

DNA RIBOPRINTING AND BIOCHEMICAL STUDIES ON THE EFFECT OF EXPOSURE TO PULSED ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD ON RATS

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ABSTRACT: In the present study pulsed electromagnetic field (PEMF) was used to evaluate the effect of exposure on some molecular and biochemical aspects in male albino rats (*Rattus rattus*). Three groups of rats were exposed to PEMF (10, IS, 20 pulses/day three times per week for three weeks) with frequency of 8-12 GHz. An unexposed group was considered the control group. At the end of experiment, serum levels of total protein, albumin, globulin, A/G ratio, testosterone, triglycerides and cholesterol were determined. The results revealed that exposure to electromagnetic field induced significant increases in serum total protein, globulin, triglycerides and testosterone hormone on the second exposed group only. Non significant changes were found in serum levels of albumin and cholesterol in the same group with decreased A/G ratio. All the tested parameters were not affected on the other two exposed groups. An indicative hypothesis for spotting the effect of electromagnetic spectrum on the liver of albino rats was proposed based on the examination of total DNA genome by using *PacI*, *SfiI*, *NotI* and *SwaI* restriction endonucleases. The results achieved have established the value of the physical map as an additional complement to the standard biodosimetric methods.

INTRODUCTION: Within the past twenty years, several studies indicated a linkage between the exposure to electromagnetic radiation and serious health problems. The widespread applications and use of radiofrequency and microwave devices (300 kHz to 300 GHz) in consumer households, for telecommunications and navigational aids, in

industry & in the military have increased the awareness of potential health hazards in a large cross section of the population (**Robert et al., 1997**).

Cellular phones and their base stations emit pulsed microwaves on the environment (**Santini et al., 2000 and Radon et al., 2006**). Radar operators are exposed to electromagnetic radiations at frequencies ranging from 390 MHz to 10.96 GHz (**Bergier et al., 1990 and Liu et al., 2003**). The largest source of human exposure to electromagnetic field in the home is from the fields generated by many common household appliances and tools, several of these mentioned devices produce local magnetic fields at a distance of 30cm from their surface (**Gauger, 1984**).

X-rays, ultraviolet (UV) light, visible light, infrared light (IR), microwaves (MW), radio - frequency radiation (RF), and magnetic fields from electric power systems are all parts of the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum. The components of the electromagnetic spectrum are characterized by their frequency or wave length. The frequency and wavelength are inversely related; as the frequency rises the wavelength gets shorter. The frequency is the rate at which the electromagnetic field goes through one complete oscillation (cycle) and is usually given in Hertz (Hz), where one Hz is one cycle per second (**John, 2004**).

Increasing number of reports has demonstrated a significant effect of pulsed EMF on aspects of animal and human behavior (**Growe et al., 2003 and Cook et al., 2004**). It could promote movement of calcium ions, cell proliferation and the eventual production of pro- inflammatory cytokines in human lymphocytes in combination with high density of 4.75 Tesla (**Aldinucci et al., 2003**). The growth of malignant tumor in mice was inhibited and the ability of immune cell to dissolve cancer cells was improved by pulsed magnetic field, and the DNA content decrease (**Zeng et al., 2002**). While, pulsed magnetic field may lead to inconsistent suppression of nocturnal melatonin synthesis and serum melatonin levels in rats (**Reiter et al., 1998**).

Non-ionizing radiofrequency radiation and microwave have been implicated in adversely affecting the hematopoietic system, the eye, the nervous system and reproductive system, in addition to having carcinogenic or tumor-promoting properties (**Malyapa et al, 1997**). Exposure to 2450 MHz electromagnetic radiation causes DNA single-strand breaks and double-strand breaks of rat brain tissue irradiated *in vivo* (**Lai and Singh, 1996**).

There are a lot of methods presently used for the determination of early biological effects of DNA-damaging mediators in environmental and

occupational surroundings. Presently, unstable chromosomal aberrations in peripheral blood lymphocytes, in particular dicentrics, form the majority of fully developed biological markers of ionizing radiation contact (IAEA, 1986; Carrano and Natarajan, 1988; Bauchinger, 1995; Ramalho *et al.*, 1998 and Leonard *et al.*, 2005).

