



**EFFECT OF LIGHTING REGIMENS, LEVELS AND SOURCES OF DIETARY IODINE ON SEMEN QUALITY, YOLK IODINE CONTENT AND CHICKS QUALITY TRAITS OF MANDARAH CHICKENS STRAIN**

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**ABSTRACT:** A total of 400 females and 400 males of Mandarrah strain at 6 weeks old were transferred to an environmentally controlled light proof house. The controlled house are divided inside into four separate partition. They were distributed to the partitions according to the photoperiod regimen, since female chicks were placed in the first and third partition, while the males were placed in the second and fourth partition (200 chicks / partition with two sources of iodine (organic, inorganic) inside each source two levels (0.5, 2) with 5 replicate for each treatment with 10 chicks in each replicate). Chicks in the first and second partition exposed to Step-up photoperiod (SUP): The photoperiod was increased gradually from 10 h/d at 8 weeks by half an hour each wk to reach 16-h/d at 20 wk of age. While, the chicks in the third and fourth partition exposed to Constant step-up photoperiod (CSUP): The photoperiod was kept constant at 12-h/d at 8 weeks of age until 16 wk of age and increased gradually by an hour each wk to reach 16-h/d at 20 wk of age. Chicks in each lighting regimen are divided equally into four groups (50 birds with 5 replicate) to receive one of the following dietary experiment: basal diet supplemented with 0.5 (T1), 2 (T2) mg inorganic iodine (Potassium iodide) / Kg diet, 0.5 (T3), 2 (T4) mg organic iodine (I-enriched yeast) / Kg diet. Results showed that SUP regimen (Lr1) increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) egg weight, eggshell thickness, haugh units, iodine content in egg yolk, semen quality, fertility, hatchability (%), chick quality traits, corticosterone and testosterone hormones compared with CSUP (Lr2). Also, organic iodine enhanced ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) egg weight, eggshell thickness, haugh units, iodine content in egg yolk, semen quality, fertility, hatchability (%), chick quality traits, T3/T4 ratio, corticosterone and testosterone hormones compared with inorganic iodine. Moreover, 2mg iodine/kg diet increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) iodine content in egg yolk, thyroid hormones and decreased concentration of corticosterone hormone.

In conclusion, providing SUP regimens for closed houses from 8-20 weeks birds age with 2mg organic iodine/kg diet could increased egg quality traits, the iodine content of yolk eggs, semen quality, chick quality traits, thyroid, corticosterone and testosterone hormones.

**Key words:** lighting regimens, iodine, semen quality, yolk iodine content, chick quality

## INTRODUCTION

Lighting is one of the important factors. It is perceived by a deep brain photoreceptor and long day-induced thyrotropin (TSH) from the pars tuberalis of the pituitary gland causes local thyroid hormone activation within the mediobasal hypothalamus. The locally generated bioactive thyroid hormone, T<sub>3</sub>, regulates seasonal gonadotropin-releasing hormone secretion, and hence gonadotropin secretion (Ikegami and Yoshimura, 2012).

It has been established that the eyes are not necessary for the photo-sexual response since the photoperiodic response of blinded and sighted birds are similar. Light energy pass through the skull to stimulate photoreceptors in the hypothalamus rather than the eye (Feldkaemper and Schaeffel, 2013).

It is of practical importance to know how many hours of light must be given to the bird before and after sexual maturity in order to maximize egg production for hens and optimum semen production for cocks (Gharahveysi et al., 2020).

To more understand light manipulation, it can be classified into four major components: 1) the wavelength and source, 2) the light intensity, 3) the photoperiod length and distribution and 4) time of photostimulation (Capar Akyuz and Onbasilar, 2018).

Males are greater sensitivity to photoperiod than females. To maintain normal levels of reproductive performance, the photoperiod must be maintained above minimal photoperiod during the production period this minimum amount of light for males is generally about 12h/d (Megan, H. M., 2008).

Nutrition of laying hens can be precisely divided into different phases according to

the genetic and productions of birds at different climate conditions. Iodine acts as a necessary microelement in the feed industry as an additive whether organic or inorganic forms. Inorganic iodine is relatively expensive (Nollet et al., 2007), while organic iodine is easier to absorb than inorganic source (Bhoyar, 2015). In addition, organic iodine easily transfers from feed to eggs (Bakhshalinejad et al., 2018).

Iodine plays an important role as it enters into the synthesis of thyroid hormones, which in turn perform many physiological functions in the body such as metabolism and affect fertility, hatchability and semen characteristics (Gaurav et al., 2021).

Yeast is a rich source of protein, vitamin B and most important minerals such as iodine. Also, yeast is good for animal health, can improve performance and internal egg quality (Yalcin et al., 2010).

This study was undertaken to find out the best lighting regimen with the most appropriate level and source of dietary iodine and their effect on egg yolk iodine content, semen quality and chicks quality traits of Mandarrah chickens strain.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present experiment was carried out at El-Sabahia Poultry Research Station, Alexandria, belonging to animal Production Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center.

### Experimental design

A total of 400 females and 400 males of Mandarrah strain at 6 weeks of old were weighted and transferred from brooder house to an environmentally controlled light proof house in floor pens (2.0 m × 1.2 m × 2.0 m). The controlled house are divided inside into four separate partition, each partition had the same hygienic measurement. At 8 weeks chicks old, they were distributed to the partitions according to the photoperiod

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regimen, since female chicks were placed in the first and third partition, while the males were placed in the second and fourth partition (200 chicks / partition with two sources of iodine (organic, inorganic) inside each source two levels (0.5, 2) with 5 replicate for each treatment with 10 chicks in each replicate). Chicks in the first and second partition exposed to Step-up photoperiod (SUP): The photoperiod was increased gradually from 10 h/d at 8 weeks by half an hour each wk to reach 16-h/d at 20 wk of age. While, the chicks in the third and fourth partition exposed to Constant step-up photoperiod (CSUP): The photoperiod was kept constant at 12-h/d at 8 weeks of age until 16 wk of age and increased gradually by an hour each wk to reach 16-h/d at 20 wk of age. The scheme of design is illustrated in figure (1), and chicks in each lighting regimen are divided equally into four groups (50 birds with 5 replicate) to receive one of the following dietary experiment:

1. basal diet supplemented with 0.5 mg inorganic iodine (Potassium iodide) / Kg diet (control, T1)
2. basal diet supplemented with 2 mg inorganic iodine (Potassium iodide) / Kg diet (T2)
3. basal diet supplemented with 0.5 mg organic iodine (I-enriched yeast) / Kg diet (T3)
4. basal diet supplemented with 2 mg organic iodine (I-enriched yeast) / Kg diet (T4)

The light intensity during the rearing period was ~10 lux and was increased to ~20 lux during the laying period.

The ingredient profiles and nutrient composition of the experimental diets according to the recommendation of Animal Production Research Institute are shown in (Table 1). Feed and water were provided *ad libitum* during the experimental period (8-40 wk).

Iodine enriched yeast as an organic iodine and Potassium iodide as an inorganic iodine were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA).

