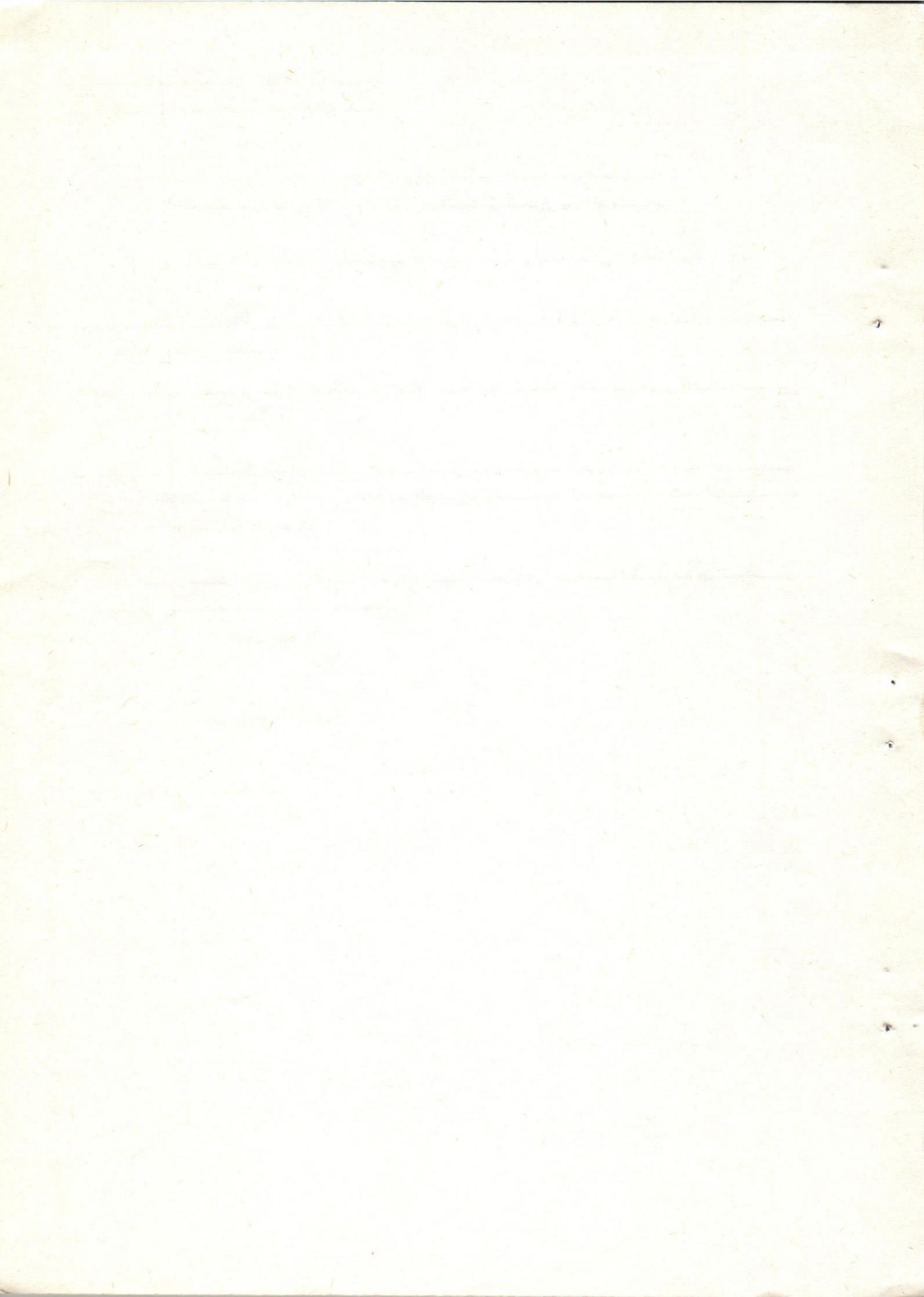


محاولات احداث عدوى صناعية للدجاج بفيروس مرض النيوكاسل المعزول من اليمام  
وكذلك احداث عدوى صناعية لليمام بفيروس مرض النيوكاسل المعزول من الدجاج

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- ١- ثبت من تجربة سابقة أن اليمام يتأثر بالعدوى بفيروس نيوكاسل الطيور الحشرى الضارى عند ما تمت العدوى بطرق مختلفة .  
وظهرت أعراض عصبية على اليمام وكانت العلامات التشريحية الظاهرة هى التهاب فى الأحشاء الداخلية فقط .
- ٢- نتائج هذا البحث أظهرت أن اليمام المصاب بالعدوى الصناعية قد نقل العدوى إلى الكتاكيت القابلة للعدوى . وأن الكتاكيت المصابة بالعدوى الصناعية قد نقلت العدوى لليمام القابل للعدوى .
- ٣- ومن هذا البحث اتضح أن اليمام من أحسن المصادر الطبيعية لنقل عدوى النيوكاسل الحشرى الضارى للطيور المستأنسة .



TRIAL OF TRANSMISSION OF VELOGENIC VISCEROTROPIC NEWCASTLE VIRUS FROM INFECTED DOVES  
"STREPTOPLIA SENEGALENSIS AEGYPTIACUS" TO SUSCEPTIBLE CHICKENS  
AND FROM INFECTED CHICKENS TO SUSCEPTIBLE DOVES  
(With One Table)

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SUMMARY

1. In a previous experiment it was proved that doves responded to the VVNDV given by different routes with nervous symptoms and congestion of the internal organs.
2. This experiment showed that infected doves transmitted the VVNDV to susceptible chickens and that infected chickens transmitted the disease to susceptible doves.
3. So doves acted as good transmitters of VVNDV to domesticated chickens.

