

## Some Biochemical Alternations Associated with Oral Contraceptives And Atherosclerosis in Albino Rats.

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### Abstract

An excess intake of vitamin D<sub>2</sub> can result in mobilization of calcium in the skeleton and increase the serum calcium level. This calcium is taken up by soft tissues such as arteries. The risk of calcium builds up in arteries, a significant component of atherosclerotic plaque. Many researches clarify the relationship between oral contraceptives and atherosclerosis. This study aims to evaluate the changes in some biochemical parameters as well as the histopathological examination of liver and aorta following the administration of hormonal oral contraceptives (O.Cs) with different concentrations of estrogen (ethinyle-estradiol) (E.E) and progestogen DL-norgestrel (norethindrone) (NOR.) to the atherosclerotic rats. In addition to this, the study clarifies the role of low dose oral contraceptives. 48 adult female albino rats were divided into six comparable groups of 8 animals each. Group I (Gr.1) was considered as control, group II (Gr. II) was intramuscularly (i.m.) injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /kg B.W., group III (Gr. III) administered O.C (35µ g E.E/0.5 mg NOR.), group IV (Gr. IV) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 I.U vit. D<sub>2</sub> /kg B.W plus O.C 35µ g E.E/0.5 mg.), group V(Gr.V) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 I.U/kg B.W. plus O.C 35µ g E.E/1mg NOR.), group VI (Gr.VI) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub>350.000 I.U /kg B.W.plus O.C 70µ g E.E/0.5 mg NOR.) daily for an experimental period eight weeks. Serum aspartate aminotransferase (AST), serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT), and serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) displayed significant increase in the following groups (higher progestogen concentrations in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, at low-dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, at higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated, and at low-dose O.C treated group). Serum triglycerides recorded significant increase in group treated with higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, low-dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group , higher progestogen concentrations in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, and at low-dose O.C treated group respectively. Serum total cholesterol increased significantly in higher progestogen concentrations in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, at low-dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, low-dose O.C treated group and at higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group at 8 weeks in comparison with control. Histopathological studies of livers showed severe at the higher progestogen concentration in O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group and at low dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group .Liver displayed moderate degenerative changes in higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, in vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group and in low dose O.C treated group. Media calcinosis in aorta was more obvious at the higher progestogen concentrations in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group. Also it develops at low dose O.C treated group.

In conclusion atherosclerosis may develop at low dose O.C due to progestogen content.

**Keywords:** Hypervitaminosis vit. D<sub>2</sub>, O.Cs, Atherosclerosis, Liver, Aorta

## **Introduction:**

The control of a population–explosion is an important part in our national development plan. Hormones are still the most popular contraceptives for such explosion, however their use proved to be responsible for various adverse reactions.

Krauss et al, (1977) found changes in serum high-density lipoproteins, which played a protective role, in atherosclerosis in women on oral contraceptive drugs.

Al-shebib et al, (1982) concluded that hypercholesterolaemia and atheroma could be induced in rabbits by progesterone injection after longer periods of use. Krauss et al (1983) pointed out that changes in serum lipids were associated with the use of two low-dose estrogen progesten and could occur with use of such agents for a 2-month period.

Many researches clarify the relationship between oral contraceptive and cardiovascular disease such as WHO Collaborative Study 1995, WHO Scientific Group 1997, Suissa et al, (1997), Farley et al (1998), and American Society for Reproductive Medicine 1999.

This investigation aims to evaluate the changes in some biochemical parameters as well as the histopathological examination of liver and aorta following the administration of hormonal oral contraceptives with different proportions of estrogen ethinyle-estradiol and progestogen norethindrone to the atherosclerotic rats. In addition to this, the study clarifies the role of low dose oral contraceptives.

## **Materials and Methods**

### **Experimental drugs**

1 ml ampoules of vitamin D<sub>2</sub> (Viosterol 600.000 IU in oil) were obtained from the Memphis Chemical Co.(Cairo) Egypt.

Ethinyle-estradiol and norethindrone were obtained from Chemical Industries Development (CID) Laboratories (Giza) Egypt.