### **Measurements**

#### **Egg quality traits and iodine content in egg yolk**

At 36 weeks of age, three eggs from each replicate were randomly taken from the same days of production and subjected to measure egg quality characteristics. Shell with membranes thickness was measured by a micrometer to the nearest 0.01 mm. Haugh unit was calculated according to the method of Haugh (1937) on the basis of the individual egg weight and the albumen height which was measured using tripod micrometer reading to the nearest 0.01 mm. Shell, Albumen and yolk percent were determined by dividing each previous item by the egg weight and multiplied by 100. Yolk samples from each replicate were separated and extracted, after that the samples of egg yolk were digested in Teflon vessels with 5 ml of HNO<sub>3</sub> – HClO<sub>3</sub> to determine the iodine concentrations by using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (Shimadzu, ICPMS-2030) according to (Benkhedda et al. 2009).

#### **Semen quality and fertility (%)**

120 cocks (15 cocks / treatment (4) / lighting regimen (2)) at 40 weeks of age were used to evaluate semen quality. Semen samples were collected from cocks of each group once weekly by abdominal massage technique. Physical semen parameters were evaluated ejaculate volume (ml), sperm concentration (X10<sup>9</sup>/ml) was measured using haemocytometer according to the procedure described by Bratton et al. (1956), total sperm output (X10<sup>9</sup>/Ejaculate), motility (%), Livability (%). Macroscopic fertility was estimated as a

percentage of fertile eggs out of the number of eggs set .

#### **Hatch time, Hatchability (%) and Chick quality traits.**

Nine hundred and sixty hatching eggs (120 / Treatment (4)/ lighting regimen (2) ) were stored for six days in room temperature being supplied with fan . All eggs replicated in three trays for each previously mentioned groups. Eggs were set and randomly distributed at different places in the same trolley of the incubator to reduce possible position effects. The eggs were incubated in Egyptian-made incubator. On the 18<sup>th</sup> days of incubation the eggs were transferred into hatcher for the remainder of the incubation period at 37.2°C (98.6°F) and 70% RH for 3 days till the hatch. Beginning at 465 hr of incubation and at 6 hr intervals thereafter the hatcher was opened. hatch time was monitored every 6 hours after the hatch of first chick. At hatch , Baby chicks were collected and chick lengths was measured. Also, chick quality parameters as activity, clean appearance, retracted yolk, closed navel were recorded according to observation reported by Tona *et al.* (2004) .

#### **Hormonal assay**

At 36 wk of age, blood samples were withdrawn from the bronchial vein from 24 cocks taken randomly (3 cocks/ dietary group / photoperiod regimen ) in heparinized tubes at 9:00 AM before access to feed and water. Plasma samples were obtained Triiodothyronine T3, thyroxine T4 , Corticosterone and Testosterone were assayed by radioimmunoassay (RIA).

#### **Statistical analyses**

Data were analyzed using the Proc GLM according to SAS (2001). The model was as follows:

$$Y_{ijkl} = \mu + A_i + L_j + S_k + (AL)_{ij} + (AS)_{ik} + (LS)_{jk} + (ALS)_{ijk} + e_{ijkl}$$

where:

$Y_{ijkl}$  = an observation taken on the  $l^{\text{th}}$  sample

$\mu$  = overall mean

$A_j$  = a fixed effect of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  iodine level ( $i=1$  to 2)

$L_j$  = a fixed effect of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  light ( $j=1$  to 2)

$S_k$  = a fixed effect of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iodine source ( $k=1$  to 2)

$AL_{ji}$  = an interaction between iodine level and light

$AS_{ik}$  = an interaction between iodine level and source

$LS_{jk}$  = an interaction between light and source

$ALS_{ijk}$  = an interaction between iodine level, light and source

$e_{ijkl}$  = Random error assumed to be independent by and normally distributed with mean = 0 and variance =  $\sigma^2$

Duncan multiple range test was conducted to determine differences among means, using 5% significant level.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Egg quality traits and iodine content in egg yolk**

The effect of lighting regimens, iodine levels and sources and their interactions on egg quality traits and iodine content in egg yolk are illustrated in Table 2. Irrespective iodine sources and levels, exposing birds to lighting regimen 1(Lr1) increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) egg weight (gm), eggshell thickness(mm) , Haugh unit and iodine content in egg yolk compared with lighting regimen 2 (Lr2). While, there was no significant differences between Lr1 and Lr2 in egg components %. With respect to iodine sources, organic iodine increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) egg weight, eggshell thickness , Haugh unit and iodine concentration in egg yolk compared to inorganic iodine. Whereas, egg components % were not affected by iodine sources. Also, there were no

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significant differences between iodine level 1 (IL1) and iodine level 2 (IL2) in all previous mentioned parameters of egg quality. While, addition 2 mg iodine/kg diet gave a raise ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) in egg yolk iodine content compared to 0.5 mg iodine/kg diet. Interaction of Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 represented highest significant values for egg weight and eggshell thickness compared with the other interactions except of Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  0.5 and Lr1  $\times$  S1  $\times$  2. Also, values of Haugh unit were highest ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) for interaction of Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 and Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  0.5 compared to other interaction groups. Whereas, the interactions among (Lr  $\times$  S  $\times$  IL) did not influence shell, albumen and yolk (%). Moreover, the highest ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) values in egg yolk iodine content was observed for Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 compared to all values of the interactions.

Conflicting results of egg quality traits due to lighting regimens are cited in the literatures. El-Prollosy, (2006) reported that exposing Gimmizah pullets to step-up photoperiod regimen from 6-22 weeks of age improved shell quality and interior egg quality compared with other lighting regimens. In addition, one researcher mentioned that there are improvement in the eggshell thickness of Japanese quail eggs when exposing to lighting program (15h L /9h D) (Molino et al.,2015). However, several researches found non-significant differences on egg shape index and Haugh units (Yuri et al., 2016 and Farghly et al., 2019). Furthermore, the observed increase in iodine content in egg yolk for Lr1 compared to Lr2 could due to stimulate the light to secretory patterns of several hormones and metabolic processes that facilitate feeding and digestion (Olanrewaju *et al.*, 2006). Also, Gumulka and Rozenboim,(2015) mentioned that the augment in T3

concentration leads to rise in luteinizing hormone, which is responsible for oviposition and ovulation. Regarding of sources of iodine, there are positive effect of organic iodine on egg quality traits. Gheisari et al.(2011) and Yenice et al. (2015) found improvements associated with an increase in shell quality with respect to organic trace minerals. In addition, yeast enriched iodine supplementation in poultry feeding can improve internal egg quality (Yalcin et al., 2010). In contrary, Opaliński et al.(2012) observed that egg quality parameters were not significant different with I-yeast (2mg/kg). Increasing the iodine content in egg yolk for birds that fed organic iodine compared to inorganic iodine due to improve the transport and absorption of organic minerals (Zhang et al., 2016). Additionally, Opaliński et al. (2012) found that I- enriched yeast as the organic form of iodine was found to be more effective than Ca(IO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in increasing the level of iodine in the egg compartments.

