

تأثير تغير العلائق على صور بروتزوا
الكرش في الأغنام

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أجرى العد التصنيفى لبروتزوا الكرش في الأغنام لدراسة تأثير الجوع ، وعليقة غنية بالمواد الكربوهيدراتية ، وعليقة غنية بالسليولوز بالإضافة الى البروتين الخام على أنواع البروتزوا المختلفة . وجد أن الانتودييم ، ولانتودييم كودانى كانوا يمثلون أغلب البروتزوا ، وقد تكاثروا مع العليقة النضرة والسليولوزية . وكانت الدبلودينيم والافريوسكولكس ينمون مع السليولوز فقط . كانت الايزوتريكابروسوما والايوتريكانتستيناليز والديزيتريكالأقل في العدد . وقد تناقص عدد هم مع المجموعات الثلاثية . كانت الهولوتريكا أكثر حساسية للتجوع عن الاوليجوتريكا . وقد فسر زيادة الديزيتريكا أثناء التجوع فقط على حساب علاقتها مع بكتريا الكرش حيث كانت البكتيريا الكروية المفردة هى العالقة . كذلك ارتفاع عدد البكتريا السبحية فى البطاطس أحد العوامل التى أدت الى ازدهار الانتوديينيم كوداتس فى هذه المجموعة .

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE VARIABILITY OF FOOD
STUFFS ON THE PICTURE OF RUMEN MICROFOUNA IN SHEEP
(With One Figure and 3 Tables)

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SUMMARY

Differential count of rumen protozoa was done in sheep to demonstrate the influence of starvation, rich carbohydrate diet and rich cellulose containing crude protein diet on different types of protozoa. Entodinium and Entodinium caudatus constituted the majority of the protozoa and flourished with cellulose and starch diet. Diplodinium and Ophryoscler were purely cellulose digester. Isotricha prostoma, Isotricha intestinalis and Dasytricha were the least in number and decreased in the three groups. The holotricha was most sensitive to starvation than the Oligotricha. The increase of Dasytricha during starvation is explained only on the bases of correlation to the bacterial content where the single cocci were predominant. Also the streptococci high number in Solanum tuberosum was a factor in flourishing of Entodinium caudatus in this group.

INTRODUCTION

There are still many aspects unknown in the role of the protozoa in the process of ruminal digestion. Defaunation experiments show no influence on the process of digestion. Conflicting evaluation on the role of protozoa in cellulose digestion, was reviewed by KIROLOV and KROTKOVA (1977). The role of protozoa in carbohydrate digestion was only confined to storage of starch. The protozoal body acts as a rich source of

protein of high biological value to the host.

The variability in number and types of microfauna with different types of diets, to certain extent, explains the role of protozoa in digestion. The aim of this work is to add some information about the variability of local sheep breed microfauna in cases of starvation, administration of rich starch diet *Solanum tuberosum* and rich cellulose contain crude protein *Pisum sativus* stem.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Three groups, each of five rams of local breeds, were subjected to clinical and faecal examination before carrying the test. Rams were fed Barseem for a period of (30 days) pre-experimental. Two common feedstuffs that grow locally were offered to them. One was *Solanum tuberosum* which represents food rich in carbohydrates and the other was the dry stem of *Pisum sativus* which is rich in cellulose and contains crude protein. Before giving these food stuffs, the animals were starved for twenty four hours. Samples from ruminal contents were taken; by stomach tube connected to a suction pump; before and after starvation as well as after 24 hours post feeding.

The samples were treated for examination by the method of HARMEYE, 1963. Films were examined under microscope for differential count.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the rumen content of the all groups of rams, the following types of protozoa were recorded (Table 1). The Oligotricha was represented by the genus *Entodinium*, *Diplodinium* and *Ophryoscolex*. While *Holotricha* was represented by *Isotricha protoma*, *Isotricha intestinalis* and *Dasytricha*.

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In the control Barseem group, the richest protozoa, constituting the majority of rumen flora, was *Entodinium* (69.8%). Others constituted the following percentages *Entodinium caudatus* 11.2%, *Dasytricha* 6.8%, *Diplodinium* 6%, *Isotricha intestinalis* 3.2%, *Isotricha prostoma* 2.2% and the least was *Ophryoscolex* 1.3%.

