



INFLUENCE OF *BRUCELLA MELITENSIS* ON MDA OXIDATIVE STRESS AND COMET ASSAY DNA DAMAGE AND PATHOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE INTERNAL ORGAN OF FEMALE RATS IMMUNIZED WITH REV-1 AND GOLD NANOPARTICLES

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Abstract

In order to investigate the role of the *Brucella melitensis* infection in induce oxidative stress and the role of gold nanoparticle with and without Rev-1 vaccine and with Freund complete adjuvant in protective of female rat against *B. melitensis* infection and effects on DNA damage. And the current study showed the role of the *Brucella melitensis* infection induce comet assay DNA damage with all rat immunized with Rev-1 and with or without gold nanoparticles and Freund complete adjuvant. 60 female rats divided into six groups treated as following. 1st group administered with Rev-1 vaccine live attenuated of *Brucella melitensis* S/C. 2nd group administered with gold nanoparticle and Rev-1 vaccine S/C. 3rd group treated with gold nanoparticle. 4th group administered with gold nanoparticle with Rev-1 and Freund complete adjuvant S/C. 5th group served as control positive and six groups served as control negative. All groups infected with *Brucella melitensis* of challenge dose after 30 days post immunization. At the end of experimental blood samples collected from animals under euthanized and ethical conditions and taken to evaluate the MDA oxidative stress and comet assay DNA damage. The results showed low oxidative stress of MDA in 1st group and more low in 2nd group but show most lowest in the 4th group. And showed highest level of MDA in control positive group infected only with *Brucella melitensis* of challenge dose. And the results showed low comet assay DNA damage in 1st group and more low in 2nd group but show most lowest in the 4th group. And showed highest level comet assay DNA damage in control positive group infected only with *Brucella melitensis* of challenge dose.

Keyword : *Brucella melitensis*, Rev-1, Gold nanoparticles and Freund complete adjuvant.

Introduction

Brucellosis is one of bacterial zoonotic diseases that affect different mammals including animals and humans around the world. The disease of Brucellosis caused by different species of the genus *Brucella*, *Brucella* characterized by gram negative bacteria, non spore forming, unencapsulated and intracellular coccobacilli (Al-Khafaji, 2003; Bechtol *et al.*, 2010; Jaff, 2016). The humans infected with Brucellosis through ingestion of contaminated food or through the close contact with animals infected with *Brucella*, by handling the placentas or aborted fetuses of infected animals (Dean *et al.*, 2012), also the Brucellosis transfer to other people through blood transfusion and bone marrow transplantation (CDC, 2016). Brucellosis characterized by pyrogenic disease without appearance of any clinical signs in patients and the *Brucella* bacterial infection localized in organs of anybody system especially in joints, in farm animals the Brucellosis evident as abortions or breeding disorders (Bosilkovski *et al.*, 2009). Clinical symptoms include severe disease but may include frequent fever, night sweats, sleeplessness, arthralgia, headaches, weakness, irritation, neuralgic symptoms and joint, muscle, and/or back pain (Pappas *et al.*, 2006; Mohammed, 2015).

Zoonotic diseases are wide in Iraq such as *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* in sheep and brucellosis, so, animal vaccination is the best method for eradication of this bacterial zoonotic disease particularly in infection herds (Mohammed, 2015; Hamzah and Hasso, 2019; Hasso and Al-Janabi, 2019). The best method for preventing infection in humans is not eating undercooked meat and prevention of ingestion of unpasteurized dairy products and using disinfectant instruments when handling tissues are the best and safest ways to avoid transmitting infection for humans (Dado and Abdullah, 2000).

In small ruminants there are several vaccines available for the prevention of infection with Brucellosis but Rev-1 of *Brucella melitensis* is the best vaccine which is available used in control of *Brucella* infection (Blasco, 1997, 2006; Munoz *et al.*, 2008).

Rev-1 live attenuated vaccine of *Brucella melitensis* is until well known for the eradication of Brucellosis (Elberg, 1981; Elberg, 1996), it is administered through the subcutaneous route at standard doses, induces good protection against B in sheep and goats. Abortion linked to *melitensis* (OIE, 2016) (Munoz *et al.*, 2008).