In the last few years, single cell gel electrophoresis (SCGE) or Comet assay has been extensively used for genotoxicity testing (Singh *et al.*, 1988; Tice *et al.*, 1990; Fairbairn *et al.*, 1995; Olive, 1999 and Yang *et al.*, 2005). In the molecular studies, DNA damage estimated by the Comet assay and RFLPs technique have been used as a biomarker of radiation exposure (Betti *et al.*, 1994; Collins *et al.*, 1997; Garaj-Vrhovac and Kopjar, 1998; Sram *et al.*, 1998; Piperakis *et al.*, 1999; Kopjar and Garaj-Vrhovac, 2001; Maluf *et al.*, 2001; Garaj-Vrhovac *et al.*, 2002 and Awwad and Ebtisam, 2005).

There is common scientific and public interest in potential health hazards of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) associated with RF and MW radiation. That interest has resulted in many studies planned to measure both the occupational and residential health risk of EMFs (Cleveland and Ulcek, 1999 and WHO, 2003).

Most *in vivo* studies suggest that RF and MW radiation are not mutagenic and are therefore unlikely to initiate cancer. The majority of studies reported lack of a clastogenic effect (Verschaeve and Maes, 1998 and Trosic *et al.*, 2004), but some studies reported an increase in the number of single-strand and double-strand DNA breaks in the brain cells of rats exposed to pulsed or continuous wave of 2.45 GHz radiation at specific absorption rates (SARs) of 0.6 and 1.2 W/kg (Sarkar *et al.*, 1994 and Lai and Singh, 1996). These studies have been criticized on the basis of deficiencies in the procedures used to process the DNA and the gel electrophoresis methods used to determine the presence of strand breaks (Williams, 1996).

The current study was therefore conducted to study the effect of exposure to pulsed electromagnetic field on DNA and on some biochemical aspects in male rats, including serum total protein, albumin, globulin, albumin/globulin ratio, total lipids, triglycerides and the level of testosterone hormone.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Animal of study: Forty mature male albino rats aged approximately three months and weighing 100-120g. were used. Rats were bred at the animal

house of the Nuclear Research Center. They were caged in plastic cages and divided equally into four groups: one unexposed control group, and 3 exposed groups which were exposed to different number of pulses of electromagnetic radiations (first, second and third group were exposed to 10, 15 and 20 pulses/day, respectively). Rats were given food and water *ad-libitum*, kept under constant laboratory conditions and exposed three times/week for three weeks. The exposure system used to generate the electromagnetic radiations was the micro-focus plasma device (PF-0.1 device), under static pressure of one mbar, frequency from 8 to 12 GHz, and operated at 15 Kv charging voltage, Electromagnetic spectrum includes radio waves, infrared, optical (visible light), ultraviolet and x-ray. Exposure was done in the Plasma and Nuclear Fusion Department.

The biochemical studies: The animals were sacrificed at the end of exposure time while they were fasting for about 12 hours, blood samples collected, centrifuged for 10 minutes at 5000 rpm, sera was separated and analyzed for laboratory assessment of serum total proteins, albumin, globulin, albumin/globulin ratio (A/G ratio), triglycerides, cholesterol and testosterone hormone. Calorimetric determination of serum total proteins based on the principle of the Biuret reaction (**Tietz, 1976**) and serum albumin was determined according to the method of **Doumas et al. (1971)**. Reagents needed were packaged in a commercial Kit supplied from Stanbio Laboratory Inc., San Antonio, Texas, USA. The concentration of globulin was calculated by subtracting the concentration of albumin from that of the total protein for serum and the A/G ratio was calculated as follows:

$$\text{A/G Ratio} = \text{Albumin (g/100ml)} / \text{Globulin (g/100ml)}$$

Total cholesterol and triglycerides were estimated by using enzymatic colorimetric method of **Allain et al. (1974)** and **Fossati and Prencipe (1982)** respectively. Testosterone hormone was measured by using radioimmunoassay kits supplied by Diagnostica Co., Los Angeles based on the method of **Maruyama (1987)**.

The molecular biological studies: Total DNA was extracted from the liver of the rats as described by **Awwad (2003)**. One μl of the resuspended pellet was checked by gel electrophoresis for the presence of DNA (Fig. 1). In the experiments; the enzymes *PacI* (Toyobo Biochemicals), *SfiI* (Promega Corporation), *NotI* (Promega Corporation) and *SwaI* (Sigma Chemical Corporation) were evaluated for their ability

to differentiate between the normal and affected DNA samples of rat. One μl (10-12 units) was used for each digestion reaction, together with 1.2 μl of the respective enzyme buffer for a final volume of 12.2 μl . The digestion was performed for ~ 3.5 h at 25-50°C, and the digestion products were evaluated on 2% TBE-agarose (FMC Bioproducts) gels and stained with ethidium bromide. Bands were detected upon ultraviolet transillumination and photographed (**Sangumetti et al., 1994**).

