## **Dedication**

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### الخلاصـــــة

هذه الدراسة دراسـة وصـفية ، تحليليـة أجريـت فـي قبيلـة الهوسـا السودانية هدفت لتحديد نسب تردد الأليل(الأنتجين) ، والأنماط الظاهريــة لأنظمة ABO,Rh(D) و Kidd.اجريت هذه الدراسة في الفـترة مـن (أبريـل الى يوليو،2007). هدفت الدراسة لتكوين قاعـدة معلومـات لهـذه القبيلـة لتحديـد مـدي التـداخل بينهـا وبيـن القبـائل الاخـري بعـد مقارنتهـا معهـا. استخدمت الدراسة الزمر الدموية لأنظمة ABO, Kidd والعامـل الريصـي كعلامات للهوية لتحديد الاصل الاحتمالي المشترك ولتساعد في عمليات نقل الدم . أخذت الموافقة من الأشخاص الذين سحب منهـم الـدم وقــد تمت أحاطتهم بأهداف البحـث. تـم تجميـع عينـات مـن مـائة شـخص مـن القبيلة بحيث لا توجد بينهم صلة قرابة . تم تجميع كل عينة في وعاء سعة 2.5 مل يحتوي على مادة مانعة لتجلـط الـدم (EDTA). تـم فحـص جميـع العينات لمعرفة الزمر الدموية لنظام ABOو العامل الريصـي باسـتخدام طريقة الشريحة. اما فحص نظام Kidd فقد تم بطريقة حديثة تسمى جــل (حساسة النفاذية) ومن ثم تم تحديد الزمر الدموية لقبيلـة الهوسـا وتمـت مقارنتها مع الزمر الدموية لقبائل سودانية وقبائل مـن دول أخـري لتحديـد نسب التشابه والتباين. تمت هذه المقارنات بواسطة قانون جاكرد للتشابه. وأظهرت نتـائج الدراسـة أن نسـبة تـردد الزمــر الدمويـة التابعــة لنظام ABO :زمرة (O) كانت الاكثر ترددا بنسبة 50% وتليها الزمرة الدمويَّة B)) بنسبة 27% ثم تليها زمرة ) ( A بنسبة 17% واخيرا زمرة ( AB) بنسبة 6% وهي الاقل ترددا. وقد كانت نسبة تردد انتجيـن (D) التـابع للنظام العامل الريصي 94%. اما نظام kiddنجــد ان نسـبة تـردد انتجيـن  $Jk^{
m b}$ كانت 92% ونسبة تردد انتجين  $Jk^{
m b}$  كانت 48%.

خلصت الدراسة الى ان الزمر الدموية في قبيلة الهوسا تتباين مع الزمر الدموية لمعظم القبائل السودانية ولكنها تشابه تماما الزمر الدموية للزنوج وقبائل غرب أفريقيا كما في القبائل النيجيرية. ربما يرجع ذلك لهجرتهم من غرب أفريقيا وعدم اختلاطهم مع القبائل الاخرى.

### **Abstract**

This is a prospective and analytical study, aimed to determine the frequency of ABO, Rh(D) and kidd antigens, and phenotypes, among Husa Sudanese tribe. It also aimed at established ABO, Rh(D) and Kidd blood group baseline data for this Sudanese tribe. and it determine the interaction between this tribe and other Sudanese tribes which this will be useful in the blood transfusion.

The study was conducted during three months (April to July, 2007),

Following informed consent, a total of hundred venous blood samples were
collected from unrelated individual into 2.5 ml EDTA containers. All samples
were tested for ABO and Rh(D) antigens by using the slide agglutination
techniques. And kidd antigens were tested by the immune-diffusion gel
technique.

The results obtained showed that, The O group was most common ( 50% ) , followed by group B ( 27%), group A was found ( 17% ) and least common was group AB ( 6%).

The Rh(D) antigen was (94%).

JK<sup>a</sup> was(92%) and JK<sup>b</sup> was (48%).

Regarding to Husa tribe there was slight similarities between other Sudanese tribes, this could be due to their migration from west Africa and the wandering nature of this tribe. There was marked similarities between Husa and west African tribes as in Nigerian tribes .

#### List of abbreviations

Ab: Antibody.

.Ag: Antigen.

AIHA: Autoimmune hemolytic anemia.

cDNA: Complementary Deoxyribonucleic acid.

Fy Ag: Duffy associated glycoprotein.

GPB: Glycoprotein-B.

H-chain: Heavy chain.

HDN: Hemolytic Disease of The Newborn.

ID: Immunodiffusion.

IgA: Immunoglobulin A.

IgD: Immunoglobulin D.

IgE: Immunoglobulin E.

IgG: Immunoglobulin G.

IgM: Immunoglobulin M.

ISBT: International Society of Blood Transfusion.

L-Chain: Light chain.

Le: Lewis.

Lu: Lutheran.

LW: Landsteiner and Wiener.

mRNA: Messenger ribonucleic acid.

PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction.

RBC: Red blood corpuscle.

Rh Ag: Rhesus antigen.

Rh: Rhesus blood group system.

RNA: Ribonucleic acid.

WHO: World Health Organization.

X :Chromosome X

HIV :Human immune deficiency virus.

HUT: Human urea transporter.

M: Mole.

D.W: Distilled water.

EDTA: Ethylen di amine tetra acetic acid.

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