2- Productive performance and some blood metabolites during breeding period of Zaraibi does

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#### ABSTRACT

A total of 30 Zaraibi does aged 2-4 years and weighed 35-40 kg were used to define the influence of oral administration of L-tyrosine on milk yield and composition, some blood metabolites during breeding period in pregnant and non-pregnant doe as indicator for the physiological status of animals are also studied. Does were randomly assigned to three equal groups (10 each). The first group (G1): was kept as a control (without L-tyrosine treatment). The second (G2) and third (G3) groups were received orally two doses of L-tyrosine at levels 1.0 and 1.5gm / 10 kg live body weight, respectively. L-tyrosine was given as two doses, one single dose before one week from the beginning of breeding period and the other dose three days post kidding.

Results indicated that milk yield and 4% fat correct milk (FCM) of does treated with 1.5 g L-tyrosine (G3) were significantly (P $\leq$ 0.05) higher than those of does treated with 1.0g L-tyrosine (G2) and control (G1) groups. Fat, protein and lactose percentages in milk from does treated with L-tyrosine groups were significantly (P $\leq$ 0.05) higher as compared to the control group (G1).

L-tyrosine administration significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) increased blood albumin and glucose concentration compared to the control does. Meanwhile, blood globulin was decreased significantly due to L-tyrosine administration. The concentrations of urea-N and creatinine decreased as a result of L-tyrosine treatments compared to the untreated does.

Total protein, globulin and urea -N decreased ( $P \le 0.05$ ) till 8 days after mating where it increased gradually up to 18 days after mating and decreased again at the end breeding period. The effect of breeding period on albumin and A/G ratio were not significant. Values of glucose were significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) increased at 8 days after mating and then decrease ( $P \le 0.05$ ) in estrous period. While, obtained values of blood plasma creatinine were higher in estrous period as compared to other breeding period.

In pregnant does, there were significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) lower concentrations of total protein, urea, glucose, triglyceride, calcium and Phosphorus and significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) higher concentrations of total lipids and cholesterol in relation to non pregnant does. The changes of Plasma albumin, creatinine, AST, ALT, alkaline phosphates and zinc between pregnant and non pregnant does were not significant.

Key words: Goats, L-tyrosine, Milk yield, Blood metabolites, breeding period

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Proteins are the main constituents of animals body and are continuously needed in the feedstuffs. Actually, the amino acids contained in the proteins are required for a diversity of functions .They are primary constituents of structural and protective tissues such as skin, hint and bone matrix as well as of the soft tissues such as organs and muscles. Moreover, secretions such as milk, enzymes and hormones have additional amino acids requirements. Since body protein is in a steady state of flux with synthesis and

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degradation therefore, an adequate intake of protein is required (Shaw and Anni, 2002).

Many studies have shown that there is a close correlation between the level of some amino acids in the blood and reproductive performance at various stages of the production cycle in animals. Treatment by some amino acids, especially tyrosine at each of this stage led to improvement of reproductive and productive performance (El-Amrawi, 2008). Tyrosine is an aromatic amino acid derived from the essential amino acid phenylalanine by the action of phenylalanine hydroxidase enzyme. It is necessary for the synthesis of catecholamines (adrenaline. noradrenaline and dopamine), thyroxin and protein, in addition, to its important role in the citric acid cycle and building of melanin (Harper et al., 1980).

Also, it was concluded by Rae and Ingalls (1984) that the availability of tyrosine can affect milk production in some circumstances. Omima et al. (2001) reported that milk production and milk composition in rabbit were significantly improved as a result of L-tyrosine supplementation in drinking water. Yassin et al. (2011) showed a significant increase in milk production as result of L-tyrosine oral administration in ewes. Also, Gabr (2012) found L-tyrosine treatment improved that the significantly daily milk production and milk composition in Friesian dairy cows.

Blood components during breeding period can be considered essential as an markers for reproductive performance of animals. Many researchers reported that serum levels of most blood components recorded significant differences during breeding period (Marai *et al.*, **2006 and Solouma** *et al.*, **2011**). Also, Blood components were affected by presence of protected protein in the diet (Aly, **2005 and El-Reweny**, **2006**).

Many investigators reported that serum levels of some blood component recorded significant differences between pregnant and non pregnant (Antunovic *et al.* 2002; Balikci *et al.*, 2007; Liesegang *et al.*, 2007; Gluseppe *et al.*, 2009 and Fazio *et al.*, 2011;). The aim of this study was to determine the effects of L-tyrosine administration on milk yield, composition and some blood metabolites during breeding period of Zaraibi does (as indicator for the physiological status of animals) in addition to differences in some blood metabolites between pregnant and non-pregnant does as affected by L-tyrosine administration.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was conducted in Faculty of Environmental Agricultural Sciences, El-Arish, North Sinai Governorate Suez Canal University. The present work aimed to define the effects of L-tyrosine administration on milk yield, composition in addition to differences of some blood metabolites during breeding period of Zaraibi does and some blood metabolites between pregnant and non-pregnant does are also studied.