### **Experimental design**

#### **Animals**

48 adult female albino rats weighing 120-150gm, were kept under good hygienic conditions and a well balanced diet. The animals were divided into six comparable groups of 8 animals. Group I (**Gr. I**) was considered as control, group II (**Gr. II**) was I/M injected with 350.000 vit. D<sub>2</sub> /kg B.W., group III (**Gr. III**) administered 35µ g E.E/0.5 mg NOR, group IV (**Gr. IV**) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 I.U vit. D<sub>2</sub> /kg B.W plus O.C 35µ g E.E/0.5 mg.), group V (**Gr.V**) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 I.U/kg B.W. plus O.C 35µ g E.E/1mg NOR.), group VI (**Gr.VI**) received (vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 I.U /kg B.W. plus O.C 70µ g E.E/0.5 mg NOR.) daily for an experimental period eight weeks.

#### **Body weights**

Body weights of rats were recorded before treatment, weekly for 2, 4, 6 and 8 weeks

#### **Blood sampling**

Blood samples were collected from retro-orbital plexus (Schermer, 1967). Serum total cholesterol was determined according to (Waston, 1960), serum triglyceride was estimated according to (Wahlefeld, 1974), (AST), (ALT) were determined according to (Reitman and Frankle, 1957), ALP was determined according to (Kind and King, 1954). The data were statistically analyzed using student's t-test according to (Sendecor and Coebram, 1969). In addition histopathological studies were carried out by collecting the specimens from liver and aorta. These specimens were fixed in 10% formalin 5 micron

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thick paraffin sections were prepared ,stained with hematoxylin & eosin and examined microscopically

### Results and Discussion

Serum aspartate aminotransferase (AST), serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT), and serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) displayed significant increase in the following groups (higher progestogen concentrations in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, at low-dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, at higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated, and at low-dose O.C treated group)

at 8 weeks in comparison with control tables(4,5&6). Histopathological studies of livers showed clear changes at the higher progestogen concentration in O.Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group and at low-vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group .Liver displayed moderate degenerative changes in dose O.C plus higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, and in vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group. Also in low dose O.C only. Histopathological examination appeared as dissociation of hepatic cords, dilation and congestion of central vein and portal tract, and fatty infeneration. Moreover necrosis of some hepatic cells figures (10,7,13, 1&4).

Vit.D has a highly toxic effect on liver and elevated (AST), (ALT) and (ALP) Canada de Zunzunegui et al, 1984. O.Cs elevates serum transferase activities and impaired secretory liver function (Nareman, et al 1991).

The accumulation of vit.D and hormonal contraceptives in liver caused marked increase in (AST), (ALT) and (ALP).

The elevation in serum cholesterol and triglycerides in vit. D treated group treated was in harmony with Vijayakumar and Kurup (1974). While the same group gained less weight

(Bajwa et al 1971 and Takahashi ,1993). An excess intake of vitamin D can result in mobilization of calcium in the skeleton and increases the serum calcium level. This calcium is taken up by soft tissues such as arteries. Vit. D<sub>2</sub> over dosing is mediated through its intermediate ,25-hydroxy -D, rather than its active metabolite 1,25 -dihydroxy -D .It means that the toxicity of vit. D<sub>2</sub> is believed to be the result of high circulating 25-OHD levels .Thus calcium transport and bone resorption goes on at high and unchecked rate ,giving hypercalcaemia (Fraser,1995 & Basu and Tapan1996) .

Concerning our data the increase in the serum total cholesterol and gaining body weight by oral contraceptives treatment, may be referred to the effect of progesterone content which serves as precursor to all other steroids ( Kutsky, 1973). The World Health Organization (WHO) reported a relationship between different progestogens in low estrogens oral contraceptives on venous thromboembolic disease from 1989-1993 in 21 centers globally. Petitti ,et.al 1998 recorded that progestogen type might affect myocardial infarctions. Our results indicated that, the estrogen part elevated serum triglycerides in the absence of increased cholesterol levels and gained less weight than the other groups. This result in agreement with (McGill et. al,1977). Harris and Hughes 1998 reported that O.C use increased circulating levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25OHD) in young women. This finding confirmed our results that medial calcinosis develops at low dose O.Cs Groups treated with vit. D plus O.Cs lead to increase the circulating 25-OHD levels which lead to increase the formation of medial calcinosis.