Irrespective of lighting regimens and sources of iodine, the differences of egg quality parameters between levels of iodine were disappeared. This conclusion is keeping with previous reports by Lichonikova et al. (2003) who revealed that no effects of concentration of iodine in the diets on egg quality, even if iodine supplemented with 5.20 mg/Kg (Yalcin et al., 2004). It should be mentioned that the increase in yolk iodine for birds fed 2mg iodine /Kg diet compared to 0.5 mg iodine/kg diet was associated with increasing iodine concentration in the diet of hens. Some researchers came to the same conclusion, as Yalcin et al. (2004) indicated that increasing I levels in hen diets ( 3 to 24 mg/kg) caused a noticeable increase in I content both in egg albumen

and egg yolk. Rottger et al. (2012) also assayed progressive increases in I accumulation in yolk (425–3,373 µg/ kg) as a response of laying hens to increasing I supplementation of diets. Moreover, many researchers have concluded that the mineral composition of egg can be enriched through manipulating the diet (Abd El-Hack *et al.*, 2020; Macit *et al.*, 2021; Rattanawut *et al.*, 2021). Also, Aghdashi et al. (2021) observed that the use of iodine salt supplements increased the egg content, including iodine. Generally, with respect to interaction between (Lr × S × IL), the results recorded that egg weight, eggshell thickness, Haugh units and iodine content in egg yolk could be improved with Mandarah chickens under step-up photoperiod with supplementation 2mg organic iodine /Kg diet.

#### **Semen quality and fertility (%)**

Table (3) summarizes the effect of lighting regimens, sources and levels of iodine and their interactions on semen quality and fertility (%). Exposing the cocks of Mandarah breed to step-up photoperiod (Lr1) ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) improved ejaculate volume, sperm concentration, total sperm out put, motility (%), livability (%) and fertility (%) compared with those for constant-step up photoperiod (Lr2). Concerning the effect of iodine sources, the above-mentioned semen quality traits and fertility (%) improved ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) for cocks that fed on organic iodine compared with those for inorganic iodine. Regardless of lighting regimens and iodine sources, levels of iodine did not possess any significant influences on semen quality and fertility (%). The interaction between Lr1 × S2 × 2 and Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 represented the highest ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) ejaculate volume compared with all studied interactions. Furthermore,

sperm concentration significantly increased for Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with all values of the interaction except Lr1 × S2 × 0.5, Lr1 × S1 × 0.5 and Lr2 × S2 × 2. Also, Lr1 × S2 × 2 interaction recorded the highest total sperm out put compared with the other interactions except Lr1 × S2 × 0.5. The interaction of motility (%) showed the highest significant values in Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with Lr2 × S1 × 0.5, Lr2 × S1 × 2 and Lr2 × S2 × 0.5. In addition to, livability (%) has been significantly increased for cocks of interaction group of Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with all other values of the interaction except Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 and Lr1 × S1 × 0.5. Respecting fertility, the highest ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) interactions of fertility for group of Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with Lr2 × S1 × 0.5, Lr2 × S1 × 2 and Lr2 × S2 × 0.5.

Step-up photoperiod (Lr1) improved semen quality and fertility, which could be attributed to increasing levels of thyroid hormones (T3, T4) and testosterone (Table 5). Several research workers have drawn the same conclusion as Abu Zeid et al. (2017) who observed that the increase of semen ejaculate volume and sperm cell concentration was related to the effect of testosterone level on growth and secretory activity of the testis and the accessory sex glands of bucks. Also, thyroid hormones are one of factors affecting testis development and their action, when untimely, produces profound effects on the developing testis, affecting spermatogenesis, steroidogenesis, testis size, reproductive hormones and fertility. Altered thyroid hormone states can also change the epigenetic information of the male germ line, with phenotypic consequences for future generations (Hernandez and Martinez, 2020). Moreover, Fouda et al., 2021 indicated that application of short

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light period (8L: 16D) can be used as alternative and beneficial strategy to rabbit producers for improving semen quality, antioxidative capacity and fertility of bucks. While, Dominchin et al. (2014) showed that after 5 wk of short day exposure (8L:16D photoperiod), males significantly reduced plasma testosterone in comparison with photo-stimulated males exposed to long day (14L:10D photoperiod).

The observed improvements of semen quality and fertility (%) for organic iodine group compared with inorganic iodine might related to that organic iodine consists of organic compounds such as amino acid(s), protein, or organic acid. Also, it is more stable due to their organically bound structure with better digestion and absorption in intestine (Ammerman et al., 1998), which in turn increase their bioavailability and assimilability (Bhoyar, 2015) and consequently reduce the fecal and urinary excretion (Wang et al., 2019b). Also, Wang et al. (2019a) stated that replacement of Inorganic iodine with organic iodine enhanced the mineral retention in tissues and beneficial for reproductive performance of broiler breeder with reduced mineral excretion. These results are coincided with the results reported by Abaza et al. (2006) who concluded that the addition of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to diet of layer breeders improved semen traits. Moreover, Ahmed et al. (2012) mentioned that the use of yeast as a food additive in the diet decreased sperm abnormalities in rats and hence alter male fertility. This improvement in semen quality was attributed to the role of yeast as an antioxidant ,as it reduces the reactive oxygen species and other aqueous peroxy radicals detrimental to

sperm function and quality. Van Dorland et al.( 2016 ) suggested that the addition of yeast product increased the antioxidant capacity in the semen and thus improved semen properties in horses .

There isn't any information in the literature respecting of the effect of iodine levels on semen quality. Moreover, exposing males of Mandarrah strain for step-up photoperiod regimen beside feeding on 2mg organic iodine /kg diet could be used as effective way to improve semen quality,Thus, improve fertility .

#### **Hatch time, Hatchability (%) and chick quality traits**

Data of hatch time, hatchability of fertile eggs (%), hatched chicks weight (gm) and chick quality traits are displayed in Table 4. Results indicated that the chicks produced from eggs of birds exposing to lighting regimen 1 (Lr1) were hatched ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) earlier than those for lighting regimen 2 (Lr2). Also, Lr1 recorded the highest significant percentages of hatchability for fertile eggs compared to Lr2. Furthermore, body weight at hatch for chicks of Lr1 group increased ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) compared with those for Lr2 group. Moreover, highest significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) length of baby chicks was recorded for Lr1 group compared with those for Lr2 group. The best ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) records of chick's activity , Clean appearance, retracted yolk and closed navel were observed for chicks of Lr1 group compared with Lr2 group. Regarding iodine sources, the chicks of organic iodine group (S2) were hatched ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) earlier than those for inorganic iodine (S1). Furthermore, highest significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) records of percentages of hatchability for fertile eggs, hatched chicks weight and all previous mentioned traits of chick quality were noticed for (S2) compared to (S1). Regardless of

lighting regimens and iodine sources, chicks produced from eggs of birds fed on diet with 2 mg iodine/Kg diet (IL2) were numerically hatched earlier than those for IL1. Moreover, Supplementation the diet with high level of iodine (IL2) numerical increased hatchability of fertile eggs % compared with IL1 (0.5 mg I/Kg diet). While, there were no significant differences among IL1 and IL2 groups with respect to hatched chicks weight and chick quality traits. In addition to, the chicks of Lr1 × S2 × 2 and Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 groups were hatched ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) earlier than those for other interaction groups. The highest value of interaction for hatchability of fertile eggs % and hatched chicks weight were observed for group of Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with the other interactions except Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 and Lr1 × S1 × 2 groups. Moreover, the highest ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) chick length and retracted yolk were recorded for chicks of Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared with all values of the other interactions except Lr1 × S1 × 0.5 and Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 groups. Also, the chicks of Lr1 × S2 × 2 group represented highest value for activity and clean appearance compared to all values of the interactions except Lr1 × S2 × 0.5 group.