A total number of 30 healthy Zaraibi does aged 2-4 years and of 35-40 kg body weight were used in the present experiment. The first group (G1) was served as a control, while the second (G2) and third (G3) groups were treated orally with two doses of L-tyrosine at levels of 1.0 and 1.5gm /10 kg live body weight, respectively, after being dissolving in 200 ml of water (El-Battawy, 2006), the first dose was administration one week before the beginning of breeding season and the other dose three days post kidding.

Animals were housed in semi open sheds under natural daylight conditions and fed allowances according to **NRC** (1981) recommendations for dairy goats. The does were allowed to drink clean fresh water freely. Vitamin and minerals block mixtures were available all the time to does.

Daily milk yield for each doe was measured individually twice/day (every 12h) by suckling kids, once every two weeks starting from the seventh day of parturition and throughout the following 12 weeks. The quantity of milk produced was estimated by using suckling till weaning. The kids were separated from their dams at 16.00 pm. prior to the day of measurement. Kids were weighed immediately before and after suckling and hand milking of the residual milk in the udder. The differences between the kids weights recorded before and after each suckling were add together with residual milk denoting. The differences in the weight of kids before and after suckling were added to give daily intake of suckling kids. Milk intake plus milk removed by hand milking represented daily milk yield. Milk samples were collected at the same time of milk yield recording and kept at -20° C for analysis. Butter fat, protein and lactose were determined according to A.O.A.C. (1990).

Blood samples (5 ml) were collected randomly from 5 animals in each group of does at morning from jugular vein puncture using heparinized vacutainer tubes. Blood samples were collected before treatments, during the estrous (mating) and at 4, 8, 18 and 30 days after mating and every two days weekly up to the end of the experimental period. Blood plasma were obtained and stored at -20<sup>°</sup>C until analysis for aspartate amino transferase (AST), alanine amino transferase (ALT) enzyme activities according to **Reitman and Frankel** (1957), glucose, cholesterol, urea (Henry, 1965), creatinine (Bartels, 1971), total protein and albumin (Doumas and Biggs, 1972a & b) using commercial colorimetric kits. Globulin was calculated by subtraction concentration of albumin from that of total protein then albumin / globulin ratio (A/G ratio) was also estimated. Commercial kits were used for calorimetric determination of alkaline-phosphates triglycerides, serum total lipids. Concentration of Zinc, calcium and phosphorus in serum were determined by the absorption spectrophotometer (Kaneko, 1989).

of variance procedure described by SPSS (1999) and significant differences among treatments were may be due to increasing in body weight and tested by Duncan's Multiple Range Test (Duncan, 1955).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION** 1.Milk yield and composition:

Many factors can affect milk yield including breed of goats, number of suckling kids, feeding level and parity of does (Latif et al, 1988).

Average milk yield of suckling period (week 1 to week 12) are shown in Table (1). Milk vield gram/head/day: was increased gradually to reach the peak from second to fourth after parturition (highest at the fourth week) where it began to declined markedly till end of the suckling period (12<sup>th</sup>wk). Differences suckling periods were significant among (P<0.05). These results are in correspondence with the results obtained by Hoon, et al. (2002) and Talha et al. (2005).

As shown in Table (2), milk yield and 4% fat corrected milk (FCM) of G3 group were significantly (P<0.05) higher than those of G2 and control (G1) groups. This indicates that Ltyrosine treatment had a positive reflection  $(P \le 0.05)$  on the yields of fat, protein and lactose. Fat, protein and lactose percentages from does treated with L-tyrosine groups were significantly  $(P \le 0.05)$  higher as compared to the control group (G1) (Table 2). The present results are in agreement with Rae and Ingalls (1984); Omima et al., (2001); Yassin et al., (2011) and Gabr (2012) who reported an increase in milk production in response to tyrosine treatment. This is mostly attributed to the increase in blood supply (Mepham, 1982) and the energy intake of mammary gland cells (Wurtman, 1982), in addition to its effect on increasing growth hormone via its effect on brain catecholamine's (Martin, 1980). This explanation is also supported by the previous findings of Peel et al. (1981) who found that administration of exogenous growth hormone increased milk Data were statistically analyzed using analysis production. Moreover, the significant increase in milk yield as a result of L-tyrosine administration body condition score of does and or due to increase of prolactin level. The observed increase in milk protein yield in treated groups may be attributed to elevation in the supply of tyrosine to the mammary gland, to from milk protein (Mepham, 1982 and Gabr, 2012).

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2. Blood plasma metabolites in Zaraibi does as affected by L-tyrosine: 2.1- Protein fractions:

Data of total protein, albumin, globulin and A/G ratio concentrations in does blood during breeding period are presented in Table (3).

**Table (1):** Average of daily milk yield (g/h/d) of Zaraibi does during first 12 weeks of lactation as affected by L- tyrosine administration.