BECKER and TALBOTT (1927) reported the presence of the holotricha with its genus *Isotricha prostoma*, *Isotricha intestinalis* and *Dasytricha* in sheep. FERBER (1928) stated that the genus *Entodinium* and *Diplodinium* represent the majority and constitute nearly 80 - 90% of rumen protozoa in sheep. SMAIL and ROBENSON (1958) observed that the first appearance of the protozoa in the rumen of young have a determined sequence. At first appears the protozoa of genus *Entodinium* after that *Diplodinium* then the separate types of holotricha.

In the starved group, the sensitivity of the different types of protozoa varied. Some types twicely increased above the normal level as *Diplodinium*, *Ophryoscolex* and *Dasytricha* which constituted (10.9%, 2.3% and 15.8%). With control Barseem group the respective percentages were 7, 1.3 and 6.5. Other types decreased than normal as *Entodinium caudatus*, *Entodinium* and *Isotricha intestinalis* and *prostoma* and constituted percentages of (2.9, 62.4, 2.9 and 1.9). In normal Barseem group they were (11.2%, 69.2%, 3.5% and 2.2%).

BELEN KII, (1923) found that the quantity and the type content of the protozoa depended, on a large extent, on the condition of animal feeding. On the third day starvation in sheep only few individuals of protozoa were found, the majority of which were of low vitality,. On the fourth day starvation only few individuals were observed. The author also observed that the sensitivity of separate types of protozoa to starvation is variable. At first died the *Isotricha*, followed by

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Ophryosolex and Diplodinium. Entodinium was the last one to disappear from the rumen.

In the present work the increase in number of Diplodinium, Ophryoscolex and Dasytricha can be explained by the fact that these protozoa are the cellulose and starch digester. During starvation for 24 hours, the main constituents of the rumen are cellulose fibres. This fact is also proved in the group fed on *Pisum sativus* stem which represents a roughage containing 39.8% cellulose. The type of protozoa which increased in this group were genus Diplodinium 13.2%, Ophryoscolex 3.6% and Entodinium 74.2%. It forms in Barseem 6%, 1.3% and 69.3%.

The fact that Diplodinium and Entodinium are cellulose digester was firstly suspected by the observation that these types of protozoa swallow large quantity of cellulose which undergo considerable changes in their body (SOHULEZ, 1924). DOGEL and VINOGRADOVOL did not confirm this opinion and stated that the cellulose fragments leave the body of protozoa without any morphological changes. In their opinion, the significant role of these protozoa in the digestion of cellulose is confined to mechanical grinding of the plant fibers. USUELLI (1930) stated that lyses of the cellulose in the body of protozoa occurred through the help of swallowed bacteria attached to cellulose particles. Later on HUNGATE (1943) discovered the enzyme cellulase by studying the extract of different types of Diplodinium and Entodinium. The same result was proved in recent research by ABBO AKKADA, EADLE and HOWARD (1963) who concluded that although cellulose digestion by the protozoa is not an essential role nevertheless separate types shared in its dissolution.

The main role of Ophryoscolex appears also to be mainly cellulose digester as the other members of Oligotricha. It

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increases above normal in starvation (3.2%) and *Pisum sativus* (3.6%). While it nearly disappears in *Solanum tuberosum*.

In starvation group, *Pisum sativus* and *Solanum tuberosum* groups, the *Isotricha intestinalis*, *Isotricha prostoma* were decreased than normal. The *isotricha prostoma* was 1.9% in starved group, 1% in *Solanum tuberosum*, 0.6% *Pisum sativus* and 2.2% in Barseem. The same was true for *Isotricha intestinalis* in Starved group 2.9%, 1.0% in *Solanum tuberosum*, 0.6% *Pisum sativus* and 3.5 in Barseem. *Dasytricha* was within the range in *Solanum tuberosum*, *Pisum sativus* (7.2%, 5.8% in Barseem 6.6%). While it twice increased in starvation (15.8% Barseem 6.6%). This decrease can be explained by the fact that *Isotricha intestinalis* and *prostoma* and *Dasytricha* utilize only soluble carbohydrates. OXFORD (1951), SUGDEN (1953), SUGDEN and OXFORD (1952), GUTIERREZ (1955) and LEVINE (1961) stated that the *Isotricha prostoma*, *intestinalis* and *Dasytricha* ferment soluble carbohydrate glucose, fructose, sucrose, rafenose and insignificant amount of cellobiose. The product of fermentation was volatile fatty acids, lactic acid, CO_2 and water.