It could be mentioned that hatch time was earlier for eggs of chickens exposing to Lr1 than Lr2. This could be due to many physiological factors are integrated at the time of hatching in precocial avian species (Dewil et al., 1992). One critical factor in the integration of physiological functions is the onset of thyroid function in the embryo and the initial appearance of the biologically active thyroid hormone, T3 (McNabb et al., 1993). Thyroid hormones of maternal origin are thought to play a role in early embryonic development (Prati et al., 1992) and this

reflected on early hatch time in our results (Table 5). The significant increase in hatchability (%) of Mandarrah eggs for Lr1 group might be due to that Step-up photoperiod stimulates increase secretion of thyroid hormones, insulin and gonadotropin releasing hormone. These hormones contribute to the growth and enhancing of the reproductive function of birds (Lewis et al., 2004). Similar results were reported by Kyere et al. (2020) who reported that a lighting programme of 16L:8D improves hatchability compared with 12L/12D. Moreover, the increase in chick weight at hatch might be due to existence of a positive relationship between egg weight and chick weight (Correa et al., 2011 and Santos et al. 2015). In addition to, The improvement in chick quality traits for Lr1 group compared to Lr2 group could be due to the early hatching of chicks of this group. Also, Step-up photoperiod might cause a rise in thyroid hormones (T3, T4) at internal pipping in the newly hatched chicks. Supporting this finding, Decuypere and Bruggeman, (2007) suggested that the large hatchling length was due to hormone levels, blood metabolites levels and better T3: T4 hormone concentration. Also, Bergoug et al. (2015) showed that the delay in hatching chicks led to poor quality chicks compared to the chicks that hatched early at take-off, and the quality of the chicks decreased for the late chicks in hatching due to wet plumage, poor activity, inflammation of the navels and not giving enough time to heal the navels and dry it. A lighting programme of 16L/8D significantly improved chick length at hatch indicating improved chick quality (Shah and Özkan, 2022).

Early hatched, increased hatchability (%), hatched chicks weight and chick quality traits for organic iodine group



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might due to that organic iodine can be better absorbed by animals , Thus increasing iodine in the egg. Supporting to results and interpretation herein, Górnjak et al. (2018) showed that microelements in organic form can be better absorbed by animals, improving the quality of products obtained from them. Also, Sarlak et al. (2020) observed that ethylenediamine dihydroiodide as the organic form of iodine was found to be more effective than calcium iodate in increasing the level of iodine in the egg compartments.

Supplementation 2mg iodine /kg diet decreased hatch time and improve hatchability (%). This result could be due to increased concentration of iodine in eggs and transferred to embryos, thus, increased levels of thyroid hormones, which accelerate embryonic development leading to a shorter duration of incubation. These results are in line with Czarnecki,(1991) who mentioned that maternal dietary iodine may affect the embryo plasma thyroid hormone concentration by depositing more iodine or iodohormones into the egg prior to oviposition. Increased embryonic plasma thyroid hormone concentrations may then affect carbohydrate metabolism and basal metabolic rate of the developing embryo (Davis et al., 2000). Also, Chen et al. (2016) and Zhang et al. (2017) reported that good nutritional condition of the parents is vital for transferring of required nutrients for development of the embryo.

In conclusion, the interaction values showed that the application of step up photoperiod regimen accompanied with enriched the diet of parent flocks with 2 mg organic iodine (I-enriched yeast) /Kg diet is a good and highly recommended tool for improving the hatching rate , hatched chicks weight and the quality of

the resulting chicks with a decrease in hatching time.

### **Thyroid, Corticosterone and Testosterone hormones**

Data of thyroid, corticosterone and testosterone hormones as affected by combination of light regimens, sources and levels of iodine for Mandarrah males are presented in Table 5. Results indicated that there are no differences in values of T3,T4 and T3/T4 ratio of Lr1 group compared with those of Lr2 group, besides, males of the same group (Lr1) had highest ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) value of testosterone hormone compared to Lr2 group. On the other hand, corticosterone hormone was decreased ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) for Lr1 group compared with those of Lr2 group. In regard to the sources of iodine, males that fed on organic iodine recorded highest ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) values of T3 , T3/T4 ratio and testosterone hormones and lowest ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) value of corticosterone hormone compared to inorganic iodine. In spite of lighting regimens and sources of iodine, plasma T3 and T4 hormones concentrations were highest ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) for IL2 group compared with that of IL1 group , besides, IL1 and IL2 groups did not represent statistical difference in T3/T4 ratio and testosterone hormone. Wherease, 2mg/Kg diet iodine (IL2) reduced plasma corticosterone hormone compared with IL1. Apparently from the interaction (Lr  $\times$  S  $\times$  IL ) that the highest value of plasma T3 was observed for Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 group compared with the other interactions except that for Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  0.5, Lr2  $\times$  S1  $\times$  2 and Lr2  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2. Also, T4 plasma increased ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) for Lr1  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 compared to all values of the interactions except Lr1  $\times$  S1  $\times$  2 and Lr2  $\times$  S1  $\times$  2. Moreover, the interaction Lr2  $\times$  S2  $\times$  0.5 increased T3/T4 ratio ( $P\leq 0.05$ ) compared to Lr2  $\times$  S1  $\times$  2, Lr2  $\times$  S2  $\times$  2 and Lr1  $\times$  S1  $\times$  0.5. Plasma corticosterone was reduced ( $P\leq 0.05$ )

for Lr1 × S2 × 2 and Lr1 × S1 × 2 compared with Lr1 × S1 × 0.5, Lr2 × S1 × 0.5 and Lr2 × S1 × 2. In addition, the interaction between Lr2 × S1 × 0.5 and Lr2 × S1 × 2 showed lowest value of testosterone hormone compared to other interactions. Also, the highest value was for Lr1 × S2 × 2 compared to all the interaction in the same trait.

The increase of testosterone hormone of Lr1 group could be due to that step up light regimen stimulate testicular activity, Thus, increasing testosterone plasma levels. These results are in agreement with those reported by Biswas et al. (2007) and Busso et al. (2013). However, Dominchin et al. (2014) detected that plasma testosterone significantly reduced for males after 5 wk of short day exposure (8L:16D photoperiod) in comparison with photo-stimulated males exposed to long day (14L:10D photoperiod). In addition, the decrease in plasma corticosterone for males of Lr1 due to the effect of light on hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (Saito et al., 2005).