Periods	Treatments				
Milk yield, g/h/d	Control (G1)	G2 (1.0 gm)	G3 (1.5 gm )	Overall mean	
First week	$1023.81 \pm 82.34$	$1045.10 \pm 58.05$	$1113.83 \pm 71.98$	$1060.91^{\circ} \pm 70.79$	
2 weeks	$1714.29 \pm 116.36$	$1833.33 \pm 115.86$	$1937.55 \pm 128.52$	$1828.39^{a} \pm 120.25$	
4 weeks	$1789.00 \pm 126.60$	$1869.05 \pm 157.00$	$2112.38 \pm 177.28$	$1923.48^{a} \pm 153.63$	
6 weeks	$1364.69 \pm 106.02$	$1354.76 \pm 95.00$	$1442.27 \pm 82.84$	$1387.24^{b} \pm 94.62$	
8 weeks	$984.62\pm68.88$	$968.58 \pm 58.75$	$950.95\pm49.86$	$968.05$ <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 59.16	
10 weeks	$970.05\pm70.52$	$942.86\pm58.00$	$925.85\pm63.32$	$946.25$ <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 63.95	
12 weeks	$958.14\pm61.29$	$919.05 \pm 61.90$	$869.05 \pm 67.07$	$915.41$ <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 73.42	
Overall mean	1257.62 <sup>B</sup> ± 75.14	$1276.10^{B} \pm 86.37$	1335.98 <sup>A</sup> ± 91.55		

<sup>.a,b and c</sup>: values in the same column bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05)

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Table (2): Daily milk yield, 4% fat corre	ected milk (FCM) and milk composition of Zaraibi does as
affected by L-tyrosine administ	tration.

Itoma	Treatments					
Items	Control	G2 (1.0 gm)	G3 (1.5 gm)			
Average. daily milk yield						
(G/d)						
Actual milk yield	$1257.62^{b} \pm 75.14$	$1276.10^{\rm b} \pm 86.37$	$1335.98^{a} \pm 91.55$			
4% fat correct milk	1268.94 <sup>b</sup>	1398.61 <sup>b</sup>	1512.33 <sup>a</sup>			
Component yields (g/h/d)						
Fat	$51.06^{b} \pm 5.84$	$59.21^{a} \pm 6.58$	$65.20^{a} \pm 7.47$			
Protein	$41.38^{b} \pm 4.19$	$46.83^{a} \pm 5.69$	$49.97^{a} \pm 7.75$			
Lactose	$55.33^{b} \pm 7.11$	$61.25^{a} \pm 7.86$	$66.26^{a} \pm 7.85$			
Milk composition (%)						
Fat	$4.06^{b} \pm 0.12$	$4.64^{ab} \pm 0.19$	$4.88^{a} \pm 0.20$			
Protein	$3.29^{b} \pm 0.09$	$3.67^{a} \pm 0.09$	$3.74^{a} \pm 0.08$			
Lactose	$4.40^{b} \pm 0.09$	$4.80^{a} \pm 0.07$	$4.96^{a} \pm 0.13$			

<sup>a, b</sup>: values in the same row bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05)

L-tyrosine administration significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) increased blood total protein, albumin and A/G ratio. Meanwhile, blood globulin was decreased significantly as affected by L-tyrosine treatment. The present results were in agreement with those of Aly (2005) and El- Shabrawy (2006) where

they reported that values of serum total protein, albumin were increased ( $P \le 0.01$ ) when goats fed protected protein in the diet. The current results also could be related to beneficial effect of L-tyrosine on increasing protein digestibility through protease enzyme effect and alteration of

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amino acid profile of digesta resulting in increasing microbial protein synthesis as reported by **Abdel-Khalek** *et al.*, (2000). The significant increase in blood albumin suggested normal status of liver function, since liver is the main organ of albumin synthesis. The obtained results are in accordance with those reported by **El-Shaer** (2003) and **Mahrous and Abou-Ammou** (2005) for sheep and **Kholif** (2001) and **Abu-El-** Ella and Kommonna (2013) for goats. The increase of albumin in response to L-tyrosine administration may be associated with nitrogen absorption (Talha *et al.*, 2009). Also, albumin acts as a significant mobile protein store for amino acids (Abu-El-Ella and Kommonna, 2013). It is important to note that the values of A/G ratio were higher than 1.0 which indicates that animals did not suffer from any health