The twice increase in the number of *Dasytricha* in the starved group was correlated in our opinion to the bacterial content of the rumen flora where in starvation it was mainly single cocci, diplococci and streptococci. The single cocci constituted 75% of microflora (Table 2) as given by SANAA. M. NASSAR *et al.* (1977). GUTIERRES and HUNGATE (1957) found that *Dasytricha ruminantium* ingested small cocci and occasionally small rod-shaped bacteria. They were able to cultivate this species in a medium containing these types of bacteria but on growth could be reached without it.

In *Solanum tuberosum* group, there was increase in the

ratio of Diplodinium (10.8% - Barseem 6%) and the Entodinium caudatus (15%, Barseem 11.2%). There were decrease in Ophroscolex and Isotricha intestinalis and prostoma.

The Entodinium caudatus was mainly starch ingester. SUDGEN (1953), LEVINE (1961), ABBO LADDADA and HOWARD (1960) stated that Entodinium which are starch ingester, although it cannot metabolised this ingested starch and nothing is known about product of starch digestion by this genus. In the opinion of GUTIERREZ and DAVIS (1959) this ingested starch act as a store to the animal host and in this manner smooth the fermentation processes through preventing streptococcus bovis from gaining excess easily to this stored starch. GUTIERREZ and DAVIS (1959) found that Entodinium species could be cultivated in the presence of Streptococcus bovis but not without it, and that Entodinium caudatus ingest not only streptococcus bovis but also other bacteria. HUNGATE (1959) stated that Entodinium smooth out the fermentation process by converting starch into reserve food and by feeding on streptococci thus keeps it in check. This is proved in our results as the percent of streptococci was the richest in potato (7%) on which Entodinium caudatus flourished.

In conclusion; the microfouna of rumen of sheep was largely influenced by variation in the type of ration. Holotrichus was the most sensitive to starvation and ration variation. This is because it depends on soluble carbohydrates in its nutrition. The Oligotricha which are cellulose and starch ingester are the least to be affected in starvation and other groups. The Diplodinium and Entodinium flourished with high cellulose content of Pisum sativus. The Entodinium also flourished with high percent of carbohydrate in Solanum tuberosum.

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Not only the food but also the bacterial flora is an important factor for the growth of microfoua. On this bases, one could explain and correlate the twice increase in number of *Dasytricha* in starvation with the predominance of cocci and also the significant increase in number of *Entodinium coudatus* in *Solanum tuberosum* with the increased number of streptococci.

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Table (1)
 Differential count of rumen micro floral in percent during digestion of different food stuffs

Groups of feeding	Single cocci		Diplo cocci		Strepto cocci		Cocco- bacilli and Bacilli		Filaments		Vibrio	
	Gr+	Gr-	Gr+	Gr-	Gr+	Gr-	Gr+	Gr-	Spiral form	Straight form	Gr+	Gr-
Starved.	60	15	8	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barseem	23	10	13	2	-	-	33	7	6	-	-	7
Vicia Foba	24	7	14	2	-	-	11	32	3	-	6	5
Fisum sativus	44	6	10	3	4	-	25	2	3	-	-	4
Saccharum officinarum	7	71	1	5	3	-	5	4	-	-	-	2
Solanum tuberosum	17	31	9	15	7	-	11	6	-	-	2	2
Hilanthus annus	12	25	26	9	-	-	9	7	-	-	1	1

Table (2)
Chemical Analyses of used food stuffs in percent [Ⓢ]

