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Effect of turmeric supplementation on heat stress on broiler chickens

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APPLICATION

Livestock farmers can make use of turmeric rhizome powder to ameliorate the effect of heat stress on broiler chickens.

INTRODUCTION

Tropical climates is a harsh environment for broiler production as a result of high ambient temperatures and relative humidity (Farooq *et al.*, 2005) but dietary manipulation such as addition of antioxidants may ameliorate this in some months in the year (Flachowsky, 2002). The phenolic compound, turmeric (*Curcuma longa*), has known antioxidant properties (Ammon *et al.*, 1993) so this study investigated the influence of turmeric rhizome powder on physiological responses and performance under a tropical climate.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Two hundred and forty Marshall day-old broiler chicks, having been granted permission by the College ethical committee, were randomly assigned to four dietary treatments having 4 replicates of fifteen birds each in a complete randomized design. Broiler birds were fed maize-soybeans based basal diets and supplemented with 0, 4, 8 and 12g of turmeric powder/Kg of diet (CT, TG, FT and SG, respectively) for 8 weeks. Mash diets were formulated to meet NRC (1994) nutrient recommendations for the starter phase (0-4 weeks) and the finisher (4-8 weeks) feeding phase of the birds. Data were collected on feed intake and body weights weekly. Blood samples were collected from 8 birds per treatment at week 6 for the determination of haematochemical parameters.

RESULTS

The results generally showed that turmeric at the dose of 8g/kg was optimum for broiler birds under hot humid conditions. This is in agreement with the findings of Isroli *et al.* (2017) who indicated that turmeric improved stress responses in chickens.

Table 1. Effect of different levels of turmeric rhizome powder on haematochemical parameters of broiler chickens

Treatment	Turmeric doses (g/Kg diet)				SEM	P-Value
	0	4	8	12		
Packed cell volume, %	30.67 ^b	28.33 ^c	33.00 ^a	29.67 ^b	0.54	<0.001
Haemoglobin, g/dl	8.70 ^b	8.30 ^c	9.23 ^a	8.70 ^b	0.10	<0.001
Red blood cell (x10 ¹² /l)	2.33 ^b	1.80 ^c	3.00 ^a	2.37 ^b	0.13	<0.001
White blood cell(X10 ⁹ /L)	10.47 ^c	12.63 ^a	12.83 ^a	11.90 ^b	0.03	<0.001
Heterophil.	31.67	30.33	29.33	30.00	0.38	0.153
Lymphocyte	68.67 ^a	66.67 ^b	70.00 ^a	69.33 ^a	68.67	0.017
Eosinophil	0.00	0.67	0.67	0.00	0.14	0.119
Basophil	0.00 ^b	0.67 ^a	0.00 ^b	0.10 ^a	0.01	0.006
Total protein	4.83 ^a	4.17 ^c	4.37 ^b	4.33 ^{bc}	0.09	<0.001
Albumin	2.77 ^a	2.00 ^c	2.93 ^a	2.30 ^b	0.11	<0.001
Globulin	2.17 ^a	2.10 ^a	1.40 ^b	2.07 ^a	0.10	<0.001
Glucose	153.67 ^a	131.67 ^b	124.33 ^c	136.00 ^b	3.32	<0.001
Triglyceride	94.33 ^a	75.67 ^c	84.33 ^b	68.67 ^d	2.97	<0.001
AST	62.67 ^a	62.67 ^a	45.00 ^c	54.33 ^b	2.32	<0.001
ALT	23.67 ^b	25 ^{ab}	27.33 ^a	19.33 ^c	0.94	0.001
FCR	2.35 ^a	2.05 ^b	1.79 ^c	1.85 ^c	0.061	<0.001

^{abc}: means in the same row having different superscripts differ significantly (P <0.05)

CONCLUSION

Turmeric rhizome powder improved the physiological response of broiler chicken under hot humid tropical climate in a dose-dependent characteristic and the optimum supplementation rate of 8g/kg of diet was recorded.

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Effect of in-feed larvacides on the health and welfare of broiler chickens

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APPLICATION

In-feed larvacide is not recommended for use in poultry production practice due to its negative effect on animals and public health.