The enhanced in some of plasma hormones ( T3, T3/T4 ratio ,testosterone, corticosterone ) for organic iodine group could be due to that I-enriched yeast (organic iodine) consists of soluble sugars and organic acids to produce biomass with high protein and its production is easy to manage (Esmaeili et al., 2012). Furthermore, El-prollosy et al. (2020) reported that supplementation of dietary organic iodine (I-enriched yeast) increased significantly plasma T3 and T3/T4 ratio compared with the values for the groups supplied with inorganic iodine. Also, using organic forms of minerals can help maintaining high reproductive performance of poultry and farms animals reared under commercial conditions (Surai et al., 2002).

In addition, the current results of the effect of iodine level 2 in increasing plasma thyroid hormones and reducing corticosterone hormone for males is confirmed by Eila et al. (2012) who demonstrated that supplementation of iodine at levels of 0.74, 1.48, 2.22 and 2.96 mg/kg increased T4 concentrations during grower period in

broilers. Also, Arzour-Lakehal et al. (2013) reported that Blood T4 concentration was increased by increasing dietary iodine levels for 0 to 5 mg/kg. Moreover, Ibrahim, et al. (2015) found that dietary iodine supplementation, up to 2.4mg/kg diet improved T3 level . However, Maroufyan and Kermanshahi (2006) was proved that the addition of iodine at levels 0.35, 0.75 and 1.05 mg/kg had no significant effect on the concentrations of T3 and T4. Behroozlak et al. (2019) observed that T3 concentration in blood was not changed by any level of iodine. From results of the interaction between Lr × S × IL, it could be concluded that exposing males of Mandarah strain to SUP regimen, beside, fed these males on the second level of organic iodine (2mg iodine /Kg diet) improved thyroid, corticosterone and testosterone hormones.

#### **CONCLUSION**

From the results and discussion, it appears that the exposure of the females of the Mandarah breed to a SUP regimen with feeding on organic iodine at a concentration of 2mg/kg diet (from 8-36 weeks of age) is a good way to increase the concentration of iodine in the egg yolk and chick quality traits. Also, exposure of cocks to the same lighting regimen and nutritional supplement (from 8 - 40 weeks of age ) is a sound tool for improving semen quality, fertility and hormones causing this improvement (T3, T4, Testosterone)

**lighting regimens,iodine,semen quality,yolk iodine content,chick quality**

**Table (1):** Composition and calculated chemical analysis of the experimental diets.

<b>Diets</b>	<b>Grower</b>	<b>Laying</b>
<b>Ingredients (%)</b>		
Yellow corn	63	63.14
Soybean meal (44%)	17.60	27.10
Wheat bran	15.68	-----
Dicalcium phosphate	1.25	1.50
Limestone	1.80	7.60
Salt (Nacl)	0.30	0.30
DL – methionine	0.07	0.06
Vit. and mineral (premix) * free from Iodine.	0.30	0.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Calculated analysis:</b>		
Metabolizable energy (Kcal/kg)	2707	2719
Crude protein %	15.56	17.28
Calcium %	0.97	3.22
Available phosphate %	0.39	0.44
Methionine % + cyctine %	0.54	0.57
Lysine %	0.73	0.89

\*Composition of premix in 3 kg is : Vit. A, 10.000 IU ; Vit . D3, 100.000 IU ; Vit E , 10.000 mg ; Vit. E,10.000 mg; Vit. K3,1.000 mg; Vit . B1 , 1 mg ; vit . B2 , 4 mg ; Vit B6 ,1.5 mg ; Vit . B12 , 10 mcg ; Niacin , 20.000 mg ; Pantothenic acid 10.000 mg ; Folic acid , 1 mg ; Biotin , 50 mg ; Choline chloride , 500 mg ; Copper , 4 mg ; Iron , 30 mg ; Manganese , 40.000 mg ; Zinc , 45.000 mg ; Cu , 3.000 mg ; Selenium , 0.1 mg ; Cobalt , 0.1 mg .

**Table (2):** Effect of lighting regimens, levels and sources of dietary iodine and their interactions on egg quality traits and iodine content in egg yolk of Mandarrah laying hens.

Traits	Egg weight (gm)	Egg shell with membranes thickness (mm)	Haugh unit	Egg components %			Iodine concentration ( $\mu\text{g}$ / 100 g of egg yolk)
				Shell	Albumen	Yolk	
Lighting regimen (Lr)							
Lr (1)*	48.66 <sup>a</sup> ±0.4	36.33 <sup>a</sup> ±0.4	93.98 <sup>a</sup> ±1.6	10.11±0.16	60.57±0.4	29.31±0.4	79.79 <sup>a</sup> ±8.69
Lr (2)**	46.58 <sup>b</sup> ±0.3	34.50 <sup>b</sup> ±0.4	85.61 <sup>b</sup> ±1.0	9.84±0.19	61.63±0.4	28.52±0.4	77.61 <sup>b</sup> ±8.23
Sources(S)							
Inorganic iodine (S1)	46.75 <sup>b</sup> ±0.4	34.58 <sup>b</sup> ±0.3	86.74 <sup>b</sup> ±1.1	9.88±0.20	61.31±0.4	28.80±0.4	51.28 <sup>b</sup> ±0.55
Organic iodine(S2)	48.50 <sup>a</sup> ±0.5	36.25 <sup>a</sup> ±0.5	92.85 <sup>a</sup> ±2.0	10.07±0.15	60.88±0.5	29.03±0.4	106.12 <sup>a</sup> ±2.58
Iodine level(IL)							
IL1 (0.5mg/kg diet)	47.16±0.4	35.08±0.5	88.43±1.7	9.97±0.19	61.28±0.5	28.73±0.5	73.91 <sup>b</sup> ±7.25
IL2 (2 mg/kg diet)	48.88±0.6	35.74±0.5	91.15±1.9	9.98±0.17	60.91±0.4	29.10±0.4	83.49 <sup>a</sup> ±9.31
Interaction Lr*S*IL)(							
Lr1*S1*0.5	47.33 <sup>bcd</sup> ±0.6	35.00 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.5	86.28 <sup>c</sup> ±1.6	10.12±0.54	60.36±1.4	29.50±1.6	49.43 <sup>f</sup> ±0.40
Lr1*S1*2	48.00 <sup>abc</sup> ±1.1	35.66 <sup>abc</sup> ±0.6	91.94 <sup>b</sup> ±1.1	9.86±0.25	60.86±0.4	29.27±0.6	53.60 <sup>e</sup> ±1.18
Lr1*S2*0.5	49.00 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.5	36.66 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.3	98.37 <sup>a</sup> ±0.2	10.00±0.12	60.67±0.3	29.31±0.4	100.46 <sup>c</sup> ±0.31
Lr1*S2*2	50.33 <sup>a</sup> ±0.8	38.00 <sup>a</sup> ±0.5	99.33 <sup>a</sup> ±0.2	10.44±0.33	60.38±1.4	29.17±1.1	115.66 <sup>a</sup> ±0.34
Lr2*S1*0.5	45.33 <sup>d</sup> ±0.6	33.66 <sup>c</sup> ±0.3	83.47 <sup>c</sup> ±0.4	9.86±0.51	62.14±0.7	27.98±0.3	50.40 <sup>f</sup> ±0.34
Lr2*S1*2	46.33 <sup>cd</sup> ±0.3	34.00 <sup>c</sup> ±0.5	85.26 <sup>c</sup> ±1.5	9.66±0.46	61.89±0.7	28.43±1.1	51.70 <sup>ef</sup> ±0.51
Lr2*S2*0.5	47.00 <sup>bcd</sup> ±0.5	35.00 <sup>bc</sup> ±1.7	85.61 <sup>c</sup> ±2.1	9.90±0.45	61.96±1.4	28.12±1.4	95.36 <sup>d</sup> ±0.63
Lr2*S2*2	47.66 <sup>bcd</sup> ±0.8	35.33 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.3	88.10 <sup>bc</sup> ±3.2	9.94±0.33	60.52±0.7	29.52±0.6	113.00 <sup>b</sup> ±1.73