Media calcinosis in aorta was more obvious at the higher progestogen concentration in O. Cs plus vit. D<sub>2</sub>

treated group and at low-dose O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group. Media calcinosis was moderate at higher estrogen dose within O.C plus vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group, and at vit. D<sub>2</sub> treated group. Also it develops at low dose O.C treated group.

In conclusion atherosclerosis may develop at low dose O.C due to progestogen content.

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**Table(1):Average values ± of body weights (gm) in normal rat groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progesterone, norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 350.000IU/kg g BW	O.C (35ugE.E / 50mgNOR )	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35 µgE.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC (35µgE E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(70µ gE.E/ 50mgNOR
Zero-time	129.37 ±1.23	131.25 ±1.61	129 ± 1.1	128.62 ±0.7	127 ± 1	127.5 ±1
Two-weeks	146.25 ±1	140.25 ±2	148 ±1	145.6 ±1	160 ± 3	135 ± 5
Four-weeks	167.5 ±1.43	150.87 ± 1.7	166.26 ±1.4	158 ±0.6	186 ±2	160 ± 1.5
Six-weeks	183.5 ±2.13	170 ±1.8	185 ±1.2	176.25 ± 1	200 ±3	177.5 ±5
Eight-weeks	215 ± 2	180.37↓ ±3	225* ± 2	216.66 ±3	240** ±5.2	190↓ ±5

Number of rats in each group n=8.

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at p>0.05

\*Significant difference from the corresponding control at p<0.05

\*\*Highly significant difference from the corresponding control at p<0.01

\*\*\*Very highly significant difference from the corresponding control at p<0.001

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**Table(2):Average values  $\pm$ of serum total cholesterol(mg%) in rat groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progesterone, norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU/ kg BW	O.C (35 $\mu$ g E.E / 50mgNOR(	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35 $\mu$ g E.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC (35 $\mu$ gE E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(70 $\mu$ g E.E/ 50mgNOR
Zero-time	60 $\pm$ 2.2	59.4 $\pm$ 1.87	60 $\pm$ 2	58.5 2 $\pm$	57.7 $\pm$ 1.5	58.7 $\pm$ 1.5
Two-weeks	60.3 $\pm$ 1.5	65 $\pm$ 6	62.6 $\pm$ 2	63 $\pm$ 2	63.7 $\pm$ 3.4	62 $\pm$ 2
Four-weeks	59.2 $\pm$ 2	70 $\pm$ 5	65.4 $\pm$ 3	75 $\pm$ 5	83.8 $\pm$ 4	64.3 $\pm$ 1.5
Six-weeks	59 $\pm$ 1	74 $\pm$ 6	68.6 $\pm$ 2.61	78 $\pm$ 4	90 $\pm$ 4	65.33 $\pm$ 2
Eight-weeks	60 $\pm$ 2	80** $\pm$ 4	73** $\pm$ 2.5	88** $\pm$ 4	100*** $\pm$ 3	70 $\pm$ 3

Number of rats in each group n=8 .

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at p>0.05

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**Table(3):Average values  $\pm$  of serum triglycerides(mg%) in normal rat groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progestogen , Norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 35 0.000IU/ kg BW	O.C ( 35 $\mu$ g E.E / 50mgNOR(	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35 $\mu$ g E.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC (35) $\mu$ gE E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(70 $\mu$ g E.E/ 50mgNOR
Zero-time	33.67 $\pm$ 5	34 $\pm$ 1	35 $\pm$ 1	35 $\pm$ 1.5	34 $\pm$ 2	34 $\pm$ 1.5
Two-weeks	33.8 $\pm$ 1	39.5 $\pm$ 1.8	37 $\pm$ 1	55 $\pm$ 2	63 $\pm$ 3.4	75 $\pm$ 3
Four-weeks	34 $\pm$ 0.8	42.5 $\pm$ 1.5	37 $\pm$ 1	65 $\pm$ 3	81 $\pm$ 4	92.2 $\pm$ 4
Six-weeks	34.7 $\pm$ 1	48.4 $\pm$ 5	39 $\pm$ 1.5	80 $\pm$ 5	120 $\pm$ 5	150 $\pm$ 6
Eight-weeks	35 $\pm$ 1	50** $\pm$ 5	43** $\pm$ 2	100** $\pm$ 4	150*** $\pm$ 6	206*** $\pm$ 10

Number of rats in each group n=8 .