Constituents	Moisture %	Crude protein %	Ether extract %	Ash %	Carbohydrates %	Crude fibers %
Barseem [Ⓢ]	86.31	2.54	0.46	1.92	6.39	3.80
Vicia Foba	84.40	3.35	0.73	2.11	5.92	3.49
Pisum Sativus	7.96	7.70	0.85	7.70	39.20	36.51
Saccharum officinarum	65.76	1.01	0.46	0.99	20.89	10.89
Solanum tuberosum	79.10	1.66	0.05	1.10	17.74	0.35
Hilianthus annuus	70.26	0.44	0.21	1.67	12.90	12.54

[Ⓢ] Technical bulletin of ministry of agriculture (1968)

^{ⓈⓈ} Abou Akkada et al. (1958).

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Table 3

The percentage of differential count of rumen protozoa in sheep in starved, normal regim of feeding (barseem), tuberosum and pisum sativus.

Species of protozoa	Percentage of the differential count of protozoa			
	Normal	Starved	Potato	Pea stem
Isotricha intestinalis	3.5	2.9	1.0	0.6
Isotricha proctoma	2.2	1.9	1.0	0.6
Dasytricha.	6.5	15.8	7.2	5.8
Entodinium caudatus	11.2	2.9	15.0	2.0
Entodinium.	69.3	62.4	64.8	74.2
Diplodinium	6.0	10.9	10.8	13.2
Ophryoscolex	1.3	3.2	0.2	3.6

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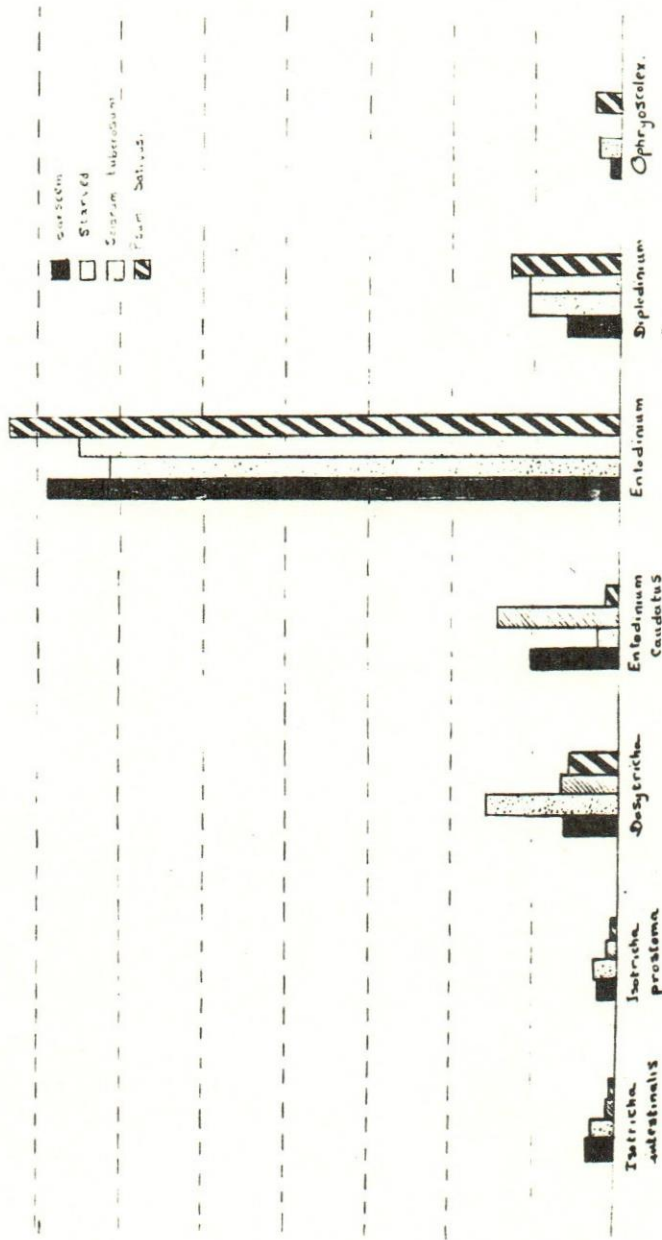
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