There is no specific vaccine against *Brucella ovis* caused caprine Brucellosis but used of Rev-1 *B. melitensis* live attenuated vaccine more commonly in ovine, it also acts against *B. ovis* for the prevention of Brucellosis (Blasco and Molina-Flores, 2011). However, Rev-1 is virulent against humans and causes abortion when vaccination of pregnant animals (Blasco and Molina-Flores, 2011) human infected with Brucellosis treatment with streptomycin is the best choice of antibiotic (Ariza *et al.*, 2005) and the researcher recommended to use the Rev-1 vaccine against *Brucella* infection in small ruminants because it is better control of this wildlife reservoir (ANSES, 2015; Thébault *et al.*, 2015). Nanotechnology is the science that deals with and is applied in many areas, including chemistry, biology, physics, materials of engineering and field of healthcare, also from the other properties of metallic NPs support and biomedical applications (AbouEl-Nouretal, 2010).

There are several studies that deal with AuNPs, which are most extensively used as noble metals because they have various surface functions and special plasmon resonances used in several ways (Radetal., 2011; Ghosh *et al.*, 2008).

The researcher showed the AuNPs can be paired with multiple and different nanobiological supplier such as drugs, antibodies and proteins. And the binding of these biomolecules with AuNPs can affects on the resonance (SPR) of surface plasmon, and increase conductivity and activity, thereby enhancing of their flexibility (Karuppiah *et al.*, 2015).

The application of AuNPs in the biomedical field including used as therapeutic agent, drug delivery agent and act as antimicrobials effect (Shahzad *et al.*, 2017).

Materials and Methods

1. Rev1 Vaccine of *Brucella melitensis* (Abrovac Turkey).
2. Gold Nanomaterial Metals plates gold ounces are purchased from Al-Rafedian bank, with high purity listed of (99.999) for Au foil. The plates were polished, washed in ethanol and DDDW and cut off to pieces with dimensions to suite the experimental arrangement. The surface of the noble metals plate (ounce) was polished with 600-grade emery paper and applying to ultrasonically rinse in organic solvents before being prior to each experiment.

X-ray Diffraction

XRD pattern of gold nanoparticle prepared by laser ablation has been shown in figure (2). Generally of gold nanoparticle the peak of the XRD were observed between (20 and 100 degree).The presence of diffraction peaks indicates that the film is polycrystalline and no amorphous phase is detected. It is revealed that the nanoparticle has peak corresponding to (111), (200), (220), (311), (222) and (400) directions of the gold nanoparticle crystal structure.

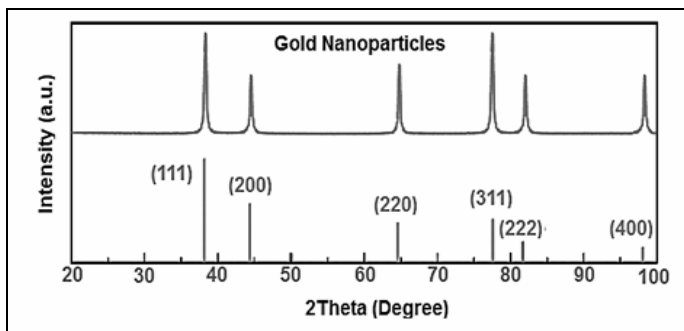


Fig. 2 : Generally of gold nanoparticle the peak of the XRD were observed between (20 and 100 degree)