Statistical Analysis: The data were analyzed by student's t-test and were considered significant at $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS: Results of total protein, albumin, globulin and A/G ratio at different exposed groups to 10, 15 and 20 pulsed electromagnetic field 3 times per week for 3 weeks are presented in Table (1).

The obtained data revealed that exposing the rats to 15 pulses of electromagnetic field led to a significant increase ($p < 0.05$) in mean values of total protein and globulin only in the second exposed group (7.1 ± 0.33 , 3.5 ± 0.37 g/dl, respectively) compared with the control group (6.32 ± 0.59 , 2.7 ± 0.6 g/dl respectively), while A/G ratio was significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) only in the second and third exposed groups (1.03 ± 0.18 , 1.01 ± 0.27) as compared to the control group (1.40 ± 0.32). On the other, hand insignificant differences were found on mean values of serum albumin in the three exposed groups compared with the control group. Also, insignificant differences were found on mean values of serum levels of total protein and globulin in the first and third exposed groups as compared to the control group.

Results of triglycerides, cholesterol and testosterone hormone at different exposed groups to 10, 15 and 20 pulses of electromagnetic field 3 times per week for 3 weeks are presented in Table (2).

The mean values of serum levels of triglycerides and testosterone were significantly increased ($p < 0.05$) only in the second exposed group (103.3 ± 23.4 mg/dl, 4.56 ± 1.32 ng/ml respectively) as compared to the control group (64.3 ± 21.7 , 2.56 ± 0.95 respectively), while insignificant differences were found on mean values of serum cholesterol in the three exposed groups compared with the control group. Also, insignificant differences were found on mean values of serum levels of triglycerides and testosterone hormone in the first and third exposed groups as compared to the control group.

Total cellular DNA was extracted from the livers of the normal animal

group and the three treated rat groups (10, 15 and 20 pulses/day), and is represented in Figure 1; lanes 1-4 represented unaffected animal and the three treated rat groups (10, 15 and 20 pulses/day), DNA genome, respectively.

DNA genome has a high molecular weight, so the DNA genome of all animals remained in the well of the agarose gel electrophoresis (lanes 1-4, Figure, 1). Whereas, the 10,000 bp DNA Ladder represented in the first lane was separated into bands with different lengths (250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000, 3500, 4000, 5000, 6000, 8000 and 10,000 bp, respectively; lane M).

PcaI, *SfiI*, *NorI* and *SwaI* restriction endonucleases were used to detect the effect of the electromagnetic radiation on rat total DNA genome.

PcaI restriction enzyme digested the DNA genome of the normal rats into eight restriction fragments at the area of the 10,000 bp marker (~1100, ~1300, ~2100, ~2300, ~2600, ~3000, ~5500 and ~10000 bp; table 3 and figure 2: lane 1). The same restriction enzyme cut the first group of the treated rats (10 pulses/day) when its DNA genome was digested into 14 restriction bands (~750, ~900, ~1000, ~1100, ~1300, ~2100, ~2300, ~2600, ~3000, ~3500, ~3700, ~4500, ~5000 and ~10,000 bp; table 3 and figure 2: lane 2). The DNA genome of the second group of treated rats (15 pulses/day) was digested into 17 fragments (~600, ~750, ~900, ~1000, ~1100, ~1200, ~1500, ~2200, ~2500, ~2900, ~3500, ~3800, ~4000, ~5800, ~7500, ~8200 and ~10,000 bp; table 3 and figure 2: lane 3). *PcaI* enzyme digested the DNA genome of the third group of treated rats (20 pulses/day) into 12 bands (~300, ~400, ~600, ~1000, ~1200, ~2200, ~2500, ~2900, ~3000, ~3500, ~5500 and ~10,000 bp; table 3 and figure 2: lane 4).

