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### EFFECTS OF GAMMA RADIATION ON SOME HEMATOLOGICAL PARAMETERS IN FEMALE RATS

**Abstract**: The effect of low exposure doses of gamma ray at doses of 0.055 Gy, 0.11 Gy and 0.165 Gy on the some hematological parameters of albino female rats were investigated. At the end of exposure periods and Blood samples were collected for analyses. The results obtained when increases of gamma ray doses of rats caused significant,  $p \le 0.05$ , decrease in the RBCs, Hb and Ht%. Also it was found elevation in MCV and MCH with increased exposure dose as well as significant decreases,  $p \le 0.05$ , Platelets in decreasing with increasing of doses rate and while MCHC% did not change significantly. But it was found when increases of gamma ray doses of rats caused significant,  $p \le 0.05$ , decrease in WBCs count, lymphocytes count, monocytic, neutrophils, esinophiles and basophiles respective controls. These findings on the some hematological parameters suggest that the changes in blood parameters of the treated rats were due to the exposure of low doses of gamma ray.

Key words: cesium-137, physiological criteria, gamma irradiation, and female rats.

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#### 1. Introduction:

Ionizing radiation affects people by depositing energy in body tissue, which can cause changes in the chemical balance of cell [1]. The energy associated with ionizing radiation is significantly greater than the bond energies of many molecules and can cause homolytic bond scission and the generation of secondary electrons. The time scale of the initial steps of energy deposition and molecular bond scission is on the order of  $10^{-13}$  s [2]. The effect degree of the ionizing radiations depends on the type of radiation, energy of radiation, intensity of radiation and exposure time. The Radiation is thus seen to produce a biological effect by two mechanisms, directly by dissociating molecules following their excitation and ionization; and indirectly by the production of free radicals and

hydrogen peroxide in the water of the body fluids [3]. The Gamma ray has no charge, and it has very high ionizing energy. Because of their high energy, gamma photons travel at the speed of light and can cover hundreds to thousands of meters in air before spending their energy. They can pass through many kinds of materials, including human tissue [4]. Physiological criteria such as the ability to degrade different substrates, casine, and xanthine were used for genus determination. Streptomyces are obligate aerobes, chemoorganotrops that need only an organic carbon source (such as glucose, starch, and glycerol), an inorganic nitrogen source, and a few mineral salts for grow. However, faster growth can be obtained in complex media containing, for instance, yeast extract, or other organic nitrogen sources. Trace elements contained in tap water are generally sufficient, but addition of iron manganese, zinc and Impact Factor ISRA (India)= 1.344Impact Factor ISI (Dubai, UAE)= 0.829based on International Citation Report (ICR)Impact Factor GIF (Australia)= 0.356

ions can be beneficial [5]. The destructive effects and mutations from radiation were originally thought to be due primarily to direct content of high-energy rays and particles with vital centers of microbial cells. Highly free radicals resulting from water hydrolysis are most important factors contributing to lethal and sublethal changes in microbial cells [6]. There are some scientists modernly study effects of irradiation on different parts of rats. Allehyanim et al.[7] studied the effects of gamma rays in the dose rate range 0-5.6Gy on RBCs membrane solubilization, of rats erythrocytes using sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). Omar Mohamed et al. [8] studied the effects of gamma rays in the dose rate 8Gy on Whole Body of rats Induced Early Alterations in Biliary Secretion. Asrar M. Hawas[9] studied the effect of low dose (0.055 Gy) gamma-rays on certain essential metals namely Fe, Cu, Zn and Ca levels in various tissues (liver, kidney, testis, spleen, intestine, heart and brain) in rats. Also, lipid peroxidation as malondialdehyde (MDA) and metallothionein (MT) levels were measured in liver, kidney and testis. The aim of this study was estimated the effects of gamma rays in the low dose rate range 0-.012 Gy on Physiological Criteria in Female Rats.

# Materials and Methods Experimental Animals and Irradiation

12 rats were divided into 4 groups with 3 rats (R1) First group as control group did not receive any radiation, (R2) was irradiated with 0.055Gy, (R3) was irradiated with 0.11Gy and (R4) was irradiated with 0.165Gy. Animals were housed under standardized conditions for light and temperature. A commercially prepared diet and clean drinking water were provided ad libitum. Irradiation was performed through the use of Cesium-137 source with 5  $\mu$ Ci from the International Atomic Energy Agency in a close system. The Cesium-137 radiation was taken in place was used so that three animals could be simultaneously irradiated.

#### 2.2 Blood sample collection method

At the end of exposure periods, each group of animals was anaesthetizes with ether, and then blood

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samples were collected by heart puncture on heparin containing tubes. One part of blood was taken for whole blood viscosity measurement.