a, b, c, d, e and f means within the same column in the same trait with different superscripts are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\* Lr (1)  $\longrightarrow$  SUP Step-Up Photoperiod

\*\*Lr(2)  $\longrightarrow$  CSUP Constant Step-Up Photoperiod

**Table (3):** Effect of lighting regimens, levels and sources of dietary iodine and their interactions on semen quality of Mandarrah cocks .

Traits	Ejaculate volume (ml)	Sperm concentration (X10 <sup>9</sup> /ml)	Total sperm out put (X10 <sup>9</sup> /ejaculate )	Motility(%)	Livability (%)	Fertility (%)
Lighting regimen						
Lr (1) <sup>*</sup>	0.68 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.03	2.76 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.20	1.94 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.19	91.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.05	90.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.47	91.16 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.14
Lr (2) <sup>**</sup>	0.37 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.03	1.60 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.17	0.67 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.13	81.87 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.929	79.50 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.46	83.91 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.90
Sources(S)						
Inorganic iodine (S1)	0.42 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.04	1.78 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.21	0.87 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.17	83.12 <sup>b</sup> ± 2.08	81.50 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.89	84.16 <sup>b</sup> ± 2.12
Organic iodine(S2)	0.63 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.04	2.58 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.22	1.74 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.23	90.50 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.38	88.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.78	92.72 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.04
Iodine level(IL)						
IL1 (0.5mg/kg diet)	0.52 ± 0.04	2.10 ± 0.22	1.23 ± 0.22	86.56 ± 1.75	84.81 ± 2.10	85.9 ± 1.15
IL2 (2 mg/kg diet)	0.53 ± 0.05	2.26 ± 0.26	1.38 ± 0.24	87.06 ± 2.23	85.43 ± 2.02	89.43 ± 1.47
Interaction						
Lr*S*IL(						
Lr1*S1*0.5	0.62 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.02	2.53 <sup>abc</sup> ± 0.49	1.619 <sup>bc</sup> ± 0.38	91.25 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.25	92.00 <sup>ab</sup> ± 2.41	86.40 <sup>abcd</sup> ± 1.77
Lr1*S1*2	0.55 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.02	2.22 <sup>bcd</sup> ± 0.26	1.21 <sup>cd</sup> ± 0.14	88.75 <sup>ab</sup> ± 3.14	82.75 <sup>c</sup> ± 1.70	91.93 <sup>abc</sup> ± 1.70
Lr1*S2*0.5	0.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.02	2.95 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.36	2.23 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.31	92.50 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.44	92.50 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.84	92.05 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.09
Lr1*S2*2	0.82 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.04	3.34 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.44	2.70 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.25	94.50 <sup>a</sup> ± 1.65	95.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.47	95.16 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.10
Lr2*S1*0.5	0.32 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.02	1.29 <sup>cd</sup> ± 0.22	0.43 <sup>e</sup> ± 0.10	77.50 <sup>c</sup> ± 2.50	76.25 <sup>d</sup> ± 1.49	80.14 <sup>d</sup> ± 2.45
Lr2*S1*2	0.20 <sup>d</sup> ± 0	1.08 <sup>e</sup> ± 0.25	0.21 <sup>e</sup> ± 0.05	75.00 <sup>c</sup> ± 2.04	75.00 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.81	83.21 <sup>cd</sup> ± 1.52
Lr2*S2*0.5	0.40 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.04	1.64 <sup>cde</sup> ± 0.04	0.66 <sup>de</sup> ± 0.07	85.00 <sup>b</sup> ± 2.04	78.50 <sup>cd</sup> ± 1.50	85.01 <sup>bcd</sup> ± 2.16
Lr2*S2*2	0.57 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.02	2.39 <sup>abc</sup> ± 0.42	1.38 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.27	90.00 <sup>ab</sup> ± 3.53	88.25 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.25	87.44 <sup>abcd</sup> ± 4.19

a , b, c, d and e means within the same column in the same trait with different superscripts are significantly different (p<0.05) .

\* Lr (1) → SUP Step-Up Photoperiod \*\*Lr(2) → CSUP Constant Step-Up Photoperiod

**Table (4):** Effect of lighting regimens, levels and sources of dietary iodine and their interactions on hatch time and chick quality traits for Mandarrah hatched.