At the same time, *SfiI* restriction endonuclease clarified the electromagnetic radiation influencing liver of rats with the different pulses and the normal liver of the same rats. *SfiI* restriction enzyme fragmented the DNA genome of normal rat liver sample into 7 patterns (~1200, ~1300, ~700, ~2000, ~2500, ~3000 and ~10,000 bp; table 4 and figure 3: lane 1) and digested the DNA genome of liver of the first treated group (10 pulses/day) into 8 cuts (~800, ~1200, ~1300, ~2000, ~2500, ~3000, ~4500 and ~10,000 bp; table 4 and figure 3: lane 2). Also, the DNA genome of the rat exposed to 15 pulses/day was fragmented into eight patterns but in different sizes (~700, ~1300, ~1700, ~2000, ~2500, ~3000, ~3500 and ~4500 bp; table 4 and figure 3: lane 3) and the DNA genome of the third group of rats (20 pulses/day) into 9 different sizes of

fragments (~600, ~700, ~1300, ~1700, ~2000, ~2500, ~3000, ~3500 and ~4500 bp; table 4 and figure 3: lane 4).

The effect of electromagnetic radiation on the rats was clarified when the DNA genome of these rats was digested with *NotI* restriction endonuclease. The normal DNA genome of rat liver was digested with *NotI* restriction enzyme giving 10 restriction patterns (~200, ~750, ~850, ~1000, ~1450, ~2200, ~2700, ~3500, ~7800 and ~10,000 bp; table 5 and figure 4: lane 1). The same restriction endonuclease cut the DNA genome of the first treated group of rats (10 pulses/day) into 11 fragments (~200, ~700, ~800, ~1000, ~1450, ~2000, ~2300, ~2700, ~3500, ~5000 and ~7800 bp; table 5 and figure 4: lane 2). The DNA genome of the second treated group of rats (15 pulses/day) gave 11 different patterns (~200, ~700, ~800, ~1450, ~2300, ~3000, ~3700, ~4500, ~5500, ~6000 and ~8000 bp; table 5 and figure 4: lane 3) when digested with *NatI* restriction enzyme. *NotI* restriction endonuclease cut the DNA genome of the third treated group of rats (20 pulses/day) into 15 restriction fragments (~200, ~700, ~800, ~1000, ~1200, ~1700, ~2000, ~2300, ~3000, ~4200, ~5000, ~6000, ~7000, ~9000 and ~10,000 bp; table 5 and figure 4: lane 4).

Also, the hazardous effect of electromagnetic radiation on the liver of rats was shown when their DNA genome digested with *Swal* restriction endonuclease. *Swal* enzyme cut the DNA genome of nonual liver of rats into 10 restriction fragments (~200, ~900, ~1200, ~1400, ~1600, ~1700, ~2300, ~2700, ~3700 and ~8000 bp; table 6 and figure 5: lane 1). The same restriction endonuclease digested the DNA genome of the first treated group of rats (10 pulses/day) into 12 fragments (~200, ~900, ~1200, ~1400, ~1600, ~2200, ~2500, ~2700, ~3600, ~3800, ~5000 and ~6000 bp; table 6 and figure 5: lane 2). The DNA genome of the second group of treated rats (15 pulses/day) gave 13 restriction fragments (~200, ~500, ~1000, ~1100, ~1200, ~1400, ~1600, ~1700, ~2300, ~2700, ~4500, ~5500 and ~8000 bp; table 6 and figure 5: lane 3) when they were digested with *Swal* restriction enzyme. Also, the same restriction endonuclease cut the DNA genome of the third group of treated rats (20 pulses/day) into 14 restriction patterns (~200, ~1000, ~1300, ~1400, ~1700, ~2000, ~2300, ~2500, ~3000, ~3500, ~4000, ~6000, ~8000 and ~9000 bp; table 7 and figure 5: lane 4).

DISCUSSION: Our surroundings are full of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation of different frequencies emitted by television, computer and cellular phone sets. These emissions have been increasing

over the past few years (**Monfrecola et al., 2003**).

Most blood proteins are synthesized in the liver. Several factors affect the rate of protein synthesis such as hormones (e.g thyroxin and cortisol), liver function, nutritional and environmental factors. Protein functions include carriers of many physiological parameters besides signaling roles, thus it is not surprising that direct consequences can arise from mutation either in genes that encode proteins or in regions of DNA that control gene expression (**Margaret and Robert, 2000**).

