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| Thesis Title | Some Epidemiological Aspects and Molecular Diagnosis of Giardia | | | |
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| Abstract | The objective of the study was to determine prevalence and genetic diversity of Giardia duodenalis isolates from human stool samples and cattle fecal samples, during a period started from September 2012 to May 2013 in Al-Karkh region/Baghdad by using Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction and Polymerase Chain Reaction- Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism techniques to detect the genotypes and subgenotypes of G. duodenalis respectively, the concentration of serum immunoglobulin of anti-giardia IgM, IgG, and IgA in 50 infected patients were detected by Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA). The effect of ozone on Giardia cyst viability was also determined by using vital stain (Eosin Y). Results revealed, from 1194 human stool samples Giardia duodenalis was detected in 256 samples and the infection rate was 21.44%, highly rate was recorded in September and October 33.5%, 31.6% respectively. Sex of the patients had significantly influence on the total infectivity rate, in males, females were 20.58%, 22.93% respectively. A significant effect of age on incidence of infection was noticed, the higher rate was recorded in children aged ≤ 10 years old 27.18% in comparison with 14.54% of patients aged > 10 years old. A total of 54 Giardia isolates from 100 fecal samples (54%) were observed from cattle, 55.55% of isolates were detected in calves aged ≤ 6 months, while 44.44% recorded in cattle aged > 6 months. Significant differences were seen according to sex, 42.59% of the isolates belong to males and 57.4% belong to females . Molecular characterization of Giardia duodenalis isolates was determined by using Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction with specific kit to detect only the genotypes A and B. Among 120 human isolates, the percentage of detection was 90.84%. According to sex, the detection rate was observed in males 59.63% and females 40.36%. Also 44.9% of the isolates belong to patients aged ≤ 10 years old and 55.04% in patients aged > 10 years old. In cattle all the 54 isolates were analyzed, the detection | | | |
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Subgenotyping of *Giardia duodenalis* was processed by polymerase chain reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism(PCR-RFLP). The glutamate dehydrogenase gene (gdh) was amplified by using specific primers(GDHiF and GDHiR) in 60% human isolates, The positive samples including 17 male (56.66%) and 13 female samples (43.33%). Also 18 samples (60%) belong to children under or equal to 10 years old and 12 samples (40%) belong to person more than 10 years old. Subgenotype AI was detected in 30% isolates while subgenotype BIV was detected in 70% by using the restriction enzymes NIaVI and RsaI. According to sex, most of subgenotype A1 samples were belong to males 77.77% and 22.22% belong to females, while for BIV subgenotype 47.6% belong to male and 52.38% recorded in females.

Under age category, subgenotype A1, BIV was seen in 22.22% and 77.77% respectively in patients aged ≤ 10 years old while, 41.6% and 58.33% were recorded under age > 10 years old respectively. In cattle isolates, all 17 samples were recorded as subgenotype AI.

Antibodies specific for *Giardia duodenalis* in serum samples of infected humans showed Significant differences (p< 0.05) between infected and non infected humans and also among age groups of infected patients. The higher concentrations of **IgM**, **IgG**, and **IgA** were obtained in patients aged 2-12 years old in comparison with other age category .

The higher inactivation rate 98.5% for *Giardia duodenalis* cysts was recorded at Ozone concentration 0.2mg/L for 5 minutes exposure time.