Blood	Breeding period		Treatments		Overall
components	(days)	G1 (Control)	G2 (1.0gm)	G3 (1.5gm)	mean
Total protein	Pre estrous period	$9.86 \pm 0.83$	$8.19 \pm 0.80$	10. 17± 0.78	$9.41^{a} \pm 0.80$
(g/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$7.09\pm0.93$	$6.61\pm0.92$	$10.36\pm0.66$	$8.02^{\rm b}\pm0.84$
	4 days after mating	$7.96\pm0.91$	$7.31\pm0.43$	$8.43 \pm 0.59$	$7.90^{\text{b}} \pm 0.64$
	8 days after mating	$7.95\pm0.82$	$6.93 \pm 0.59$	$7.99\pm0.67$	$7.62^{b}\pm0.69$
	18 days after mating	$8.65\pm0.92$	$8.51\pm0.67$	$9.38\pm0.89$	$8.85^{ab} \pm 0.83$
	30 days after mating	$8.78\pm0.23$	$8.32\pm0.49$	$8.64\pm0.78$	$8.58^{ab}\pm0.50$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$8.38^{\text{AB}} \pm 0.77$	$7.65^{\rm B}\pm0.65$	$9.16^{A} \pm 0.73$	
Albumin	Pre estrous period	$4.67\pm0.36$	$4.96\pm0.60$	$4.50\pm0.19$	$4.71^{a} \pm 0.38$
(g/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$3.71\pm0.53$	$4.58\pm0.55$	$4.79\pm0.33$	$4.36^{a} \pm 0.47$
	4 days after mating	$3.76\pm0.32$	$5.07\pm0.57$	$5.38\pm0.46$	$4.74^{a} \pm 0.45$
	8 days after mating	$3.21\pm0.56$	$3.63 \pm 0.54$	$5.06\pm0.43$	$3.97^{a} \pm 0.51$
	18 days after mating	$3.35\pm0.27$	$4.82\pm0.28$	$5.92\pm0.42$	$4.70^{a} \pm 0.32$
	30 days after mating	$4.27\pm0.25$	$4.89 \pm 0.27$	$4.47\pm0.24$	$4.54^{a} \pm 0.31$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$3.84^{\rm B}\pm0.33$	$4.66^{\rm A}\pm0.47$	$4.85^{A} \pm 0.35$	
Globulin	Pre estrous period	$5.19\pm0.59$	$3.23\pm0.53$	$5.67\pm0.80$	$4.70^{a} \pm 0.64$
(g/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$3.38\pm0.81$	$2.04\pm0.40$	$5.57\pm0.86$	$3.66^{ab} \pm 0.69$
	4 days after mating	$4.20\pm0.87$	$2.24\pm0.39$	$3.05\pm0.67$	$3.16^{b} \pm 0.64$
	8 days after mating	$4.74\pm0.98$	$3.30\ \pm 0.73$	$2.93\pm0.87$	$3.66^{ab}\pm0.86$
	18 days after mating	$5.30 \pm 1.07$	$3.69\pm0.61$	$3.46\pm0.66$	$4.15^{\ ab} \pm 0.78$
	30 days after mating	$4.51\pm0.35$	$3.43\pm0.66$	$4.17\pm0.68$	$4.04^{\ ab} \pm 0.56$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$4.55^{\rm A}\pm0.78$	$2.99^{\rm B}\pm0.55$	$4.14^{A} \pm 0.76$	
A/G ratio	Pre estrous period	$0.90\pm0.13$	$1.54\pm0.37$	$0.79\pm0.14$	$1.08^{a} \pm 0.21$
	Estrous period (at mating)	$1.10\pm0.61$	$2.24\pm0.79$	$0.86\pm0.20$	$1.40^{a} \pm 0.53$
	4 days after mating	$0.90\pm0.13$	$2.26\pm0.56$	$1.76\pm0.64$	$1.64^{a} \pm 0.44$
	8 days after mating	$0.68\pm0.35$	$1.10\pm0.42$	$1.73\pm0.62$	$1.17^{a} \pm 0.46$
	18 days after mating	$0.63\pm0.10$	$1.31\pm0.27$	$1.71\pm0.49$	$1.22^{a} \pm 0.29$
	30 days after mating	$0.95\pm0.15$	$1.43\pm0.25$	$1.07\pm0.29$	$1.15^{a} \pm 0.23$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$0.86^{\rm B}\pm0.25$	$1.65^{\rm A}\pm0.44$	$1.32^{\text{AB}}\pm0.40$	

 Table (3): Blood protein fractions of Zaraibi does during breeding period as affected by L-tyrosine administration.

<sup>A</sup>,<sup>B</sup>: values in the same row bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05).

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problem that might affect the performance of experimental animals as reported by **EL-Sayed** *et al.* (2002).

As presented in Table (3), regarding the effect of breeding period on protein fraction in the blood plasma, it clearly appears that values of total protein and globulin decreased ( $P \le 0.05$ ) till 8 days after mating then increased gradually up to 18 days after mating where it decreased again at

the end of breeding period. Meanwhile, higher values of blood plasma albumin concentration and A/G ratio were obtained at 4 days after mating (Table 3). However, plasma total protein and its fraction concentrations were decreased at the end of breeding period. These findings are in agreement with those reported by Abdel-Rahman et al. (2012) on Suffolk X Ossimi ewes, Mousa et al. (2012) on Rahmani ewes and Abu El-Ella and Kommonna (2013) on Damascus does. Abdel-Hafez (2002) also reported that the pre-partum decrease in blood protein fractions might be attributed to the increase in fetus weight and an increase of protein breakdown required for gluconeogenesis. On the other hand, Antunovic et al. (2002) reported that the maternal serum protein concentration decrease due to an increased foetal growth, and especially the utilization of amino acids from maternal circulation for protein synthesis in foetal muscle. Also, El-Sherif and Assed (2001) found that the serum globulin concentration was decreased in early pregnancy. Abdel-Ghani et al. (2003) reported that the globulin concentration was decreased during pregnancy in buffaloes. Regardless of treatment, data in Table (3) indicated that the different breeding intervals had no significant effect on the concentrate of albumin and A/G ratio. Similar results were reported by Marai et al. (2006) and Solouma et al. (2011) who found that there were no significant difference in the concentration of the albumin and A/G ratio at pre-estrus, at estrus and 21 days after mating.