The results of the present work showed that total proteins and globulin levels in blood of rats were markedly increased in response to magnetic field in the second exposed group. The increase of globulin level after 15 pulses exposure observed in the present work might be explained by the enhanced production of immunoglobulin responsible for immune response as a defence mechanism of the body against radiations and the increased total proteins might be due to a stimulatory effect of EMF on thyroid. Humans occupationally exposed to EMF were reported to have increased hyperactivity of the thyroid gland function (**Dumansky et al., 1976 and Adey 1981**). The current results were in agreement with those of **Kumosani et al. (1996)** who showed an elevation in plasma total proteins in mice exposed to different magnetic fluxes for 24 hrs. They demonstrated that this rise was due to either to loss of fluid from the body (dehydration) or to an increase in globulins. These results were in disagreement with those of **Dumansky et al. (1976)** and **Mohamed et al. (1996)** who found a significant decrease in plasma globulin in rats exposed to different intensities of magnetic fields.

A/G ratio was markedly decreased in the second and third exposed groups. Such results were in agreement with those of **Mohamed et al. (1996)**, who reported decreased A/G ratio in rats chronically exposed to EMF. The decreased level of A/G ratio observed in the present work might be explained by the increased values of globulin.

Triglycerides (Triacylglycerol) are a major energy reserve and the principal neutral derivatives of glycerol in animals. They are found primarily in the adipose tissue and serve as a storage sites for lipids (**Reginald and Charles 1995**). The significant increase in the plasma triglycerides in the current study in the second exposed group could be due to the inhibition of lipoprotein lipase activity which leads to post irradiation hypertriacylglycerols (**Sedlakova et al., 1988**).

Testosterone is the principal male sex hormone steroid, which is synthesized from cholesterol. Testosterone is an androgen synthesized in

males primarily in the testes and in smaller amounts in the adrenal cortex. Androgens are necessary for sperm maturation; even non-reproductive tissues (liver, brain and skeletal muscle) are susceptible to the effect of androgens (**Reginald and Charles, 1995**). Thus, in the current study serum levels of testosterone hormone was affected by exposure to the 15 pulses electromagnetic field group, since sex hormones secretions depends mainly on gonads function. So, it could be suggested that exposure might affect the sex organs and hypothalamic-pituitary adrenal axis of male rats or might be due to the effect on the hypothalamic centers responsible for gonadotropin releasing hormone production which become less sensitive to feedback inhibition by gonadal steroid hormone since the interaction of testosterone with its receptor provides for feedback control of gonadotropin release (**Murray et al., 1998**). These results were in agreement with those of **Hiroyuki et al. (2000)** who reported that microwave exposure affects the endocrine and biochemical mediators including corticosterone.

The second group was more affected by all tested parameters; two of the rats died during exposure. In the other two groups, some parameters were affected but not significantly. Also, there was a variation in mean value of the individual data within the same group. These observations could be explained by the fact that not every individual would be equally susceptible, even when exposed to exactly the same radiation for exactly the same length of time. Susceptibility depends not only on the radiation, but also on genetic predisposition and the physiological state of the individual when irradiated (**Jerald, 2002**). However, not all the signals of the EMF are harmful since exposure to pulsed magnetic fields had a therapeutic effect in both animals and humans (**Shupak et. al., 2004**).

Ionizing radiation is a ubiquitous environmental physical agent whose DNA-damaging effects are fairly well established. In physico-chemical interaction with cellular DNA it produces a variety of primary lesions, such as single-strand breaks (SSBs), alkali-labile sites, double-strand breaks (DSBs), DNA - DNA and DNA - protein crosslinks and damage to purine and pyrimidine bases (**Natarajan, 1993; Kruszewski et al., 1998; Chaubey et al., 2001 and Feinendegen and Neumann, 2006**).

Cytogenetic effects have been reported in various types of cells after exposure to electromagnetic radiation (**Garaj-Vrhovac et al., 1990; 1991; Maes et al., 1993; Narasimhan and Huh, 1991; Sagripanti and Swicord, 1986; Verschaeve et al., 1994 and Nakamura et al., 2006**). Several studies have reported cytogenetic changes in cells by

electromagnetic radiation, and these results could be an important indication of the health effects of electromagnetic radiation. **Singh et al. (1994)** reported significant decreases in poly-ADP-ribosylation, a process involved in chromatin functions, in the cells of rats after exposure to electromagnetic radiation. **Sarkar et al. (1994)** reported changes in DNA sequences in mouse cells after exposure to electromagnetic radiation. Also, **Lai and Singh (1995)** reported an increase in single strand DNA breaks in cells of rats after exposure to electromagnetic radiation.