❖ **Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):**

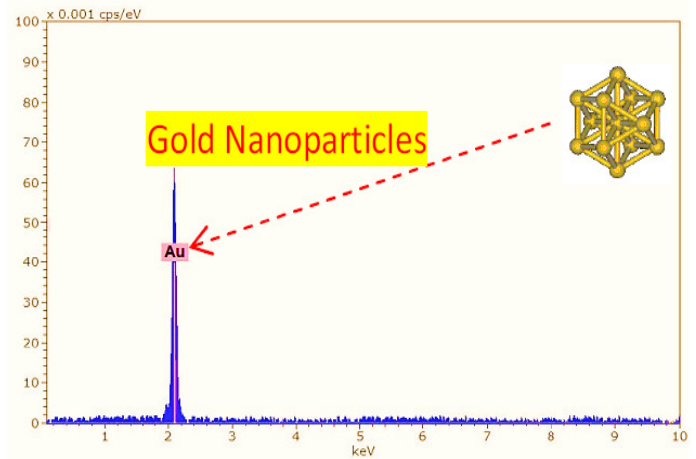
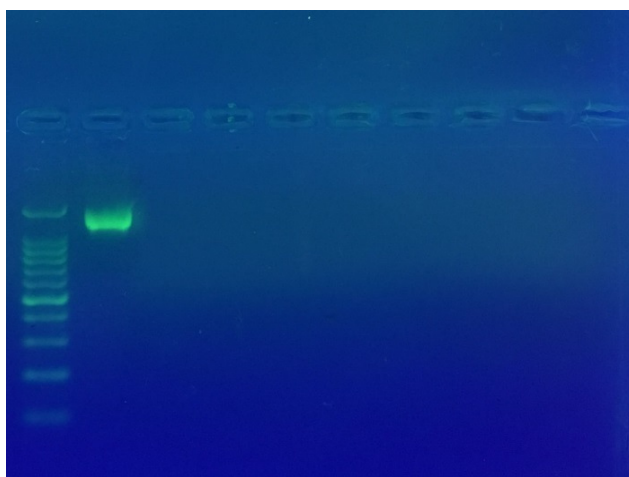


Fig. 3 : shows Energy Dispersive Spectrometry (EDS), it can be seen only demonstrating the element of Au, further confirms the high purity of gold nanomaterials and agreement with the XRD results.

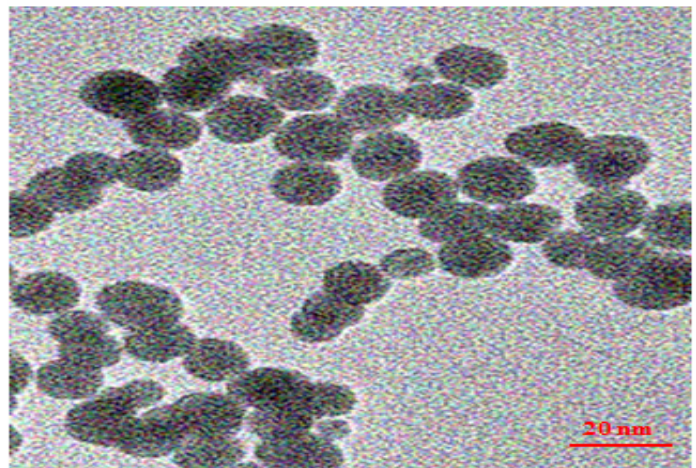


Fig. 4 : Show TEM picture, it can be observed that the morphology of the product is particle-like and nearly uniform in diameter (10 ± 5 nm).

3. *Brucella melitensis* strains:

Brucella melitensis Was obtained from the College Vet. Medicine in Baghdad condition, were cultured on routine culture media and confirmed diagnosis again by:

❖ **Biochemical test for routine bacterial identification**

bp	ng/0.5 µg	%
- 10000	20	4
- 8000	20	4
- 6000	20	4
- 5000	20	4
- 4000	60	12
- 3000	20	4
- 2000	20	4
- 1600	40	8
- 1200	20	4
- 1000	60	12
- 800	20	4
- 600	20	4
- 500	60	12
- 400	20	4
- 300	20	4
- 200	20	4
- 150	20	4
- 100	20	4

Fig. 5 : PCR product the band size 1250 bp. The product was electrophoresis on 2% agarose at 5 volt/cm². 1x TBE buffer for 1:30 hours. N: DNA ladder (100).

- 4- Freund's Complete adjuvant is a solution of antigen emulsified in mineral oil and used as an immunopotentiator .(FCA)(Manufactured by santa cruz USA) (Ramasamy *et al.*, 2012)
- 5- Challenge dose of *Brucella melitensis* 2×10^4 according to (Zeki yumuk *et al.*, 2000) .
- 6- Determination of serum malondialdehyde (MDA) concentration: Done according to (Gilbert *et al.*, 1984).
- 7- Dose of Rev-1 vaccine determination according to (Utba and Qays, 2015).
- 8- Determination the dose gold nanoparticle dose according to (Laima *et al.*, 2012).
- 9- Comet assay determine DNA damage. Oxiselect comet assay kit was done according to (Olive *et al.*, 1990; De Boeck *et al.*, 2000).
- 10- 60 Female Rats divided into six groups.

