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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to test the reliability of mycolic acid IgG antibodies compared to PCR among patients suspected to have pulmonary tuberculosis in Khartoum State.

Sputum and blood specimens were collected from patients attended to Alsha'ab Teaching Hospital, Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory, Ibrahim Malik Hospital and Abu Anga Hospital. All patients were priorly informed.

Smear from direct sputum specimens (90) showed that 17 (18.9%) were ZN positive, while 73 (81.1%) were negative. The 90 sputum specimens were cultivated on LJ medium and incubated at 37°C, 15 (16%) showed typical characteristics of *M. tuberculosis*, the morphological features were dry, tough and pale color colonies, while 75 (84%) showed no obvious growth or contaminated.

The biochemical tests showed sensitivity for para nitro benzoic acid test, negative for thiophin-2- carboxylic acid hydrazide, positive for nitrates oxidation and negative for catalase test at 68°C.

The ninety sputum specimens were subjected to PCR to ampilify IS6110 segment. The result showed that 79 (87.8%) were positive for IS6110 while 11 (12.2%) were negative.

Eighty Serum samples were analysed by ELISA, 16 (20%) gave positive result for antimycolic acid IgG while 64 (80%) were negative.

This study suggested that detection of antimycolic acid antibodies is a promising rapid and reliable technique in the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis.

هدفت هذه الدراسة لمعرفة جدوى الكشف عن أجسام الغلوبيولين(ج) الخاصة بحمض المايكوليك لدى المرضى الذين ىعتقد إصابتهم بمـرض السـل الرئوي مقارنة مع تفاعل البلمرة التسلسلي بولاية الخرطوم.

جمعت عينات الدم و البلغم (القشع) من مستشفى الشعب التعليمي ومعمل الدرن المرجعي، ومستشفى أبو عنجة ومستشفى ابراهيم مالك. المرضى تم إعلامهم بهذه الدراسة. المسحات التي أخذت من 90 عينة بلغم(القشع) تم صبغها بالذيهل نيلسن وأظهرت نتائج الاختبار 17 (18.9%) موجبة و 73 (81.1) سالبة.

من جملة 90 عينة بلغم تم عزل 15 (16%) للبكتيريا المتفطرة السلية على وسط ليوستين جنسن عند درجة حرارة 37 درجة مئوية أظهرت خصائص البكتيريا المتفطرة السلية البشرية (جافة ، خشنة وبلون شاحب) كما أنها عند إجراء الاختبارات الحيوكيميائية لها كانت حساسة لاختبار حمض البارابنزويك ومقاومة لاختبار الثيوفين-2- كاربوكسيلك أسيد هيدرازيد وكانت موجبة لاختبار اختزال النترات وسالبة لاختبار الكاتاليز. بينما 75(84%) لم يحصل لها نمو واضح أو كانت ملوثة.

كما وجد أن من جملة 90 عينة بلغم تم اختبارها بواسطة تفاعل البلمرة التسلسلي، 79(87,8) كانت موجبة و 11(12.2)) عينة كانت سالية.

أما اختبارات الجاما قلوبيولين (ج) على العينات فقد أظهرت أن 16 (20%) كانت موجبة و 64 (80%) كانت سالِبة.

هذه الدراسة كشفت بوضوح أهمية أجسام الغلوبيولين المناعي (ج) المضادة لحمض المايكوليك في دقته وسرعته في تشخيص السل الرئوي.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFB Acid Fast Bacilli

AIDS Aquired Immuno Dificiency Syndrome

AMA Anti Mycolic Acid Antibodies

BC Before Century

BCG <u>Bacillus Calmette-Guérin</u>
CDC Center for Disease Control

CF Cord-Factor

CR1 Complement Receptors1
CR3 Complement Receptors3

DAT Diactyltrehalose

DNA Deoxyribonucliec Acid

ELISA Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay

G+C Guanosine plus Cytosine

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

IgG Immunoglobulin Gamma

IUATLD International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

KDa kiloDalton

LAM lipoarabinomannan LJ Löwenstein-Jensen

M.tb Mycobacterium tuberculosis

MA Mycolic Acids

MDR-TB Multidrug-resistant TB

NTMs Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

PGL Phenol glycol Lipids

PPDs Purified Protein Derivatives

RNA Ribonucleic Acid

TB Tuberculosis

TDM Trehalose dimycolates
TMM Trehalose monomycolates

TST Tuberculin Skin Test

WHO World Health Organization XDR-TB Extensively drug-resistant