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at p>0.05

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**Table(4):Average values  $\pm$  of serum aspartate aminotransferase (SAST) U/L in normal rat groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progestogen , Norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU/kg BW	O.C (35 µg E.E / 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35µg E.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC (35µgE E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(70µg E.E/ 50mgNOR)
Zero-time	23.5 ±1.5	25 ±2	25 ±1.4	22.17 ±1.7	25 ±2	27 ±3
Two-weeks	22.2 ±2	33 ±4	27 ±3	43.3 ±2.7	50 ±4.6	51.8 ±3.4
Four-weeks	23.2 ± 1.5	35 ±5	30 ±3	55 ±5	65 ±4	82.2 ±4
Six-weeks	22 ±2	38 4±	32 ±4	78 ±4	81.4 ±5	92.6 ±5
Eight-weeks	23 ±2	45** ±4	35* ±5	94*** ±4	102*** ± 6	107*** ±7

Number of rats in each group n=8 .

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at p>0.05

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**Table ( 5 ) : Average values  $\pm$ of serum alanine aminotransferase (U/l) (SALT) in rat groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progesterone, norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU/kg BW	O.C (35µg E.E / 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35 µg E.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC (35µg E E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(70µg E.E/ 50mgNOR)
Zero-time	15.1 ±2.1	15.5 ±2.5	14.5 ±2.3	15.5 ±2.5	14.5 ±2.3	15 ± 2.4
Two-weeks	15.5 ±1.5	17.5 ±2.7	15.4 ±2.5	19 ± 2.3	20 ±2	22 ±2.3
Four-weeks	16.2 ±2.4	20 ±3	17 ±2	25 ±2.5	30 ±3	33 ±3
Six-weeks	16.5 ±2	25 2.5±	20 ±2.5	30 ±3	41 ±4	40 ±3.1
Eight-weeks	17.2 ±3	35** ±3	25* ±2	40*** ±3.5	45*** ± 3.7	43*** ±2.5

Number of rats in each group n=8 .

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at p>0.05

\*Significant difference from the corresponding control at p<0.05

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**Table(6):Average values  $\pm$ of serum alkaline phosphatase U/mL (SALP) groups intramuscularly injected with vit. D 350.000IU/kg BW and administered different concentrations of estrogen, ethinyle estradiol, (E-E) and progesterone, norethindrone, (NOR) and their corresponding controls for 8weeks**

Time intervals	Groups					
	Gr. I	Gr. II	Gr. III	Gr. IV	Gr.V	VI
	Control	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> 350.000IU /kg BW	O.C (35ugE.E / 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(35ug E.E/ 50mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC 35)ugE E. / 1mgNOR)	Vit.D <sub>2</sub> +OC(7 0ugE.E/ 50mgNOR
Zero-time	37.16 $\pm$ 2.2	37.66 $\pm$ 1.5	34 $\pm$ 1.5	35 $\pm$ 2	33 $\pm$ 2	35 $\pm$ 2
Two-weeks	38 $\pm$ 2	44.16 $\pm$ 4	40 $\pm$ 3	54 $\pm$ 4	60 $\pm$ 4	49.3 $\pm$ 3
Four-weeks	34 $\pm$ 3.2	52 $\pm$ 4	45.8 $\pm$ 3	60 $\pm$ 5	79 $\pm$ 5	60 $\pm$ 6
Six-weeks	37 $\pm$ 2.3	59 $\pm$ 7	50 $\pm$ 6	66 $\pm$ 4	84 $\pm$ 6	65.4 $\pm$ 4
Eight-weeks	37.3 $\pm$ 1.5	70.2** $\pm$ 5	67.5** $\pm$ 5	78*** $\pm$ 6	89*** $\pm$ 5	75*** $\pm$ 5

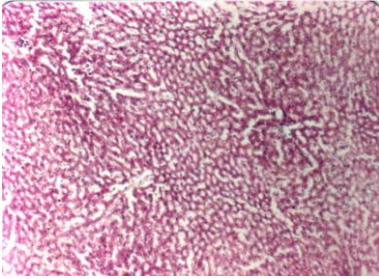
Number of rats in each group n=8 .

