases and adaptable to different climatic conditions.

Although in rainy seasons frequent cases of diarrhoea are seen in the animals which are commonly referred to as Scours. Several factors contribute to the disease like enterotoxemias caused by *Clostridium perfringens*, Salmonellosis, *E. coli* infections, Coccidiosis, Cryptosporidiosis etc or excessive feeding by the animals (Durham *et al.*, 1979). Paul *et al.* (2014) stated that a serious constraint to economical and intensive goat

production is the mortality of kids as a result of diarrhoea (15 to 40 %) up to the age of 3 months. It is defined as the increased frequency, fluidity or volume of fecal excretion. Observation of a deviation of certain blood and serum parameters from their normal limits could be a guide for diagnosis of a disease condition (Omer *et al.*, 2010). There is a great variation in the haematological and biochemical parameter between breeds of goats (Tambuwal *et al.*, 2002). With regard to these, the present study was aimed to evaluate the information on haematological and biochemical data of sirohi goats affected with diarrhoea. The data generated will also serve as a reference values in other species of goat affected with the same disease.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In the present study, the blood sample was collected for processing of haemato-biochemical analysis from eight (8 No.) Sirohi goats affected with diarrhoea which were presented to the Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex (TVCC) of Arawali Veterinary College, Sikar during the period of April to June 2015. While at the same time period, 3 ml blood samples were collected aseptically from the jugular vein of six (6 No.) animals taken as a control from the Intensive Livestock Farm Complex, Arawali Veterinary College, Sikar in EDTA containing vial and estimated for parameters like RBCs, haemoglobin and PCV as per the method described by Sharma *et al.* (2000).

For serum biochemical analysis another 7 ml blood was collected aseptically from the jugular veins of affected and control animals in a test tube without containing EDTA. Then the serum was separated from the blood and kept immediately in refrigerator at 4°C. Parameters like total protein, albumin and globulin were measured by standard methods using commercial kits supplied from Primal Enterprises Ltd. (Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India) and that of cholesterol and ALP were measured by standard methods using commercial kits supplied from Reckon Diagnostic P. Ltd. (Gorwa, Vadodara). Minerals like chloride, potassium, sodium and calcium concentrations in the sera were estimated by standard methods using commercial kits supplied from Beacon Diagnostics Pvt. Ltd., Navsari, India.

The readings were obtained on Digital Photocolorimeter installed in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Arawali Veterinary College, Sikar.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The estimated haematological and serum biochemical parameters are enlisted in the **Table**. The haematological study revealed that there was no significant deviation in the values of PCV and TEC from the normal range as against changed values reported by Hashemnia *et al.* (2014) in caprine coccidiosis, Hassan *et al.* (2013) in lambs and Zaki *et al.* (2010), while the Hb levels fell (5 ± 0.01 g/dl) below the normal range (8-12 g/dl) in accordance with Zaki *et al.* (2010).

There was no deviation from the normal ranges in cases of serum electrolytes like potassium, phosphorus, sodium and calcium. While there was a significant lowering of the chloride levels (71.15 ± 0.21 Meq/L as against the control animals 100–112 Meq/L) which is in agreement with that reported by Hashemia *et al.* (2014) and Singh *et al.* (2014),

also the total protein values dropped (5.61 ± 0.1 mg/dl as against the control animals 6.1–7.5 mg/dl) below the normal range which is in agreement with Zaki *et al.* and Hassan *et al.* (2013) and in contradiction to Mamta Singh *et al.* (2014) who reported a increase in the total protein levels.

Table 1. Serum Biochemical analysis of diarrhoeal sirohi goats.

| Parameters | Control* | Diarrhoeal |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Haematological | | |
| TEC ($\times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$) | 8-18 | 15 |
| Haemoglobin (g/dl) | 8-12 | 5 ± 0.01 |
| PCV (%) | 22-38 | 31.89 ± 0.01 |
| Biochemical | | |
| Potassium (mEq/l) | 3.8–5.7 | 7.62 ± 0.11 |
| Phosphorous (mEq/l) | 3.7–9.7 | 7.54 ± 0.12 |
| Sodium (mEq/l) | 137–152 | 137.46 ± 0.23 |
| Calcium (mEq/l) | 9.0–11.6 | 9.95 ± 0.12 |
| Chloride (mEq/l) | 100–112 | 71.15 ± 0.21 |
| Total protein (g/dl) | 6.1–7.5 | 5.61 ± 0.1 |
| Cholesterol (mg/dl) | 65–136 | 85.89 ± 0.21 |

*Source: Merck Veterinary Manual 10th Edition.

The study reveals that there is very minor change in the haematological profile of the adult diarrhoeal goats, the lower levels of chloride can be attributed to their losses in diarrhoea and increased K^+ levels due to their relative increase in plasma. Total protein decreased because diarrhoea also leads to depletion of energy source and loss of albumin and globulin from plasma.

CONCLUSION

The current study was undertaken to study the haematological and biochemical changes in diarrhoeal goats. The study revealed that the haematological values were fluctuating towards a lower value (5 g/dl as against 8-12 g/dl in control animals), the rest of the parameters (PCV and TEC) were within the normal range. Among the serum biochemical parameters, the values of total protein (5.61 ± 0.1 mg/dl) and chloride (71.15 ± 0.21 Meq/l) decreased in diarrhoeal animals as against the control animals (6.1–7.5 mg/dl) & (100–112 Meq/l) respectively, while the values of potassium increased in diarrhoeal goats as compared to the non-diseased ones.

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