Genetic damage to DNA genome of cells can result in carcinogenesis. However, since cells do not undergo mitosis, a more likely consequence of DNA damage is changes in functions and cell death, which could either lead to or accelerate the development of cell degenerative diseases. **Lai and Singh (1996)** have reported an increase in DNA double strand breaks in cells of rats after acute exposure to electromagnetic radiation. Double strand breaks, if not properly repaired, are known to lead to cell death. Indeed, **Lai and Singh (1996)** and **Reagan-Shaw et al. (2006)** have observed an increase in apoptosis (scheduled cell death) in cells exposed to electromagnetic radiation. That type of response would lead to an inverted-U response function in carcinogenesis and might explain reports of an increase (**Repacholi et al., 1997**), a decrease (**Adey et al., 1996**), and no significant effect (**Adey et al., 1997**) on cancer rate of animals exposed to electromagnetic radiation.

The present study demonstrated that the DNA genome of rat cells was seriously affected by electromagnetic radiation when digested with *PcaI*, *SfiI*, *NotI* and *SwaI* restriction endonucleases.

Each restriction enzyme proved that there are strong deviations between the normal DNA genome and the three treated groups (10, 15 and 20 pulses/day) of rat liver according to the physical map or the profile of digestion. Also, the high values of DNA migration recorded in some exposed animals are obviously the result of differential concurrent exposure. The restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) of the total DNA genome revealed heterogeneity in the level of DNA mutation or breakage induced in hepatocytes by occupational exposure to ionizing radiation.

Therefore, the biochemical and the molecular studies revealed that the electromagnetic spectrum contains waves which are highly hazardous to living organisms. Moreover, radiation workers are expected to have a greater percentage risk of developing detrimental effects due to of their generally greater exposure.

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Table (1): Serum level of total protein, albmin, globlin and A/G ratio in control and different exposed groups to pulsed EMF.

Parameter	Control	10 pulsed	15 pulsed	20 pulsed
<u>Total protein (g/dl)</u>				
Mean±S.D	6.32±0.59	5.6 ± 0.58	7.1 ± 0.33	6.4 ± 1.3
Range	(5.4 – 6.8)	(5.0 – 6.5)	(6.8 – 7.7)	(4.7 – 8.2)
P		0.06	0.02*	0.88
<u>Albumin (g/dl)</u>				
Mean±S.D	3.62 ± 0.32	3.275± 0.41	3.58±0.28	3.15±0.62
Range	(3.2 – 0.41)	(2.8 – 3.9)	(3.3 – 4.1)	(2.5 – 4.1)
P		0.13	0.84	
<u>Globlin (g/dl)</u>				
Mean±D	2.7 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.34	3.5 ± 0.37	3.26 ± 0.88
Range	(2.1 – 4.1)	(1.75 – 2.7)	(3 – 4.1)	(2.1 – 4.1)
P			0.02*	0.22
<u>A/G ratio</u>				
Mean±S.D	1.40 ± 0.32	1.42± 0.28	1.03 ± 0.18	1.01 ± 0.27
Range	(0.89 – 1.76)	(1.07 – 1.86)	(0.87 – 1.37)	(0.62 – 1.43)
P		0.89	0.03*	0.04*

* Significant p<0.05

Table (2): Serum level of triglycerides, cholesterol and testosterone in control and different exposed groups to pulsed EMF.

Parameter	Control	10 pulsed	15 pulsed	20 pulsed
<u>Triglycerides(mg/dl)</u>				
Mean±S.D	64.3 ±21.7 (33 – 00)	86 ± 21.0 (62 – 112)	103.3±23.4 (77 – 146)	81.3 ± 14.4 (68 – 98)
Range		0.1	0.01*	0.14
P				
<u>Cholesterol (g/dl)</u>				
Mean±S.D	99 ± 26.1 (62 – 126)	79.8 ± 13.8 (60 – 100)	79 ± 15.2 (76 – 117)	84.5 ± 21.2 (63 – 117)
Range		0.14	0.86	0.31
P				
<u>Testosterone (g/dl)</u>				
Mean±S.D	2.56 ± 0.95 (1.85 – 4.05)	2.86 ± 0.25 (2.21 – 3.60)	4.56 ± 1.32 (3.16–3.60)	4.91 ± 2.2 (2.89 – 7.70)
Range		0.56	0.02*	0.06
P				

* Significant p<0.05

Table (3): Represents the length of DNA (between ~1000 bp), which was digested with the endonucleases *PacI* in the studied samples.