Insignificant difference from the corresponding control at  $p>0.05$

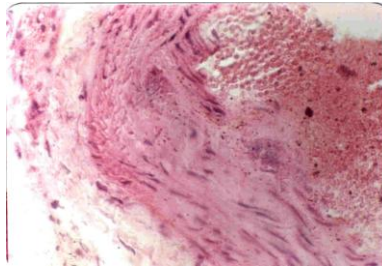
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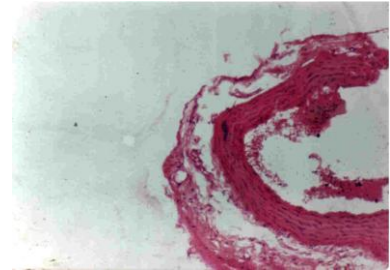
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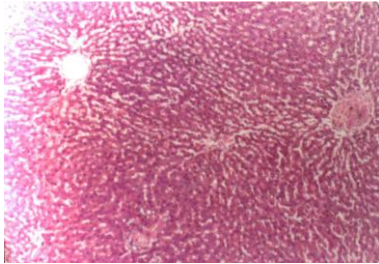
**Fig. (1):** liver of female rat I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /Kg Bw. 8 weeks. Showing congestion, and fatty infiltration. H&E x100



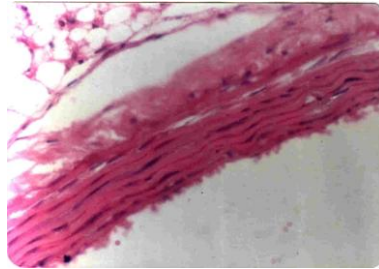
**Fig. (2):** Aorta of female rat I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw.for 8 weeks. Showing mild degenerative changes in the media. H&E x400



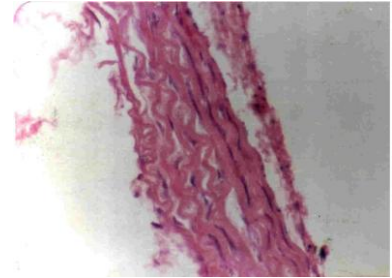
**Fig. (3):** Aorta of female rat I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw.for 8 weeks. Showing focal calcinosis changes in the media. H&E x100



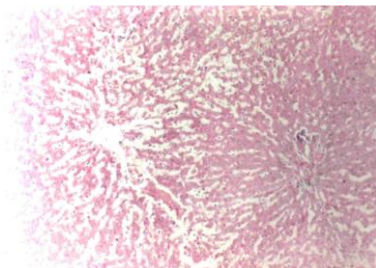
**Fig. (4):** liver of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 0. 5mg NOR) for 8 weeks. Showing congestion and fatty infiltration . H&E x100



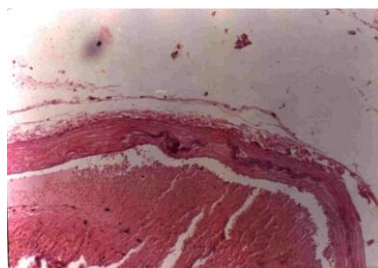
**Fig. (5):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 0. 5mg NOR) for 8 weeks. Showing early fibrillar degenerative changes at the media . H&E x 400



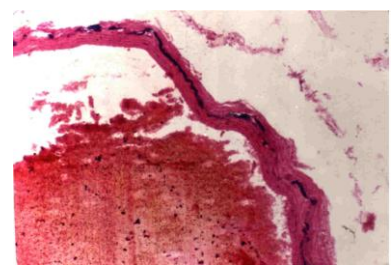
**Fig. (6):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 0. 5mg NOR) for 8 weeks. Showing marked fibrillar degenerative changes at the media . H&E x400



**Fig. (7):** liver of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 0. 5mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing congestion , fatty infiltration and necrotic changes . H&E x 100



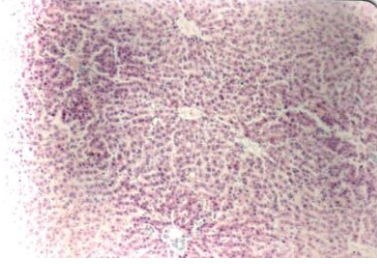
**Fig. (8):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 0. 5mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing moderate calcinosis in the media . H&E x 100