Experimental design:

1. 1st group immunized with Rev-1 live attenuated vaccine *Brucella melitensis* (0.3ml) .
2. 2nd group will immunized with Rev1 Vaccine of *Brucella melitensis* two dose two week interval and treated with gold nanomaterial adjuvant(0.3ml) . .
3. 3rd group immunized with 0.3 ml of mix groups texture consist from 0.3 ml of rev-1 vaccine and 0.3 of gold nanoparticle adjuvant.
4. 4th group immunized as 2nd group and treated with Freund's Complete adjuvant (FCA).(0.3 ml S/C).
5. 5th group control positive infected with *Brucella melitensis*.
6. 6th group control negative.

At 30 days post immunization blood samples collected to determine the immune response

Result

Table 1 : Level of Malondialdehyde concentration(mM/dl) in female Rat with different treatments.

Oxidative stress (MDA)(Groups)	Mean \pm Std. Error
G 1 immunized with Rev-1	23.34 \pm 0.52c
G 2 immunized with Rev-1 + gold nanoparticles	13.57 \pm 0.89d
G 3 treated with gold nanoparticles	33.34 \pm 0.58b
G4 immunized with Rev-1 + gold nanoparticles + Freunds complete adjuvent	5.48 \pm 0.51e
G 5 control +	45.80 \pm 1.65a
G 6 control -	0.38 \pm 0.10f
LSD	2.513

Table 2 : Mean and stander error of DNA damage in female Rat with multiple treatment:

Comet assay DNA damage (Groups)	Comet extent	Tail length	Tail DNA	Head DNA
	Mean \pm Std. Error			
G1	100.23 \pm 0.58c	17.90 \pm 0.37c	19.70 \pm 0.65c	80.29 \pm 0.65d
G2	74.12 \pm 0.94d	17.05 \pm 0.83c	16.43 \pm 0.65d	83.59 \pm 0.66c
G3	110.08 \pm 0.54b	23.58 \pm 0.50a	33.39 \pm 0.99b	66.61 \pm 0.99e
G4	54.33 \pm 1.06e	13.89 \pm 0.65d	12.04 \pm 0.51e	87.96 \pm 0.51b
G5(C+)	125.06 \pm 1.47a	30.05 \pm 0.36a	45.93 \pm 0.41a	54.06 \pm 0.41f
G6(C-)	48.62 \pm 0.67f	8.76 \pm 0.63e	4.78 \pm 1.07f	95.21 \pm 1.07a
LSD	2.7381	1.7121	2.2121	2.2164

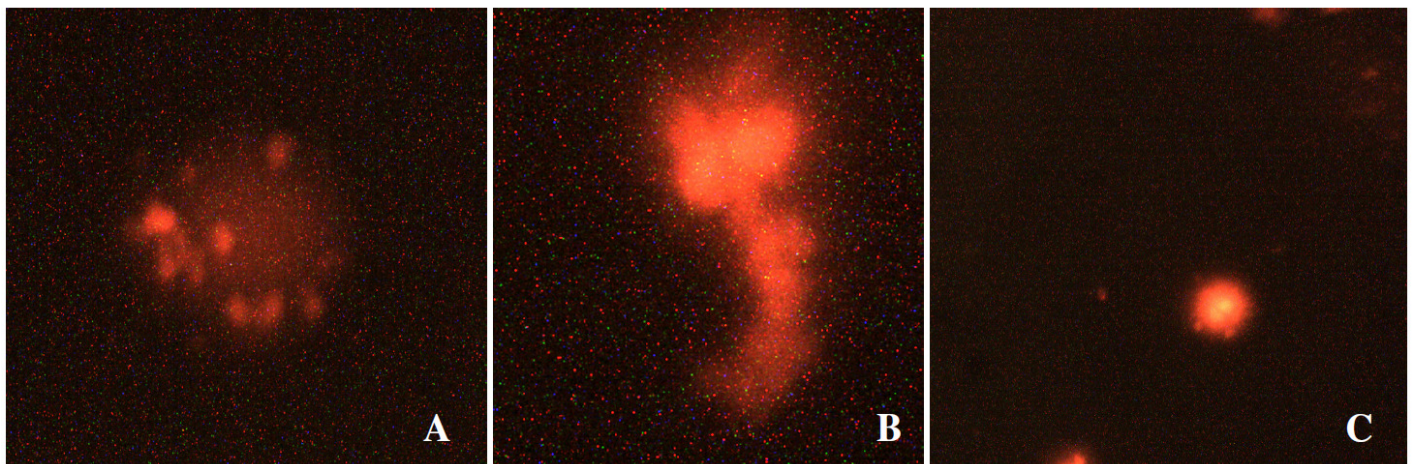


Fig. 1: Comet assay results in female rat peripheral blood lymphocytes examined by florescent microscope (400X) of (A) *Brucella* infected group And (B) *Brucella* infected group (C) control group showed fluorescent sphere without any DNA damage no tail. (Ethidium bromide stain).

