Dedication

To my

Precious and beloved parents who are

Always for me.

And who have always been my guiding

Light, shining on every single step in my life.
To my

Wife for the help and support.
To my

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<u>ملخص الدراسة</u>

هذه دراسة وصفية ، تحليليـه اجريـت لتحديـد نسـبه تـردد الاليـل و (KPª&KPʰ)kell و (Rh(D والعامـل الريصـي في قبيلة الشايقية.

اجريت هذه الدراسة خلال ثلاثة شهور (من مارس الي يونيو 100م) في ولاية الخرطوم وقد تضمن العمل اخذ 100 عينه من القبيلة اصحاء ظاهرياً بعد كتابتهم للاقرار ملحق (2) واخضاعهم لاستبيان خاص ملحق (3) وعيث تم اخذ عينات الدم من الوريد من المتطوعين (غير اقرباء) في وعاء سعته 2,5مل يحتوي على ماده مانعة للتجلط.(EDTA)

كل العينات تم تحليلها لمعرفه نسبه تردد ال ABO والعمل الريصي ((gel باستخدام طريقه الشريحه ، اما الطريقة الحديثة جل (Rh(D Kp^a&Kp^b) kell antigens). النفاذية) قد تم استخدامها لمعرفه نسبه ال

اوضحت النتائج أن نسبه فصيله الـدم (O) اعلـي نسـبه (48%). (A) اوضحت النتائج أن نسبه فصيله الـدم (B) اما نسبه (A) فكان اقل نسـبه (%28). (B) اما العمل الريصي (D)Rh) كان اعلي نسبه حيث كان تردده (%96). اعلي نسبه للانتجينات $(kell(Kp^aKp^b)$ حيث ان (kp^aKp^b) حقـق اعلـي نسـبه تـردد (%100).

تم ادخال البيانات المأخوذة وتحليليها باستخدام نظام SPSS لمعرفه الزمر الوظيفيه والانماط الظاهريه وتحديد نسبه التشابه بين هذه القبيله و القبائل السودانيه والدول الاخري تم بواسطه قانون جاكارد للتشابه.

نجد ان هناك تشابا في الزمـر الـوظيفيه لانظمـه ABO و العامـل الريصـي ونظام Kell بين هذه القبائل السودانيه التي تعيـش فـي منطـه جغرافيـه واحده وهذا قد يكون بسبب التزاوج بين هذه القبائل ، وان الاختلاف الـذي وجد في بعض القبائل يمكن ان يكون بسـبب الاختلفـات الـوراثيه واختلاف المناطق .

Abstract

Objective: This is adescriptive, prospective and analytical study aimed to determine the frequency of ABO, Rhesus (D) and Kell $(Kp^a\&Kp^b)$ antigens and phenotypes.

Methods:The study was carried out during the period of three months (Marsh to June 2007) in Alshaigia Sudanese tribe .Following informed consent, a total of hundred venous blood samples were collected into 2.5 ml EDTA containers from unrelated individuals.

All samples were tested for ABO and Rhesus (D) antigens using slide method whereas the modern technique called the gel particle immunodiffusion was used for determination of Kell (Kp^a&Kp^b) antigens. *Result*: Regarding to ABO blood group antigens the result revealed that: The O antigens was the most common (48%) followed by A antigens (26%) and B antigens (23) whereas the AB antigen was least common (3%).

Rhesus (D) was most frequent, with the frequency of (96%). Concerning Kell (Kp^a&Kp^b) antigens, the Kp^b was the highly frequent (100%), while the KP^a was least common (2%).

Method analyzed: The results were analyzed by the SSPS computer program and to compare between study tribe and other Sudanese tribes and other countries determined by Jaccard's coefficient of similarities. In conclusion there were similarities between state them (due to intermarriage) and differences with the others (may explained by the differences in geographical locations).

List of abbreviations

Ab : Antibody

Ag : Antigen

AIHA : Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia

Appro. : Approximately

DNA : Deoxyribonucleic acid

Fy Ag. : Duffy associated glycoprotein

HDN: Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn

ID : Immunodiffusion

Ig A : Immunoglobin A

IgD: Immunoglobin D

IgE : Immunoglobin E

IgG: Immunoglobin G

IgM: Immunoglobin M

Le : Lewis blood group system

Lu : Lutheran blood group system

LW: Landsteiner and Wiener

RBC :Red Blood Corpuscle

Rh Ag : Rhesus Associated

Rh : Rhesus blood group system

UK : United Kingdom

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