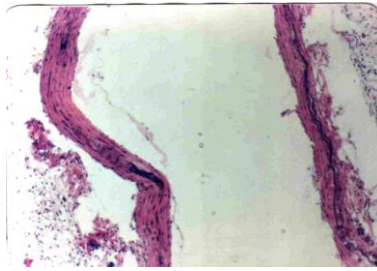
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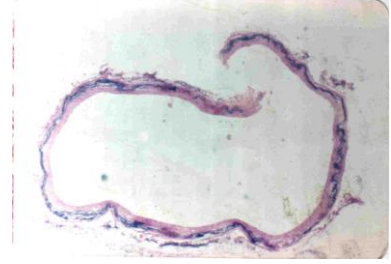
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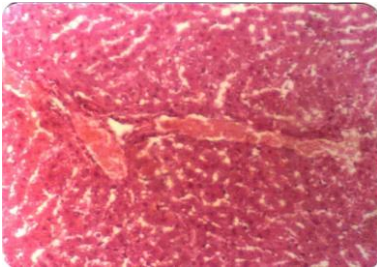
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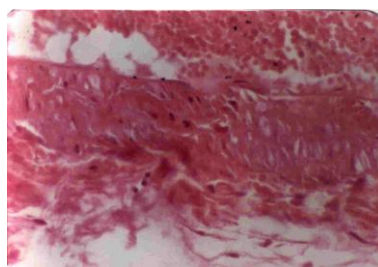
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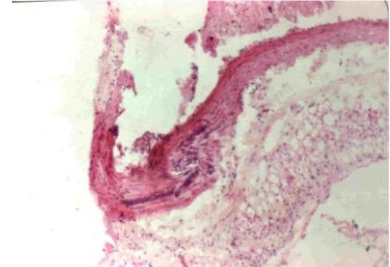
**fig.(15):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (35µg E. E/ 1mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing medial calcinosis. H&E x 100



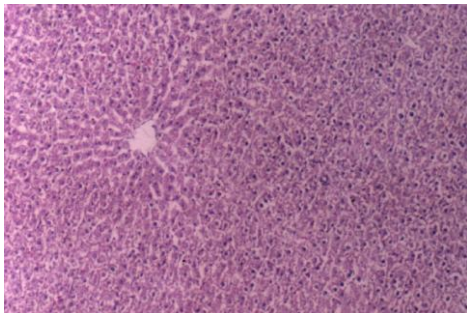
**Fig. (13):** liver of female rat administered O.C (70µg E. E/ 0.5mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing congestion and fatty infiltration. H&E x 100



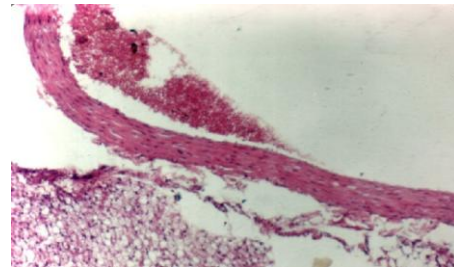
**Fig. (11):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (70µg E. E/ 0.5mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing hyalinization (necrobiotic changes) precedes calcinosis. H&E x 400



**Fig. (12):** Aorta of female rat administered O.C (70µg E. E/ 0.5mg NOR+ I/M injected with vit. D<sub>2</sub> 350.000 IU /KgBw) for 8 weeks. Showing focal medial calcinosis. . H&E x 100



**Fig(13):** liver of control female rat at 8weeks  
H&E x 100



**Fig(14):**Aorta of control female rat at 8weeks  
H&E x 100

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## بعض المتغيرات الكيميائية الحيوية المصاحبة لتناول موانع الحمل التي تستعمل عن طريق الفم ومرض تكلس الشرايين (تصلب الشرايين) في فئران المهق

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ينتج عن زياده تناول فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> زياده معدل الكالسيوم في الدم ويؤدى ذلك الى ترسيبه في الانسجه الرقيقه مثل الأوعيه الدمويه . وقد أجريت أبحاث كثيره وضحت العلاقه بين تناول موانع الحمل ( الهرمونات الأسترويديه المخلقه ) التى تستعمل عن طريق الفم ومرض تكلس الشرايين .  
ولهذا فقد تناول البحث تقييم بعض المتغيرات الكيميائيه الحيويه وفحص المتغيرات المرضيه فى الكبد والشريان الأورطالناجحة عن تناول موانع الحمل (مزيج من الأستروجين والبروجستيرون)بتركيزات مختلفه لفئران مصابه بمرض تكلس الشرايين عن طريق إعطاء فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> بكميه ذائده وأيضا توضيح دور موانع الحمل التى تستعمل عن طريق الفم ذات الجرعه المنخفضه.