#### 2.2- Glucose:

Data of glucose, concentrations (mg/dl) in plasma of does during breeding period are presented in Table (4). Values of glucose, 8 days after mating were significantly (P  $\leq 0.05$ ) higher, meanwhile of estrous period were significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) lower. High values of blood plasma glucose concentration obtained in L-tyrosine treatments compared to the control does. The present results are in accordance with those obtained by Abdel-Ghani et al. (2011) and Solouma et al. (2011). The increase of glucose levels in blood may be related to the rapid rate of hydrolysis and absorption of the dietary carbohydrates in alimentary tract (Abdel-Rahman et al, 2012). This findings may be related to the effect of amino acid through activity of amylase that lead to increasing carbohydrates metabolism as a result of higher thyroid hormones secretion (Abdel-Ghani et al., 2011) Additionally, the increase in blood glucose could be a response to thyroid hormones and may also be attributed to the increased carbohydrates metabolism (Harper et al., 1980). Thyroid hormones are known to increase gluconeogensis and /or plasma glucose concentration in blood (Cole et al., 1994).

# 2.3- Urea and creatinine

Blood plasma urea-N and creatinine concentrations in treatments groups (regardless of breeding period) recorded are shown in (Table 4). It can be observed that the concentrations of urea-N decreased as a result of L-tyrosine treatments compared to those of untreated (control). These differences may be due to the reduction of ammonia concentration released through the microbial fermentation in rumen of lambs fed protected protein. Subsequently, decreasing the observed ammonia via the ruminal wall, which converted to urea in liver, resulted in a lower level of urea in the blood of sheep fed protected protein (El-Ayek et al., 1999). In addition, El-Shabrawy (2004) found that the

effect of protected protein method led to significant (P<0.01) reductions in urea-N concentration as a result of heat or formaldehyde treated diets in comparison with untreated one. Lower concentration in plasma urea-N of does in response to L- tyrosine administration could be considered as indicator of better nitrogen metabolism and utilization of protein. These results are also in agreement with those reported by **Abdel-Ghani** *et al.*, (2011).

**Table (4):** Blood plasma glucose, urea-N and creatinine of Zaraibi does during breeding period as affected by L-tyrosine adminstration.

Blood	Breeding period		Treatments		Overall
components	(days)	G1 (Control)	G2 (1.0gm)	G3 (1.5gm)	mean
Glucose	Pre estrous period	$31.16\pm9.52$	$24.77\pm3.56$	$36.01{\pm}8.76$	$30.65^{b} \pm 7.28$
(mg/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$30.77 \pm 4.94$	$15.37\pm3.24$	$31.95 \pm 11.70$	$26.03^{b} \pm 6.63$
	4 days after mating	$24.31\pm5.17$	$39.84 \pm 9.82$	$24.35{\pm}5.50$	$29.50^{b} \pm 6.83$
	8 days after mating	$27.10\pm7.11$	$47.88 \pm 14.20$	$40.41 \pm 12.77$	$38.46^{a} \pm 11.36$
	18 days after mating	$27.63 \pm 12.46$	$45.74\pm11.77$	$31.51{\pm}5.91$	$34.96^{ab} \pm 10.05$
	30 days after mating	$20.64\pm3.96$	$39.03 \pm 10.63$	$44.33 \pm 14.59$	$34.67^{ab} \pm 9.73$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$26.93^{B} \pm 7.19$	$35.44^{\ A} \pm 8.87$	$34.76^{\mathrm{A}} \pm 9.87$	
Urea	Pre estrous period	$90.16\pm6.91$	$87.38\pm7.34$	$72.59 \pm 7.34$	$83.38^{a} \pm 7.28$
(mg/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$91.77{\pm}5.87$	$62.84 \pm 8.26$	$58.61 \pm 8.15$	$71.07^{b} \pm 6.63$
	4 days after mating	$74.73{\pm}5.25$	$70.56\pm8.07$	$64.81 \pm 3.82$	$70.03^{b} \pm 6.83$
	8 days after mating	70.78±5.95	$70.46\pm7.24$	$61.38 \pm 5.24$	$67.54^{b} \pm 11.36$
	18 days after mating	$83.11{\pm}7.87$	$76.62\pm8.13$	$75.42\pm5.97$	$78.38^{ab} \pm 10.05$
	30 days after mating	$76.59{\pm}~6.93$	$77.84 \pm 2.04$	$73.69 \pm 4.38$	$76.04^{a\ b} \pm 9.73$
	<b>Overall mean</b>	$81.19^{\mathrm{A}} \pm 6.46$	$74.28 {}^{\mathrm{AB}} \pm  6.85$	$67.75^{\mathrm{B}}\pm5.82$	
Creatinine	Pre estrous period	$0.89\pm0.29$	$0.79\pm0.07$	$0.52 \pm 0.04$	$0.73^{a}\pm0.13$
(mg/dl)	Estrous period (at mating)	$0.95\pm0.32$	$0.54\pm0.08$	$0.73 \pm \ 0.10$	$0.74^{a}\pm 0.17$
	4 days after mating	$0.85\pm0.10$	$0.47\pm0.04$	$0.48 \pm \ 0.04$	$0.59^{b} \pm 0.06$
	8 days after mating	$0.74\pm0.12$	$0.58\pm0.09$	$0.60 \pm 0.04$	$0.64^{\ ab}\pm0.08$
	18 days after mating	$0.75\pm0.07$	$0.72\pm0.15$	$0.53 \pm \ 0.09$	$0.67^{\ ab} \pm 0.10$
	30 days after mating	$1.02\pm0.27$	$0.60\pm0.07$	$0.52 \pm \ 0.06$	$0.71^{a} \pm 0.13$
A B	<b>Overall mean</b>	$0.87^{\rm A} \pm 0.20$	$0.61^{\rm B}\pm0.08$	$0.56^{\rm B}{\pm}~0.06$	

<sup>A</sup>,<sup>B</sup>: values in the same row bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05).