## 2.3 Determination of Hematological Parameters

The red blood cells (RBC) and white blood cells (WBC) counts were determined by the improved Neubauer haemocytometer method. The haemoglobin (Hb) concentration was determined according to [10], using the cyanomethaemoglobin method. The packed cell volume (PCV) was determined by the micro-haematocrit method according to [11]. Schilling method of differential lecukocyte count was used to determine the distribution of the various white blood cells [12]. Mean corpuscular volume (MCV), mean corpuscular haemoglobin (MCH) and mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration (MCHC) were computed according to [12].

#### 2.4 Statistical evaluation.

Statistical analysis for evaluation of the results was done by calculating arithmetic mean and standard deviation for red blood cells and hemoglobin measurements. All these measurements had been done for all groups. Results were expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation for each group. The results were evaluated by Student's unpaired t-tests.

#### 3. Results and discussions

Figures (1-7) show the effect of gamma irradiation on the Hematological parameters in female rats. There are significant decreases ( $P \le 0.05$ ) in RBCs, Hb and Ht% in groups exposed to 0.055 Gy, 0.11 Gy and 0.165 Gy gamma irradiation when compared to the control (4.9, 13.7and -40) for low respectively. MCV and MCH increased significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) with irradiation doses compared to the control group, while MCHC% did not change significantly in most treated groups. Platelets count decreased significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) in the group exposed to irradiation dose (0.165Gy).



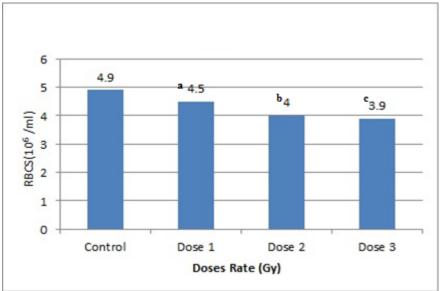


Figure 1 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on RBCS counts in female rats (a, d and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

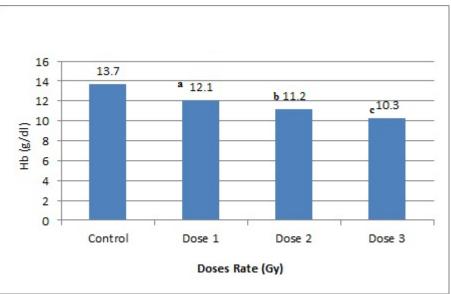


Figure 2 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Hb(g/dl) counts in female rats . (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)



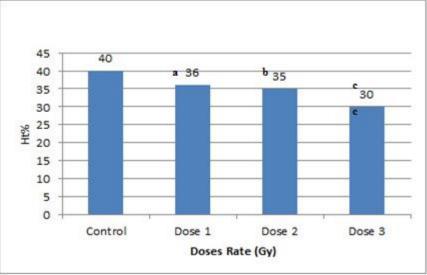


Figure 3 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Ht% counts in female rats . (a, d and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

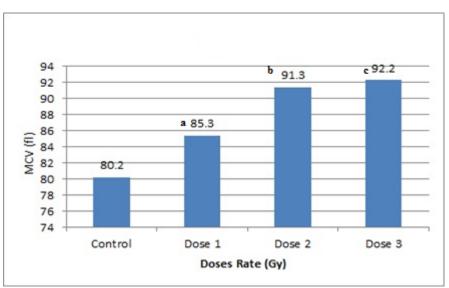


Figure 4 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on MCV(fl) counts in female rats . (a, b and c :means significant difference at P<0.05)



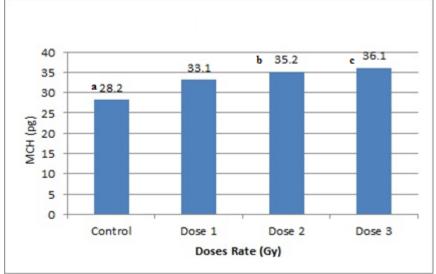


Figure 5 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on MCH(Pgl) counts in female rats . (a, b and c:means significant difference at P<0.05)

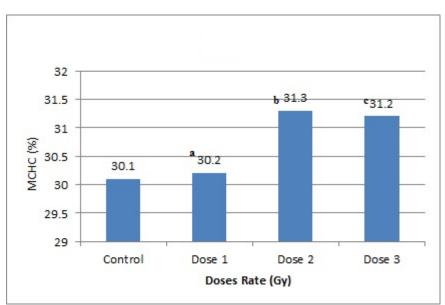


Figure 6 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on MCHC(%) counts in female rats. (a, b and c:means no change in significant)



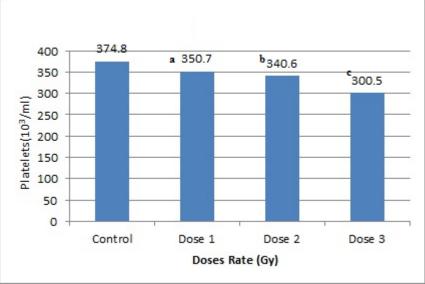


Figure 7 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Platelets counts in female rats . (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

The formation of superoxide partially accounts for the well-known oxygen enhancement of radiation induced biochemical changes and cell damage. After whole body gamma irradiation at a low dose level a significant decline in RBCs, Hb, Ht% and WBCs count was observed in rats [13].