Band #	Normal	10 p/d	15 p/d	20 p/d
1	~1100	~750	~600	~300
2	~1300	~900	~750	~400
3	~2100	~1000	~900	~600
4	~2300	~1100	~1000	~1000
5	~2600	~1300	~1100	~1200
6	~3000	~2100	~1200	~2200
7	~2500	~2300	~1500	~2500
8	~10000	~2600	~2200	~2900
9	-----	~3000	~2500	~3000
10	-----	~3500	~2900	~3500
11	-----	~3700	~3500	~5500
12	-----	~4500	~3800	~10000
13	-----	~5000	~4000	-----
14	-----	~10000	~5800	-----
15	-----	-----	~7500	-----
16	-----	-----	~8200	-----
17	-----	-----	~10000	-----

Table (4): Represents the length of DNA (between ~1000 bp), which was digested with the endonucleases *Sfi*I in the studied samples.

Band #	Normal	10 p/d	15 p/d	20 p/d
1	~1200	~800	~700	~600
2	~1300	~1200	~1300	~700
3	~1700	~1300	~1700	~1300
4	~2000	~2000	~2000	~1700
5	~2500	~2500	~2500	~2000
6	~3000	~3000	~3000	~2500
7	~10000	~4500	~3500	~3000
8	-----	~10000	~4500	~3500
9	-----	-----	-----	~4500

Table (5): Represents the length of DNA (between ~1000 bp), which was digested with the endonucleases *Not*I in the studied samples.

Band #	Normal	10 p/d	15 p/d	20 p/d
1	~200	~200	~200	~200
2	~750	~700	~700	~700
3	~850	~800	~800	~800
4	~1000	~1000	~1450	~1000
5	~1450	~1450	~2300	~1200
6	~2200	~2000	~3000	~1700
7	~2700	~2300	~3700	~2000
8	~3500	~2700	~4500	~2300
9	~7800	~3500	~5500	~3000
10	~10000	~5000	~6000	~4200
11	-----	~7800	~8000	~5000
12	-----	-----	-----	~6000
13	-----	-----	-----	~7000
14	-----	-----	-----	~9000
15	-----	-----	-----	~10000

Table (5): Represents the length of DNA (between ~1000 bp), which was digested with the endonucleases *SawI* in the studied samples.

Band #	Normal	10 p/d	15 p/d	20 p/d
1	~200	~200	~200	~200
2	~900	~900	~500	~1000
3	~1200	~1200	~1000	~1300
4	~1400	~1400	~1100	~1400
5	~1600	~1600	~1200	~1700
6	~1700	~2200	~1400	~2000
7	~2300	~2500	~1600	~2300
8	~2700	~2700	~1700	~2500
9	~3700	~3600	~2300	~3000
10	~8000	~3800	~2700	~3500
11	-----	~5000	~4500	~4000
12	-----	~6000	~5500	~6000
13	-----	-----	~8000	~8000
14	-----	-----	-----	~9000



Fig. 1: DNA genome hepatocytes of albino rats. Lane M is the DNA ladder (250 – 10,000 bp). Lane 1 represents the DNA genome of normal group and lanes 2 - 4 represent the three groups of exposed albino rats (10, 15 and 20 pulsed/day, respectively).



Fig. 2: Representative RFLPs patterns from the unexposed rats and three exposed groups with *PcaI* restriction endonuclease.

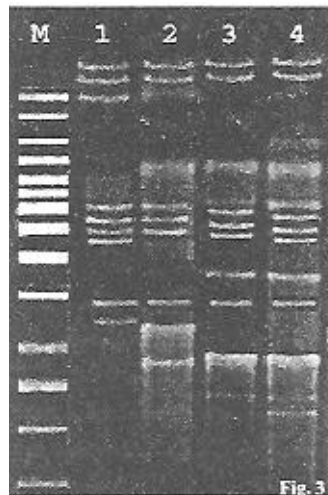


Fig. 3: Representative RFLPs patterns from the unexposed rats and three exposed groups with *SfiI* restriction endonuclease.