<sup>a, b,</sup>: values in the same column bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05).

Regarding the effect of breeding period on urea -N concentration in the blood plasma, it clearly appears that values of urea -N decreased ( $P \le 0.05$ ) till 8 days after mating where it increased gradually till 18 days after mating and decreased again at the end breeding period.

Creatinine is considered as the major metabolite produced from protein catabolism. Lower creatinine concentrations in plasma of does treated with L-tyrosine (Table 4) may be due to higher utilization of dietary protein in does of L-tyrosine administration as compared to the control. These results are agreement with those of **Solouma** *et al.* (2011) reported that creatinine concentrations decreased in the serum of ewes fed protected protein as compared to the control. Generally plasma creatinine level is a useful indicator of glomerular filtration in the kidney.

Meanwhile, higher ( $P \le 0.05$ ) values of blood plasma creatinine were obtained in estrous period

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as compared the other breeding period (Table 4). Moreover, plasma creatinine concentrations were increased (P  $\leq 0.05$ ) at the end of breeding period. The present results are in agreement with results by Marai et al. (2006) who found the creatinine concentration showed significantly higher values at estrous in comparison with the other breeding period and in disagreement with the results by Solouma et al. (2011) who reported that the effect of breeding period on urea-N and creatinine concentrations were not significant. The quantity of creatinine formed each day depends on the total body content of creatine, which in turn depends on dietary intake, rate of synthesis of creatine, and muscle mass (Gluseppe et al., 2009).

## 3. Some blood metabolites between pregnant and non pregnant does as result of L-tyrosine administration:

## 3.1- Protein metabolism:

Data of total protein, albumin, urea and creatinine concentrations in plasma of pregnant and non pregnant does are presented in Table (5). Lower concentrations ( $P \le 0.05$ ) of total protein higher non and urea and significant concentrations of albumin and creatinine as compared to non pregnant does were observed as a result of L-tyrosine administration (Table 5). Decreased plasma total protein in pregnant does may be due to an increased foetal growth and especially the utilization of amino acids from the maternal circulation for protein synthesis in the foetal muscles (Antunovic et al. 2002). The present results are in agreement with the results obtained by Brzostowski et al (1996) who showed decreased protein concentration during gestation period. These results disagrees with the results reported by El-Sherif and Assad (2001) and Meziane (2001) who reported a significant increase of total protein in pregnant ewes. The lowest urea and highest creatinine values of pregnant does might reflect a difference in protein metabolism associated with the presence of the foetus. In addition, changes in plasma creatinine and urea concentrations might be

explained if muscle mass increased secondary to decreased muscle catabolism during pregnancy (**Fazio** *et al.*, **2011**). While, **El-Sherif and Assad** (**2001**) in Barki ewes stated that urea level started to rise during 10<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. So, the increase in serum creatinine levels could be attributed to the development of the foetal musculature, which is well documented in ewes (**Roubies** *et al.*, **2006**).

## 3.2- Energetic metabolism:

Data of total lipid, glucose and cholesterol concentrations in plasma of does pregnant and non pregnant as a result of L-tyrosine administration presented in Table (5). In blood of pregnant does significant ( $P \le 0.05$ ) increase in concentrations of total lipids and cholesterol and significantly ( $P \le 0.05$ ) lower concentrations of glucose were observed as compared to non pregnant does. The increase of plasma total lipids in pregnant does could be ascribed to the higher levels of free fatty acids (FFA) in pregnant than non-pregnant does, caused by increased level of cortisol due to the stress induced by pregnancy. These results are in agreement with the result reported by Gluseppe et al., (2009). The increased sensitivity of ewes to epinephrine hormone, leads to the increase in serum FFA concentrations in late gestation (Revell et al. 2000). In addition, Schlumbohm et al. (1997) reported that the elevated level of total lipids in late gestation compared to *dioestrus* is probably due to the reduced insulin-mediated inhibition of lipolysis observed in late pregnancy.

Significant decrease of plasma glucose in pregnant does as compared to non pregnant may be to associated with fetus development and mobilization of maternal glucose to fetal blood circulation (Jacob and Vadodaria, 2001 and Antunovic *et al.*, 2011). These results are in agreement with those reported by Wells *et al.* (1999) who suggested that the decrease in serum concentration of glucose with the progression of pregnancy might be due to the increased demand for fetal growth. Moreover, Waziri *et al.* (2010) concluded that glucose has lower values in pregnant ewes compared with empty ones. However, **Firat and Ozpinar (1996)** did not mention any significant differences in blood glucose during pregnancy; this observation is supported also by **Radostits** *et al.* (2000) who reported lower values than those reported by **Shetaewi and Daghash (1994).** 

Significant increase of plasma cholesterol concentrations in pregnant does as compared to non pregnant. These results are in agreement with Balikci et al (2007) who reported gradual increase ( $P \le 0.05$ ) of cholesterol levels during pregnancy compared with values obtained in non pregnant. Al-Dewachi (1999) pointed a high cholesterol level in pregnant ewes compared to empty ones. In addition, Waziri et al. (2010) attributed that the increase of plasma cholesterol in pregnant does to the physiological alteration of endocrine function. Furthermore the significant increase of cholesterol observed in the present study could also be a factor contributing to inhibiting glucose synthesis or, could be responsible for enhancing glucose uptake by the body cells. Tanaka et al., (2007) observed that no significant difference in serum cholesterol has been reported between pregnant ewes and empty ones.