Data presented in Figure (8) Showed that WBCs count was significantly decreased ( $P \le 0.05$ ) in rats treated with low (0.165Gy) of gamma irradiation.

The higher dose (0.165Gy) caused a significantly higher reduction in the lymphocytes count, monocytic count and neutrophils exhibited the same significant (P $\leq$  0.05) level observed with the WBCs count (see Figures (9-11)). In regard to the esinophiles and basophiles, they all decreased significantly at both irradiation exposure levels with a significant dose effect (Figures (12 and 13)).

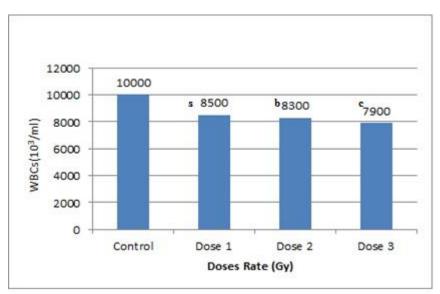


Figure 8 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on WBCs counts in female rats . (a, b and c:means significant difference at  $P{<}0.05$ )



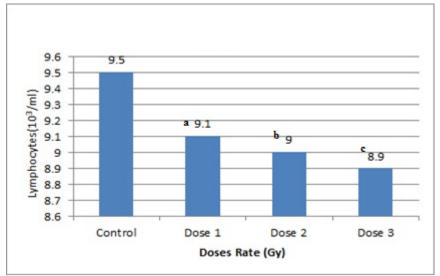


Figure 9 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Lymphocytes counts in female rats. (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

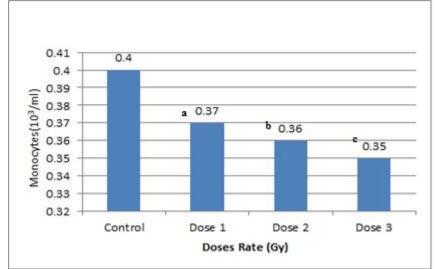


Figure 10 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Monocytic counts in female rats. (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

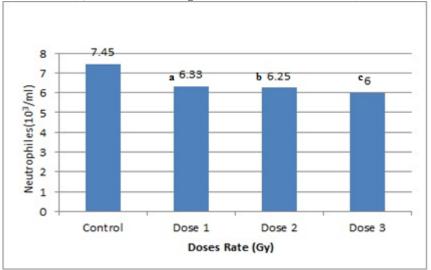


Figure 11 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Neutrophils counts in female rats. (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)



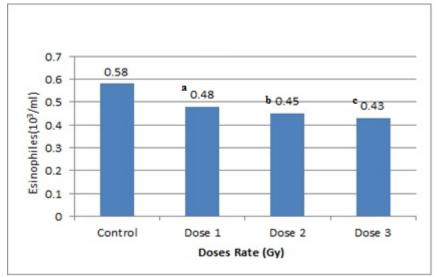


Figure 12 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Esinophiles counts in female rats. (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

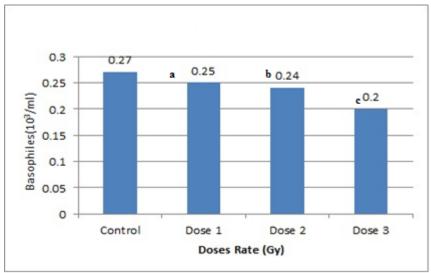


Figure 13 - Effect of low doses of gamma ray on Basophiles counts in female rats. (a, b and c: means significant difference at P<0.05)

Gamma irradiation results in a decrease of the total count of WBCs, Lymphocytes, monocytes, neutrophils, basophils and esinophils [14]. The results are consistent with the previous findings that irradiation induced leucopenia [15] and reduces lymphocytes, neutrophils and monocytes count [14, 16]. The decreases could be attributed to high radio sensitivity of haematopoietic tissue [17] and a reduction in the viability of spleen hematopoietic stem cells [18].

#### 4. Conclusions

In conclusion, this study has shown that the low doses of gamma ray could have dangerous on the

some Hematological Parameters for blood of female rats. Exposures to ionizing radiation in the permissible range(ICRP-60) still have hazardous effects on RBCs and WBCs, therefore It is necessary to review the dose limits recommended by the ICRP-60 for radiation workers based on the present findings.

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