Traits	Hatch time (hrs.)	Hatchability of fertile eggs (%)	Hatched chicks weight (gm)	Chick length (cm)	Activity (%)	Clean Appearance (%)	Retracted Yolk (%)	Closed Navel (%)
Lighting regimen (Lr)								
Lr (1) *	488.75 <sup>b</sup> ± 1.49	75.67 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.01	35.60 <sup>a</sup> ±0.51	14.45 <sup>a</sup> ±0.16	89.33 <sup>a</sup> ±1.11	94.41 <sup>a</sup> ±0.88	96.58 <sup>a</sup> ±1.06	96.91 <sup>a</sup> ±0.74
Lr (2) **	496.50 <sup>a</sup> ±1.01	64.66 <sup>b</sup> ± 2.31	33.10 <sup>b</sup> ±0.20	13.53 <sup>b</sup> ±0.16	84.00 <sup>b</sup> ±0.75	88.33 <sup>b</sup> ±1.12	88.83 <sup>b</sup> ±1.26	91.50 <sup>b</sup> ±1.23
Sources(S)								
Inorganic iodine (S1)	495.75 <sup>a</sup> ±1.19	66.67 <sup>b</sup> ±2.08	33.38 <sup>b</sup> ±0.33	13.65 <sup>b</sup> ±0.19	84.58 <sup>b</sup> ±0.97	88.91 <sup>b</sup> ±1.14	89.91 <sup>b</sup> ±1.51	92.25 <sup>b</sup> ±1.17
Organic iodine (S2)	489.50 <sup>b</sup> ±1.67	74.10 <sup>a</sup> ±1.99	35.54 <sup>a</sup> ±0.44	14.33 <sup>a</sup> ±0.18	88.75 <sup>a</sup> ±1.16	93.83 <sup>a</sup> ±1.14	95.50 <sup>a</sup> ±1.32	96.16 <sup>a</sup> ±1.15
Iodine level(IL)								
IL1 (0.5mg/kg diet)	493. 5± 1.66	68.09± 1.50	33.72±0.61	14.04±0.18	86.50±1.01	91.25±1.17	92.91±1.51	94.41±1.29
IL2 (2 mg/kg diet)	491.75±1.79	72.04± 1.45	34.64±0.38	13.94±0.24	86.83±1.43	91.50±1.53	92.50±1.77	94.00±1.30
Interaction Lr*S*IL								
Lr1*S1*0.5	494.00 <sup>bc</sup> ±1.15	67.98 <sup>cd</sup> ±3.01	34.12 <sup>b</sup> ±0.77	14.46 <sup>abc</sup> ±0.12	88.33 <sup>bc</sup> ±1.66	93.00 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.57	96.66 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.88	97.33 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.66
Lr1*S1*2	491.00 <sup>cd</sup> ±1.73	73.67 <sup>abc</sup> ±1.81	35.46 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.7	13.73 <sup>cde</sup> ±0.37	85.66 <sup>cde</sup> ±1.76	91.33 <sup>bc</sup> ±1.33	91.00 <sup>cd</sup> ±0.57	93.33 <sup>bcd</sup> ±0.88
Lr1*S2*0.5	486.00 <sup>de</sup> ± 3.46	78.12 <sup>ab</sup> ±2.82	35.80 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.7	14.66 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.17	90.00 <sup>ab</sup> ±1.73	95.33 <sup>ab</sup> ±1.45	98.66 <sup>a</sup> ±0.33	98.00 <sup>ab</sup> ±1.15
Lr1*S2*2	484.00 <sup>e</sup> ±1.15	81.12 <sup>a</sup> ±2.00	37.13 <sup>a</sup> ±0.29	14.93 <sup>a</sup> ±0.23	93.33 <sup>a</sup> ±1.66	98.00 <sup>a</sup> ±0.57	100.00 <sup>a</sup> ±0	99.00 <sup>a</sup> ±0.57
Lr2*S1*0.5	500.00 <sup>a</sup> ±1.15	60.51 <sup>e</sup> ±1.95	30.89 <sup>c</sup> ±0.50	13.43 <sup>de</sup> ±0.23	83.00 <sup>de</sup> ±0.57	87.00 <sup>de</sup> ±1.52	87.33 <sup>de</sup> ±1.45	90.66 <sup>de</sup> ±1.76
Lr2*S1*2	498.00 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.15	62.68 <sup>de</sup> ±2.41	32.05 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.4	12.96 <sup>e</sup> ±0.08	81.33 <sup>e</sup> ±0.66	84.33 <sup>e</sup> ±0.88	84.66 <sup>e</sup> ±2.60	87.66 <sup>e</sup> ±0.88
Lr2*S2*0.5	496.00 <sup>abc</sup> ±1.15	65.78 <sup>cde</sup> ±2.49	34.10 <sup>b</sup> ±0.60	13.60 <sup>de</sup> ±0.30	84.66 <sup>cde</sup> ±0.88	89.66 <sup>cd</sup> ±2.33	89.00 <sup>d</sup> ±1.00	91.66 <sup>cde</sup> ±3.28
Lr2*S2*2	492.00 <sup>c</sup> ± 1.15	70.81 <sup>cd</sup> ± 2.78	35.13 <sup>b</sup> ±0.55	14.13 <sup>bcd</sup> ±0.29	87.00 <sup>bcd</sup> ±1.52	92.33 <sup>bc</sup> ±1.20	94.33 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.66	96.00 <sup>abc</sup> ±1.00

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\* Lr (1) → SUP Step-Up Photoperiod

\*\*Lr(2) → CSUP Constant Step-Up Photoperiod

**Table (5):** Effect of lighting regimens, levels and sources of dietary iodine and their interactions on thyroid , corticosterone and testosterone hormones of cocks of Mandarah strain.

Traits	T <sub>3</sub> (ng/ml)	T <sub>4</sub> (ng/ml)	T <sub>3</sub> /T <sub>4</sub> Ratio	Corticosterone (ng/ml)	Testosterone (ng/dl)
Lighting regimen (Lr)					
Lr (1)*	1.82±0.20	10.09±0.51	0.17±0.01	7.21 <sup>b</sup> ±0.83	445.83 <sup>a</sup> ± 3.13
Lr (2)**	1.57±0.18	9.64±0.38	0.16±0.01	9.09 <sup>a</sup> ±0.52	410.83 <sup>b</sup> ± 7.78
Sources(S)					
Inorganic iodine (S1)	1.36 <sup>b</sup> ±0.16	9.52±0.40	0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±0.01	9.20 <sup>a</sup> ±0.80	413.41 <sup>b</sup> ± 8.71
Organic iodine(S2)	2.03 <sup>a</sup> ±0.17	10.20±0.48	0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±0.01	7.10 <sup>b</sup> ±0.52	443.25 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.35
Iodine level(IL)					
IL1 (0.5mg/kg diet)	1.38 <sup>b</sup> ±0.17	8.92 <sup>b</sup> ±0.27	0.18±0.01	9.03 <sup>a</sup> ±0.66	428.66 ±7.10
IL2 (2 mg/kg diet)	2.01 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.17	10.80 <sup>a</sup> ±0.43	0.15± 0.01	7.27 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.73	428.00 ± 7.793
Interaction Lr*S*IL)(					
Lr1*S1*0.5	1.33 <sup>cd</sup> ±0.38	8.90 <sup>bc</sup> ± 0.23	0.13 <sup>bcd</sup> ± 0.01	11.18 <sup>a</sup> ±1.66	445.00 <sup>a</sup> ± 8.89
Lr1*S1*2	1.43 <sup>bcd</sup> ± 0.20	10.40 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.46	0.15 <sup>abcd</sup> ± 0.04	5.63 <sup>c</sup> ±0.83	438.66 <sup>a</sup> ± 7.58
Lr1*S2*0.5	2.00 <sup>abc</sup> ±0.45	8.90 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.34	0.20 <sup>abc</sup> ±0.00	6.92 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.11	446.66 <sup>a</sup> ±2.39
Lr1*S2*2	2.52 <sup>a</sup> ±0.25	12.16 <sup>a</sup> ±1.35	0.22 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.04	5.12 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.57	453.00 <sup>a</sup> ±4.41
Lr2*S1*0.5	0.90 <sup>d</sup> ±0.05	7.90 <sup>c</sup> ±0.28	0.16 <sup>abcd</sup> ± 0.03	9.81 <sup>ab</sup> ± 1.20	390.00 <sup>b</sup> ± 14.71
Lr2*S1*2	1.80 <sup>abcd</sup> ±0.45	10.90 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.69	0.11 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.01	10.19 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.60	380.00 <sup>b</sup> ±8.16
Lr2*S2*0.5	1.30 <sup>cd</sup> ±0.05	10.00 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.57	0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±0.008	8.21 <sup>abc</sup> ± 0.56	433.00 <sup>a</sup> ±2.48
Lr2*S2*2	2.30 <sup>ab</sup> ± 0.05	9.76 <sup>bc</sup> ±0.08	0.13 <sup>cd</sup> ±0.01	8.16 <sup>abc</sup> ±1.49	440.33 <sup>a</sup> ± 2.46

