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ABBREVIATION

1	AFB	Acid fast bacillus
2	BC	Before Christmas
3	BCG	Bacillus-Calmette Guerin
4	C	Cytosine
5	DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
6	DOTS	Directly Observed Short Course Therapy
7	EDTA	Ethyl Diamine tetra acetic acid
8	EMRO	Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office of the World Health Organization
9	ELISA	Enzyme-Linked immune absorabent assay
10	G	Guanine
11	gyrA	Gene encodes the subunit A protein of DNA gyrase
12	gyrB	Gene encodes the subunit B protein of DNA gyrase
13	HLA	Human leukocyte Antigens
14	HIV,	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
15	hsp65	Heat shock protein 65
16	IFN- γ	Interferon Gamma
17	IFN- γ R1	Interferon Gamma Receptor 1 gene
18	IFN- γ R2	Interferon Gamma Receptor 2 gene
19	Ig	Immunoglobulin
20	IL-12	Interleukin 12
21	IL-23	Interleukin-23
22	I NOS	Inducible Nitrous Oxide Syntheses
23	Kat G	Gene encodes catalase-peroxidase enzyme
24	LJ	Lowenstein-Jensen medium
25	LM	Lipomannan
26	ManLAM	Mannose-capped Lipoarabinomannan
27	MHC	Major histocompatibility complex
28	Min	minute(s)
29	MDR-TB	Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis
30	mRNA	Massenger ribonucleic acid
31	MSMD	Mendelian susceptibility to mycobacterial disease
32	Mtb	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>
33	MTBC	<i>Mycobaterium tuberculosis</i> Complex
34	NK	Natural Killer cells
35	NTM	Non-tuberculous mycobacteria
36	PBMC	Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
37	PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
38	PID _s	Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases
39	PPD	Purified Protein Derivative
40	RBC _s	Red Blood Cells
41	RD	region of difference

42	RNA	Ribonucleic acid
43	RNIs	Reactive Nitrogen Intermediates
44	Sec	Second
45	SNP	single nucleotide polymorphisms
46	STAT1	signal transducer and activator of transcription
47	SOD	Superoxide dismutase
48	T	Thymine
49	TAE	Tri-acetate ethyl diamine tetracetic acid buffer
50	TB	Tuberculosis
51	TbD1	<i>M. tuberculosis</i> specific deletion 1
52	TMB	3, 3', 5, 5'-tetramethylbenzidinechromogenic buffer
53	TBM	Tuberculosis meningitis
54	Th1	T-helper 1
55	TNF- α	Tumour necrosis factor alpha
56	TST	Tuberculin Skin Test
57	UV	Ultra violet
58	XDR-TB	Extensively Drug Resistant tuberculosis
59	WHO	World Health Organization
60	ZN	Ziehl-Neelsen

ABSTRACT

Tuberculosis (TB) is a killing infectious bacterial disease with socioeconomic and grave public health implications. Approximately two thirds of global population infected with *M. tuberculosis* and only 10% of individuals develop clinical disease. Sudan is one of the few countries which suffer from high burden of disease accounting for 209 cases/100,000 population. A number of host genetic factors including gamma interferon influence disease susceptibility. The cytokine mediates immunity for control of progressive infection. Thus, mutations within gamma interferon receptor 1 (*IFN- γ R1*) result in increased susceptibility to pulmonary TB (PTB). This study was carried out in Khartoum state during the period from January 2015 to December 2016 to improve detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Sudanese with symptoms of tuberculosis infection using different conventional and advanced diagnostic techniques. One hundred specimens of blood and sputum were collected from different hospitals in Khartoum State including Abu Anja Hospital, Tropical Disease Teaching Hospital, Elasha'ab Teaching Hospital, Umdrman Hospital and Police Hospital. By using Polymerase Chain Reaction Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism technique was adopted to detect mutation in genes. This study showed that the gene extracted from immune cells of infected TB patient at genomic position +95, _56 using PCR-RFLP or at position +295deletion 12 employing PCR-CTPP method. There is no mutation in position +95, in_56 there is 23 mutations was statistically insignificant (p -value=0.771) and at position +295deletion 12 there is 10 mutations found its non-significant (p -value=0.343).

Research findings revealed that the four-demographic data gender, BCG vaccination, socioeconomic status and smoking were significant (P -value=0.000)

associated with increased risk of novel development of pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB).

In conclusion, this study was designed to determine the role of three polymorphisms located within the promoter region of *IFN- γ R1* gene in triggering development of TB among Sudanese patients. Collected data showed that the tested polymorphisms have potential link in increasing risk of developing TB among Sudanese patients in position -56 and $+295$ deletion 12 but in $+95$ there is no risk.

الخلاصة

الدرن (السل) مرض بكتيري معدي له تأثير علي الصحة العامه في العالم. ثلثين من سكان العالم تقريبا مصابين بالسل فقط 10% يتحول الى مرض .السودان واحد من البلدان القليلة التي تعاني من انتشار المرض بحساب 209 حاله لكل 100.000 من السكان. هناك عدد من العوامل الجينية متضمنة جاما انترفيرون تؤثر على ارتفاع الاصابه بالمرض.السايتوكاينس (البروتين) يتوسط الحصانة للسيطرة على العدوى التقدمية وبالتالي الطفرات الجينية داخل المستقبلات لجاما انترفيرون1تعمل على زيادة الاصابه بمرض السل الرئوي .

اجريت هذه الدراسة بولاية الخرطوم في الفترة من يناير 2015 الى ديسمبر 2016 للكشف عن دور المستقبلات لجين انترفيرون جاما في زياده نسبه الاصابه بمرض الدرن تم جمع العينات من اشخاص يعانون من اعراض مرض الدرن بأستخدام وسائل تشخيص تقليدية ومتطورة مختلفة. مائة من عينات الدم والبلغم تم جمعها من مستشفيات مختلفة بولاية الخرطوم وتتضمن مستشفى ابو عنجه ، مستشفى ام درمان، مستشفى الشعب التعليمي، مستشفى طب المناطق الحارة و مستشفى الشرطة.

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اظهرت الدراسة بان الجين المستخلص من الخلايا المناعية للاشخاص المصابين بمرض الدرن في الموقع +95 حيث لم نجد اي طفرة جينية ،اما بالنسبه للموقع - 56 كانت هناك 23 طفرة حيث كانت نسبتها وهي غير مؤثرة (p-value=0.771). بالتحليل الاحصائي . وبالنسبة للموقع +295+حذف 12 بنسبة .

وهي غير مؤثرة أيضاً (p-value=0.343)

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.و +295+حذف 12وفي المقابل لم نحصل على اي طفرة في الجين +95