INTRODUCTION

Larvacides are commonly used in poultry feed to alter the moulting stage of Houseflies (*Musca domestica*) which hatch on droppings, hence reducing the population of flies and smell nuisance in poultry houses. Cyromazine an active ingredient in larvacides has melamine as a metabolite which became a public health concern after the death of 9 infants and hospitalisation of 294,000 others after taking melamine tainted infant formula (WHO, 2008). However, cyromazine is widely used to reduce smell from poultry litter and to increase nitrogen content which usually translates to higher weight gains in broilers without the knowledge of its toxic effect on organs of animals. In this study, toxic effect of in-feed larvacide in broiler organs was investigated.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All protocols used in this study were approved by the Animal Care and Use Review Committee guidelines of Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria. One-hundred and sixty d-old Arbor Acre broilers of approximately 40g body weight were used in the study. Four diets were formulated to contain cyromazine at 0, 0.25, 0.50 and 0.75g/kg and were assigned to 4 dietary groups consisting of 4 replicates per treatment of 10 birds each. At the end of the 42-d feeding trial, one bird per replicate (4 birds/treatment) was sacrificed, the liver and kidney were harvested and stored in sample bottles containing 10% formalin. The tissues were dehydrated in 70% absolute ethanol for 2 h and in another 95% absolute ethanol for 2 h. Impregnation of tissue was done and embedded in molten paraffin wax, blocked after solidification and sectioned on microtome at four-micrometer thickness. The sections were stained with haematoxylin and eosine and then mounted on permanent slides which was observed under high power (X400) microscope lens.

RESULTS

The liver of birds fed diets containing cyromazine was characterised by a focal area of lymphoid aggregates with disseminated necrosis of the hepatocytes and inflammatory cells (Figure 1B1-D1). Additionally, when cyromazine was added to the diet, the kidney was characterised by an interstitial infiltration of cells with tubular necrosis and desquamation (Figure 1B2-D2), which could cause increased renal pressure and subsequent failure. However, this was not observed in the kidney of control birds (Figure 1A2).

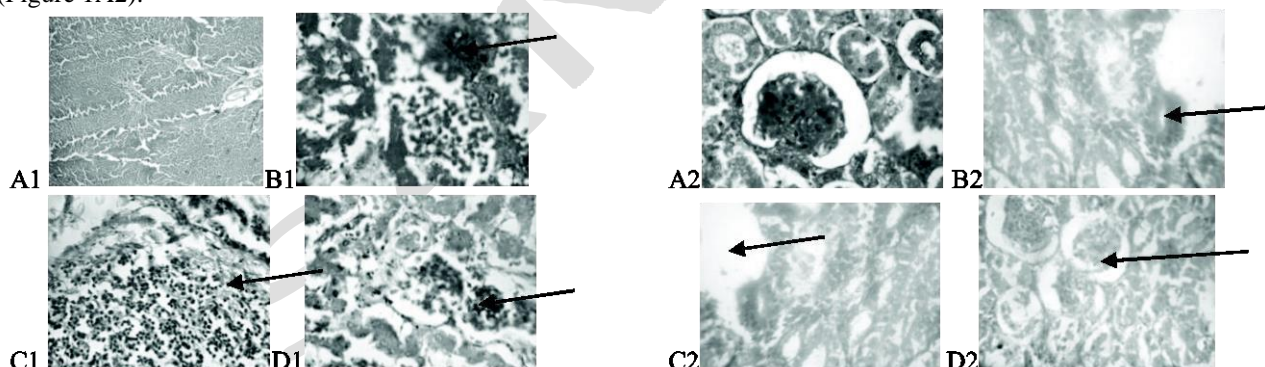


Figure 1. A histopathological view of liver (1) and kidney (2) tissues taken from broilers fed diets containing (A) 0g/kg cyromazine, (B) 0.25g/kg cyromazine, (C) 0.50g/kg cyromazine and (D) 0.75g/kg cyromazine. Arrows indicate necrosis of hepatocyte of the liver (A1-D1) and tubular necrosis and desquamation of kidney (A2-D2). Magnification 400X.

CONCLUSION

It was concluded that in-feed larvacide dosed at 0.25 to 0.75g/kg resulted in a toxic effect on liver and kidney of broiler chickens. Therefore, the potential risk to both animal and human health should be considered and controlled when using larvacides.

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