INTRODUCTION

In a previous experiment, experimental infection of the Egyptian doves with the VVNDV using different routes showed that these birds responded to the virus and showed nervous symptoms and died with congestion of the internal organs

There are different opinions about the susceptibility of doves and their role in the transmission of Newcastle disease virus to domesticated chicks. MAGID *et al.* (1963) reported that the Nile sparrow (*Passer domesticus riboticus*) and the Egyptian dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis aegyptiacus*) resisted infection when N.D.V. was administered orally. The feces were free from the virus and that doves and sparrows placed in contact with ND infected chickens failed to contract the disease. Although ND of pigeons and doves had been reported by several workers (PICARD, 1928; VRTIAK, 1958; MARSTONI and SIDOLI, 1959; ULEBRICH and SODAN, 1956). On the other hand other observers had noted a lack of apparent infection of pigeons and doves subjected to probable natural exposure (CRAWFORD, 1931; BIANCHI, 1941; ORR and JOHN, 1946; ADLER *et al.*, 1951). More workers reported that pigeons and doves are usually resistant to overt disease by experimental, oral or contact exposure (KEE, 1928; ADLER *et al.*, 1951; and SANTUCCI, 1956; BACZYNSKI, 1960 a).

In the following experiment a trial was made to find out the role played by the Egyptian doves in the transmission of the VVNDV to chickens.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Birds:

10 doves were purchased from the local market that were in good condition. One day old chicks were taken from the poultry company, were coming from vaccinated parents and were kept in an isolated place for 6 weeks to get rid of the prenatal immunity.

The Virus:

The virus used in the experiment is the velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease virus locally isolated and characterized and proved to be the VVNDV. It was lyophilized and titrated in chick embryos and gave a titer of  $10^{-8.25}$ .

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Experimental:

All birds were kept under observation for 3 days and blood samples and fecal swabs were taken from all birds before inoculation and all gave 1:0 HI titer and negative for the trail of isolation of the virus proving that all the birds used in the experiment were fully susceptible.

Experimental:

The birds were divided into two groups, each constituted 5 doves and 5 chicks. Each group was kept in a separate cage. They were given the VVNDV as follows:

Group 1:

The five doves were each given one million infective doses of the virus per os. and the chickens were left uninoculated as susceptible contacts.

Group 2:

The five chickens were each given one million infective doses of the virus per os and the doves were left uninoculated as susceptible contacts.

Fecal swabs were taken from all the birds every day during the experiment. Blood samples were collected from all birds every 10 days.

## RESULTS

As shown in Table 1, in the first group all the 5 inoculated doves showed nervous symptoms and died between the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> day of inoculation and the lesions were congestion of the internal organs. All the 5 inoculated doves shed the virus from the intestine on the first till the 4<sup>th</sup> day, the HI titer of blood reached 1:40 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of inoculation and the virus was recovered from the internal organs of all the dead doves. In the same group the contact susceptible chickens contracted the disease from the inoculated doves, as they showed typical symptoms and lesions and shed the virus from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and virus was recovered from the internal organs of all dead chickens. All the inoculated chickens of the second group showed typical symptoms and lesions, shed the virus and virus was recovered from the internal organs of all dead chicks. The susceptible contact doves contracted the disease from the inoculated chicks, showed nervous symptoms, congestion of internal organs and died from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> day of being in contact. The virus was recovered from the internal organs of all dead doves and HI titer reached 1:40 to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of contact.

## DISCUSSION

The results of the previous experiment on the susceptibility of the Egyptian doves "*Senegalensis aegyptiacus*" showed that these birds responded to the velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease virus when given by different routes. They showed nervous symptoms and congestion of the internal organs. In this experiment when susceptible chickens were kept in contact with inoculated doves they contracted the disease and when susceptible doves were kept in contact with inoculated chicks they contracted the disease. So doves here acted as good transmitters of the VVNDV. These results were different from those obtained by MAGID (1965) who reported that Egyptian doves resisted infection when N.D.V. was administered orally and that doves placed in contact with ND infected chickens failed to contract the disease. Probably the difference in results might be attributed to the type of virus used and the dose given. Although some workers supported the infection of doves with Newcastle disease (VRTIAK, 1958; MARASTONI, 1950; ULBRICH, 1965; CRAWFORD, 1931) other workers had noted a lack of apparent infection of pigeons and doves subjected to probable natural exposure (BIANCHI, 1941; ORR, 1946; ADLER, 1951 and KEE, 1928).

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TABLE (1)

Trial of Transmission of VVNDV from Doves to Chickens and from Chickens to Doves.

Type of Birds	Results	Incub. Per	Sympt. and P.M. Lesi
5 Inoculation Doves Given 1 cc of One million VVNDV V. Per Os.	Died with nervous symptoms	6 - 28 D.	Nervous sympt. of Tremors and Paralysis and congestion of internal organs
5 Contact. suscept. chicks.	Died with respiratory and nervous symptoms.	5 - 6 D.	Typical Resp. and Nervous Symptom and P.M. Lesions.
5 Contact Suscept. Doves.	Died with nervous symptoms	13 - 24 D.	Nervous symptoms and congestion of internal organs.
Shedding of Virus		HI Test	Virus Isolation
Shed virus from first or second day of inoculation till the 4th day.		Preinoc. 1:0 or d aftiai 1:0 20d" " 1:40	+
Shed virus from the 2nd to the 5th day.		Preinoc. 1:0 Died before blood collected.	+
Shed virus from the 2nd to the 6th day.		Preinoc. 1:0 Died before blood collected.	+
Shed virus in 2 out of 5 doves on the 12 day in the first and 21, 22 & 25 d in the second.		Preinoc. 1:0 2 Od. 1:40	+