# 3.3- Hepatic functionality:

Significant decreased concentrations of plasma triglyceride are found in this study in pregnant does as compared to non pregnant (Table 5). These results are in agreement with the results reported by Gluseppe et al., (2009) in The significant decrease in serum ewes. triglyceride could be explained as the effect of increased lipolysis which is hormonally regulated and not an expression of energy deficiency. The adipose tissue metabolism is strictly related to insulin, which stimulate lipogenesis in pregnant ewes (Schlumbohm et al., 1997). These results are in disagreement with Antunovic et al. (2011) and Deghnouche et al. (2013) who reported that the highest concentrations of triglyceride in the blood of the ewes during pregnancy comparing to the non-pregnant ewes and can be explained as a consequence of heavier transport of the

lipoproteins or energy deficiency in a meal. The changes of Plasma AST, ALT and ALP between pregnant and non pregnant does were not significant. This indicate that during pregnancy, the liver (AST and ALT) was not clinically affected. These results are in agreement with the reported by **Waziri** *et al.* (2010).

# 3.4- Mineral metabolism:

Blood plasma of calcium, phosphorus and Zinc in pregnant and non pregnant does are presented in Table (5). Mineral substances join the structures of important enzymes and proteins. In blood of pregnant does were lower ( $P \le 0.05$ ) levels of calcium and Phosphorus but non significantly higher level of zinc as compared to non pregnant does were found. The significant (P  $\leq$  0.05) decrease of Plasma calcium levels in pregnant as compared to non pregnant does are in agreement with the reported by Liesegang et al. (2007). These results may be related to the flux of calcium to the fetus or into milk resulting in significant decrease in serum calcium in goats and sheep (Liesegang et al., 2007). Some authors found that calcium levels increased (Waziri et al. (2010) during pregnancy. Also, the requirements of calcium for pregnancy are higher than those of maintenance, which increases the quantity of calcium required of tissue level and thereby increase calcium absorption from the gastrointestinal tract of goats. In addition, the passage of calcium across the placenta is unidirectional; back transfer of this element is very limited, so, the mobilization from bone and the increased absorption from the gastrointestinal tract are required to re-establish homeostasis. Also it is true that the requirement of calcium and phosphorus depends also on the physiological status and on the animal's productivity (Brezezinska and Krawczyk, 2009).

As shown in Table (5), a significant (P  $\leq$  0.05) decrease of Plasma Phosphorus levels in pregnant as compared to non pregnant does (Table 5). These results are in agreement with the result reported by **Antunovic** *et al.* (2011) and **Pinar** *et al.* (2009). Phosphorus is known as a component of phospholipids, which are important

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in lipid transport and skeleton and dent formation (Krajnicakova et al., 2003). Although, some researchers reported that no significant differences were observed at the phosphorus levels at different stages (Krajnicakova et al., 2003). Other researchers informed that Phosphorus level during pregnancy significant increase in does and ewes (Ozyurtlu et al., 2007).

Table	(5)	Changes	of	some	blood	metabolites
be	twee	n pregnan	t an	d non	pregnar	nt as a result
of	L-ty	rosine adn	nini	stratio	1.	

Blood component	Non pregnant	Pregnant	
Protein metabolism			
Total protein (g/dl)	$8.64^{a} \pm 0.85$	$7.97^{b} \pm 0.10$	
Albumin (g/dl)	$4.36^{a} \pm 0.34$	$4.58^{a} \pm 0.21$	
Urea (mg/dl)	$76.59^{a} \pm$	$70.64^{b} \pm$	
	7.56	0.91	
Creatinine (mg/dl)	$0.65^{a} \pm 0.04$	$0.72^{a} \pm 0.18$	
Energetic metabolism	!		
Total lipids (g/dl)	387.45 <sup>b</sup> ±	$410.56^{a}\pm$	
	44.94	39.08	
Glucose (mg/dl)	$39.37^{a} \pm$	24.21 <sup>b</sup> ±	
	4.22	3.45	
Cholesterol (g/dl)	$37.34^{b} \pm$	$60.38^{a} \pm$	
	5.21	6.48	
Hepatic functionality			
AST (U/L)	$21.09^{a} \pm$	$20.11^{a} \pm$	
	4.56	3.28	
ALT (U/L)	$39.07^{a} \pm$	$38.78^{a} \pm$	
	0.73	1.06	
Triglyceride (g/dl)	$75.93^{a} \pm$	56.94 <sup>b</sup> ±	
	6.13	9.00	
Alkaline phosphates	$0.48^{a} \pm 0.04$	$0.44^{a} \pm 0.01$	
(mg/dl)	0.40 ± 0.04	0.01	
Mineral metabolism			
Calcium (Ug/dl)	$26.55^{a} \pm$	22.25 <sup>b</sup> ±	
-	3.30	4.53	
Phosphorus (Ug/dl)	$7.45\ ^{a}\pm0.73$	$6.87^{b} \pm 0.09$	
Zinc (Ug/dl)	$106.45\ensuremath{^{\mathrm{a}}}\xspace\pm$	$99.67^{a} \pm$	
	12.64	18.33	
<sup>a,b</sup> . values in the s	ame row bea	ring different	

<sup>a,b</sup>: values in the same row bearing different superscripts significantly differed (P<0.05).