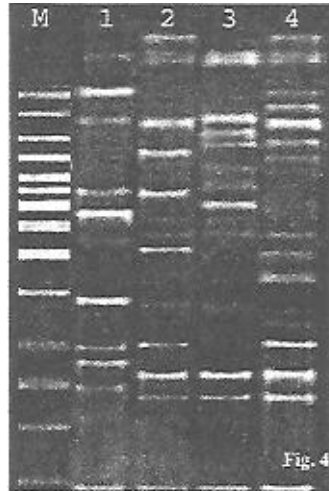


Fig. 4: Representative RFLPs patterns from the unexposed rats and three exposed groups with *NotI* restriction endonuclease.

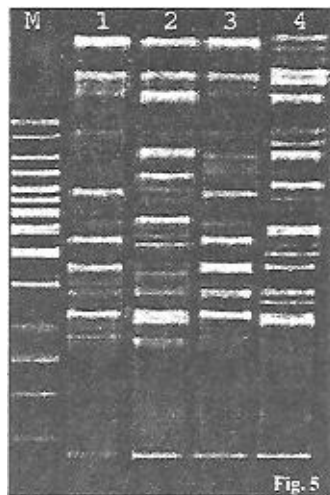


Fig. 5: Representative RFLPs patterns from the unexposed rats and three exposed groups with *SwaI* restriction endonuclease.

الملخص العربي

دراسات تشخيصية جزيئية وبيوكيميائية على تأثير التعرض لأطياف الموجات الكهرومغناطيسية النبضية على الفئران

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أكدت العديد من الدراسات خلال العشريون عاما الماضية على وجود علاقة بين التعرض للمجال الكهرومغناطيسي والعديد من المشاكل الصحية الخطيرة والناجمة عن أنظمة التوليد والتوزيع الكهربائي وكل الأجهزة التي تنتج تيارا كهربائيا وذلك في المنازل والمصانع وأماكن العمل والتي تحدث تأثيرا على الخلايا والأعضاء مسببة بعض التغيرات البيولوجية، ولذلك كان الهدف من الدراسة الحالية هو الآتي:

١- معرفة مدى تأثير المجال الكهرومغناطيسي النبضي على بعض المقاييس الكيميائية الحيوية.
٢- دراسة مدى تأثير المجال الكهرومغناطيسي النبضي على الحمض النووي الديوكسي ريبوزي. استخدمت الجرعة من المجال الكهرومغناطيسي المتقطع بتردد ٨-١٢ هرتز وذلك باستخدام جهاز البلازما فوكس لتقييم تأثير التعرض على بعض القياسات في ذكور الفئران، وعرضت ثلاث مجاميع من الفئران إلى ١٥، ١٠ و ٢٠ نبضة في اليوم ثلاث مرات اسبوعيا ولمدة ثلاث اسابيع بالإضافة إلى المجموعة الضابطة التي لم تتعرض للمجال الكهرومغناطيسي، وأسفرت النتائج عن التالي:

أن التعرض للمجال الكهرومغناطيسي يسبب زيادة ذات قيمة إحصائية في مستوى البروتين الكلى والجلوبيولين والجلسريدات الثلاثية وهرمون الذكورة وذلك في المجموعة الثانية المعرضة فقط بينما لم يتأثر الألبومين والكوليسترول في نفس المجموعة وحدث نقص ذو دلالة إحصائية في نسبة الألبومين إلى الجلوبيولين في المجموعة الثانية المعرضة مقارنة بالمجموعة الضابطة الغير معرضة ولم يحدث أى تغير في المجموعتين الأولى والثالثة المعرضة مقارنة بالمجموعة الضابطة الغير معرضة وذلك بالنسبة لكل من البروتين الكلى والألبومين والجلوبيولين والكوليستيرول والجلسريدات الثلاثية وهرمون الذكورة.

وقد كان هناك فرضية دلالية على تأثير التعرض لأطياف الموجات الكهرومغناطيسية النبضية على كبد الفئران وذلك اعتمادا على تحليل الحمض النووي الديوكسي ريبوزي باستخدام انزيمات القصر (PacI, SfiI, NotI, SwaI).

وقد دلت النتائج عن عملية تشخيصية جيدة وعمل خريطة للتأثير الخطير للموجات الكهرومغناطيسية النبضية على الحمض النووي بالإضافة للتأثير الكيميائي الحيوي.