Histopathology:

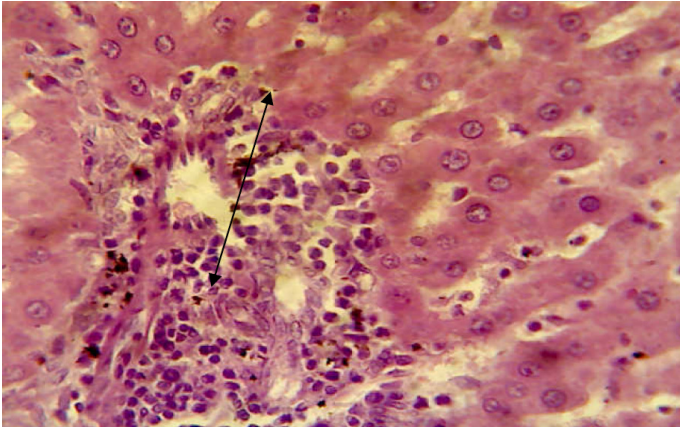


Fig. 1 : Section in the liver animal at 4 weeks post infection shows inflammatory cells infiltration in the portal area ↔ (H & E stain 400X)

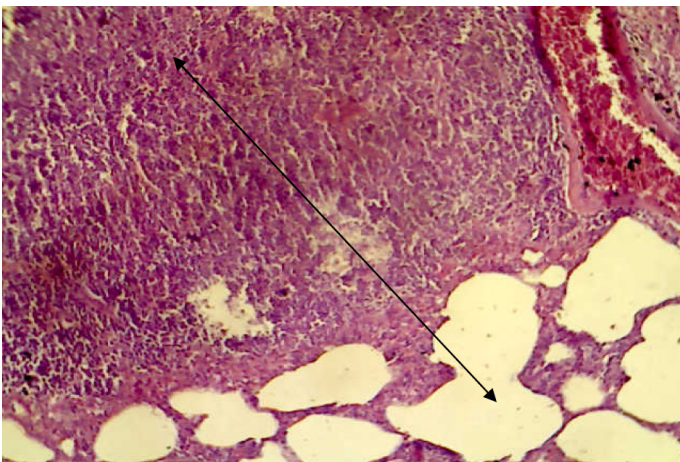


Fig. 2 : Section in the lung animal at 4 weeks post infection shows marked inflammatory cells infiltration in the interstitial tissue with emphysema ↔ (H & E stain 400X)

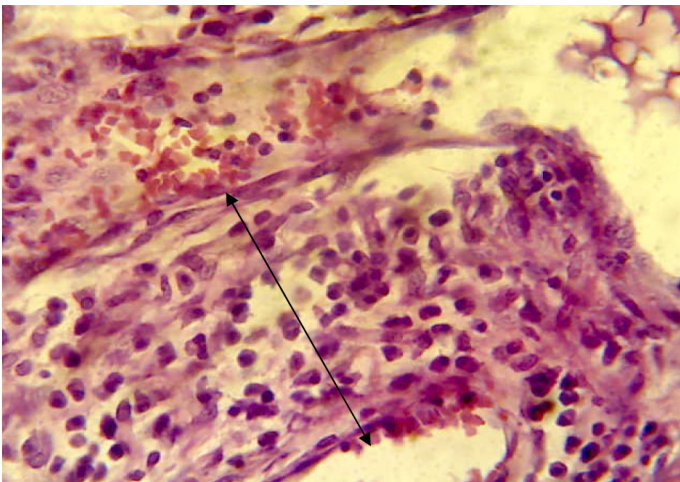


Fig. 3 : Section in the uterus animal at 4 weeks post infection shows neutrophils infiltration in the endometrium in congested blood vessels ↔ (H & E stain 400X)

Discussion

MDA oxidative stress

The organic oxidative stress compound containing the basic consist from the nominal formula $\text{CH}_2(\text{CHO})_2$ is malondialdehyde (MDA). Malondialdehyde characterized by several properties like, a colorless liquid, is a highly reactive compound that exists much like the MDA. This is a common

feature and characteristic phenomenon and marker represent for oxidative stress (Kumawat *et al.*, 2014).