# CONCLUSIONS

From the present results it can be concluded that the does received oral dose of L-tyrosine at levels of 1.0 or 1.5 gm / 10 kg body weight at different time of breeding periods led to changes in most plasma metabolites, which could be considered as indicator for the physiological status of animal and improve of milk yield and composition first 12 weeks of lactation.

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الملخص العربى الأداء الانتاجى والتناسلى للماعز المتأثرة بالمعاملة بـ L-tyrosine 2: الأداء الانتاجى وبعض قياسات الدم فى اناث الماعز الزرايبى أمجد أحمد أبو العلا<sup>1</sup>، عماد صلاح الجوهرى<sup>1</sup>، طارق محمد عبد الخالق<sup>1</sup>، عبد الشافى محمد عبد السميع <sup>2</sup> 1- معهد بحوث الانتاج الحيوانى - مركز البحوث الزراعيه - وزارة الزراعه - مصر 2- - قسم الانتاج الحيوانى - كلية العلوم الزراعيه البيئية بالعريش - جامعة قناة السويس

> استخدم في هدة الدراسة 30 عنزه زرايبي بمتوسط عمر 4-4 سنوات ومتوسط الوزن 35-40 كجم ودلك لدراسة تأثير تجريع ل- تيروزين على الأداء الانتاجي وبعض قياسات الدم . قسمت الحبوانات عشوائيا الى ثلاث مجموعات (10 بكل مجموعه) ، المجموعة الأولى هي الضابطة ، المجموعة الثانية تم تجريعها بـ 1جم ل- تيروزين لكل 10 كجم وزن حي، في حين أن المجموعه الثالثه تم تجريعها بـ 1.5جم وذلك قبل أسبوع من بداية موسم التلقيح. وجرعة أخري بعد ثلاث ايام من الولاده. أظهرت النتائج أن معاملة اناث الماعز الزرايبي بـ 1.5 جم لـ تيروزين / لكل رأس (مجموعه الثالثه ) نتج عنه تحسن معنوى في الانتاج اليومي من اللبن عن المجموعه الثانيه (1 جم لـ تيروزين لكل رأس ) و المجموعه الأولي (الكنترول) . بالاضافة الي ذلك أدت المعامله بـالتيروزين الي زيادة معنويه في نسبة وكمية كل من الدهن وبروتين والاكتوز في اللبن مقارنة بمجموعة الكنترول.كما أظهرت النتائج ان المعاملة بالتيروزين ادى الى ارتفاع معنوى في نركيز كلا من والألبيومين والجلوكوز وانخفاض معنوي في تركيز كلا من الجلوبيولين واليوريا والكريانتينين مقارنة بالكنترول كذلك لوحظ انخفاض معنوي في تركيز كلا من البروتين الكلي والجولوبيولين واليوريا في اليوم الثامن بعد التلقيح وتزداد

معنويا فى اليوم الثامن عشر بعد التلقيح. كذلك لوجظ ان نركيز الجلوكوز كان أعلى معنويا فى اليوم الثامن بعد التلقيح واقل معنويا اثناء الشياع. ينما واضجت النتائج المتحصل عليها ان تركيز الكرياتينين كان اعلى اثناء فترة الشياع مقارنته مع باقى الفترات. كذلك لاتوجد اختلافات معنويه فى تركيز الألبيومين ونسبة الألبيومين/ جولوبيولين بين الفترات. وقد أظهرت النتائج وجود اختلافات معنويه بين الاناث العشار والغير عشار فى بعض مكونات الدم حيث لوحظ زياده معنويه فى تركيزات كلا من الدهون الكليه والكوليسترول ينما ظهر انخفاض معنوى فى تركيزات كلا من البروتين الكلى واليوريا والجلوكوز والتراجليسريد والكالسيوم والفوسفور فى الاناث العشار مقارنته بالاناث الغير عشار. كذلك لاتوجد اختلافات معنويه فى مقارنته بالاناث الغير عشار. كذلك لاتوجد اختلافات معنويه فى والتراجليسريد والكالسيوم والفوسفور فى الاناث العشار والألكالين فوسفاتيز والزنك بين الاناث العشار والجلد .

من نتائج هذه الدراسه يتضح معاملة اناث الماعز بـلـ -تيروزين عند مستوى 1.0 أو 1.5 جرام / لكل 10 كجم وزن جى ادى الى حدوث تغيرات فى مكونات الدم خلال فترة التزاوج وتحسن فى انتاج اللبن اليومى ومكوناته خلال فترة الفطام.