و قد تم تقسيم عدد 48 من إناث الفئران إلى 6 مجموعات كل مجموعه تحتوى على 8 فئران. و تعتبر المجموعه الأولى مجموعه ضابطة و المجموعه الثانية تحقن عضليا (بجرعه 350000فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> وحده دوليه / كجم من وزن) الجسم و المجموعه الثالثة تتناول حبوب منع الحمل (35 ميكرو جم من الاستروجين/0.5ملجم من البروجستوجين) مجموعه الرابعة تحقن عضليا بجرعه( 350000 فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> وحده دوليه / كجم من وزن الجسم + 35 ميكرو جم من الاستروجين/0.5ملجم من البروجستوجين), المجموعه الخامسة تحقن عضليا( بجرعه 350000 فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> وحده دوليه / كجم من وزن الجسم + 35 ميكرو جم من الاستروجين/1ملجم من البروجستوجين), المجموعه السادسة تحقن عضليا (بجرعه 350000 فيتامين د<sub>2</sub> وحده دوليه / كجم من وزن الجسم + 70 ميكرو جم من الاستروجين/0.5ملجم من البروجستوجين)وبعد فتره تتراوح ثمانية أسابيع تم أخذ عينات من دم الفئران لدراسه مستوى بعض الأنزيمات والدهنيات فى الدم وأيضا تم أخذ عينات شمعيه لكل من الكبد والشريان الأورطى لدراسه التغيرات المرضيه بهم.

وأظهرت النتائج زياده ذو دلالة أحصائيه فى مستوى مصل خمائر أنزيمات أمينوترانسفيراز ومستوى مصل الفوسفاتاز القلوي فى المجموعات الآتية( مجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من البروجستيرون ، ومجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د+مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه ، و المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من الأستروجين ، والمجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د ثم المجموعه المعامله بمانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه)، وأيضا الجلوسريدات الثلاثيه

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فقد سجلت النتائج زيادة ملحوظة فى المجاميع التالية(المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د+ مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من الاستروجين ، والمجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د+مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه ، والمجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د ثم المجموعه المعامله بمانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه)

وبالنسبه للكوليستيرول فقد سجلت النتائج زياده ذات معنى أحصائى فى المجموعات التاليه (مجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من البروجسترون ، ومجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د+ مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه والمجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د ،و المجموعه المعامله بمانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه ثم المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من الأستروجين ).

وأوضح الفحص المجهري وجود تغييرات مرضيه فى خلايا الكبد تكون شديده فى المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من البروجسترون وأيضا المجموعه تعامل بفيتامين د+ مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه،وتكون التغييرات المرضيه متوسطه فى المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د + مانع الحمل ذات الجرعه العاليه من الأستروجين ،و المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د، و المجموعه المعامله بمانع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه،و أما بالنسبة لتكوين تكلس(ترسيب الكالسيوم) فى الطبقة الوسطى من الأورطى مصاحبا بتغيير مرضى بها فقد كان ظهرا أكثر فى المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د<sub>2</sub> ومحتوى أكبر من البروجستوجين المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د<sub>2</sub> تتناول حبوب منع الحمل بجرعه مخفضه ثم المجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د<sub>2</sub> ومحتوى أكبر من الاستروجين والمجموعه المعامله بفيتامين د<sub>2</sub> فقط وقد ينمو أيضا فى المجموعه التى تتناول حبوب منع الحمل بجرعه مخفضه وقد دلت النتائج أن حبوب منع الحمل ذات الجرعه المنخفضه قادرة لوحدها لاحداث مرض تصلب الشرايين(تكلس الشرايين) ويرجع هذا الى البروجستوجين الموجود بها.