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\* Lr (1)      →      SUP Step-Up Photoperiod      \*\*Lr(2)      →      CSUP Constant Step-Up Photoperiod

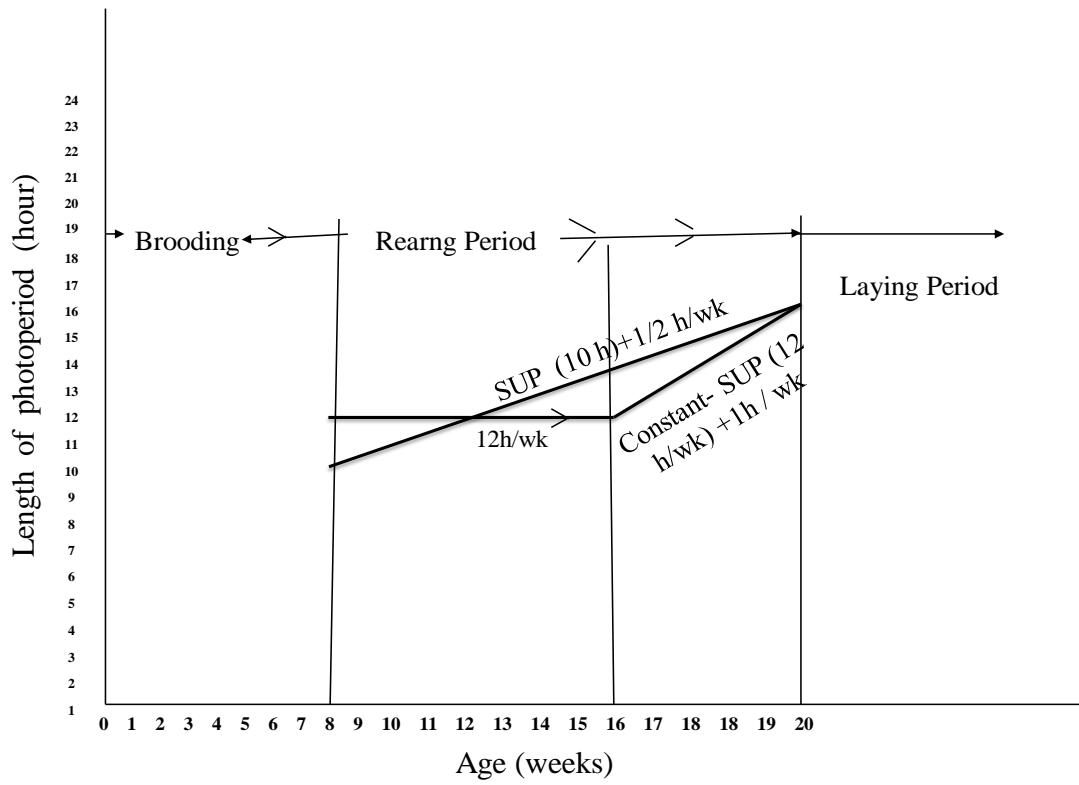


Figure 1 : Experimental Design



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## الملخص العربي

تأثير أنظمة الإضاءة و مستويات و مصادر اليود الغذائي على جودة السائل المنوي و محتوى يود الصفار و صفات جودة الكتكوت لسلالة دجاج المندررة

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تم نقل ٤٠٠ أنثى و ٤٠٠ ذكر من سلالة المندررة عند عمر ٦ أسابيع الى العنبر المغلق المتحكم فيه ضوئيا و بيئيا . العنبر من الداخل مقسم الى أربعة أجزاء منفصلة ووزعت الكتاكيت وفقا لنظام الإضاءة ، حيث تم وضع اناث الكتاكيت فى الجزء الاول و الثالث بينما تم وضع الذكور فى الجزء الثانى و الرابع ( ٢٠٠ كتكوت /جزء تم توزيعها على مصدرين لليود ( عضوى و غير عضوى ) و بداخل كل مصدر ٢ مستوى من اليود (٠,٥ و ٢ ملجم يود / كجم علف ) ولكل معاملة ٥ مكررات و داخل كل مكررة ١٠ كتاكيت) . الكتاكيت فى الجزء الأول و الثانى تعرضت لنظام الإضاءة المتزايد حيث أن فترة الإضاءة تزداد تدريجيا من ١٠ ساعة/ يوم عند ٨ أسابيع بمعدل نصف ساعة اسبوعيا لتصل إلى ١٦ ساعة/يوم عند عمر ٢٠ إسبوع ، بينما تعرضت الكتاكيت فى الجزء الثالث و الرابع لنظام الإضاءة الثابت-المتزايد حيث أن فترة الإضاءة ثابتة ١٢ ساعة / يوم من عمر ٨ أسابيع حتى عمر ١٦ إسبوع و تزداد تدريجيا ساعة كل إسبوع لتصل ١٦ ساعة/يوم عند عمر ٢٠ إسبوع . تم تقسيم الكتاكيت فى كل نظام اضاءة بالتساوى الى أربع مجموعات ( ٥٠ طائرا / مجموعة ) لتلقى احدى العلائق الغذائية التالية : العليقة المقارنة مضاف إليها ٠,٥ (T1) ، ٢ (T2) ملجم يود غير عضوى ( أيوديد بوتاسيوم ) /كجم علف ، ٠,٥ (T3) ، ٢ (T4) ملجم يود عضوى ( خميرة غنية بالأيويدين ) /كجم علف. أظهرت النتائج أن نظام SUP (Lr1) أدى الى زيادة ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) وزن البيض، سمك قشرة البيض ، وحدات هوف ، محتوى اليود فى صفار البيض ، نسبة الفقس ، صفات جودة الكتكوت . أيضا أدى الى تحسين جودة السائل المنوى ، الخصوبة ، هرمونات الكورتيكوستيرون و التستوستيرون مقارنة مع CSUP (Lr2) . كما أدى اليود العضوى الى تحسين وزن البيض ، سمك قشرة البيض ، وحدات هوف ، محتوى اليود فى صفار البيض ، نسبة الفقس ، صفات جودة الكتكوت ، تحسين جودة السائل المنوى ، الخصوبة ، نسبة T3, T3/T4 ، هرمونات الكورتيكوستيرون و التستوستيرون مقارنة باليود غير العضوى . علاوة على ذلك ، أدى مستوى اليود ٢ ملجم يود /كجم علف الى زيادة محتوى اليود فى صفار البيض ، وهرمونات الغدة الدرقية و قلل من تركيز هرمون الكورتيكوستيرون . بناء على ذلك ، فان توفير أنظمة SUP للعناير المغلقة من ٨-٢٠ أسبوع من عمر الطيور مع ٢ ملجم يود عضوى /كجم علف يؤدي الى زيادة محتوى اليود فى صفار البيض و صفات جودة البيض ، و جودة السائل المنوى و صفات جودة الكتكوت وهرمونات الغدة الدرقية و الكورتيكوستيرون و التستوستيرون .