In an organism the product free radicals produce the cycle degradation of lipid peroxidation. The final cell product is Malondialdehyde (MDA) represent for one of the cells 'final products result from for the peroxidation and degradation of polyunsaturated fatty acids. The increase in free radicals revealed overproduction of MDA. The patients with cancer increase the level of malondialdehyde and this is generally referred to relationship between the cancer and increase measurement of oxidative stress and antioxidant status. the detection measurement Malondialdehyde (MDA) content in the studies was refer to a lipid peroxidation marker and detection in oxidative stress and redox signaling pathways; In particular, some studies occur in the plant on abiotic and biotic stress. And there is several publication for malondialdehyde from the past decade (Gaweł *et al.*, 2004).

Based on table (1), the fifth group (control positive group) showed that level of MDA at the (30) day was higher value ($45.80 \pm 1.65a$) as compared with other groups at ($p < 0.05$). Then the third group (that treated with gold nanoparticles only) showed (33.34 ± 0.58) as MDA level at the day (30) post immunization at ($p < 0.05$). Following by the first group (that treat by immunized with Rev-1 only) showed level of MDA was (23.34 ± 0.52) at ($p < 0.05$), Then the second group (that treated immunized with Rev-1 + gold nanoparticles) showed level of MDA was (13.57 ± 0.89) at ($p < 0.05$). While the fourth group (that treated with immunized with Rev-1 + gold nanoparticles + Freund's complete adjuvant) showed level of MDA was (5.48 ± 0.51) at ($p < 0.05$). While the sixth group (control negative) showed lower value in MDA level (0.38 ± 0.10) compared with other groups at ($p < 0.05$) as table (1).

There are Many studies for bacterial infection have shown and detect that will be increase of MDA, anywhere *Bacillus thuringiensis* ssp. infection has an impact. When the Infection with galleries can detect the increase the levels of serum superoxide dismutase concentration (SOD), S-transferase (GST), catalase (CAT), and malondialdehyde (MDA), glutathione. And these studies and this hypothesis of that bacterial infection reveal to express high level of oxidative stress rates, including MDA (Dubovskiy *et al.*, 2008) (Lorente *et al.*, 2013).

Increasing of Malondialdehyde in serum is occurring in stress status, Malondialdehyde is indicator in infection, radiation, toxicity and inflammation, therefore the results agree with our results (Yman, 2006).

In different biological sample Given very wide broad of differences in concentrations of malondialdehyde (MDA), and this result detect the MDA for oxidative stress used as biomarker for different studies in clinical investigations. Increasing of the malondialdehyde indicate oxidative stress such as inflammation, bacterial infection and associated high level of free radicals (Khoubnasabjafari *et al.*, 2015) (Cherian *et al.*, 2019) MDA is become higher and increase in serum, urine, and nasal fluid and saliva samples in oxidative stress (Cui *et al.*, 2018).

While sixth group (G6) (non-treated group) showed lower concentration of MDA in serum because the animals of this group were not subjected to stress or inflammation, so no

increase in Malondialdehyde level was seen, and this is similar to our findings and supported it.

DNA damage

DNA damage is detected and significantly refers to different forms of mutation, although they are both forms of DNA defect. The defect and an irregular chemical structure of DNA lead to damage of DNA and this damage also occurs by mutation as a shift of DNA with the regular base pair sequence. The destruction and change in the structure of genetic material result from DNA damage and that leads to prevent DNA from proper function and reduce the efficiency of replication (Giglia-Mari *et al.*, 2011).

The mutation and damage of DNA result from varying biological defects. The DNA replication can repair the damage that occurs in DNA sequence, such repair is not 100 percent successful. In non-replicative cells, such as in the adult, the cells in the brains or muscles do not replicate, and in the adult unrepaired DNA damage accumulates, and causes aging. (See also the aging theory of DNA damage.) Errors occur in cells when replicating past damage in the DNA template strand or during repair of DNA damage, for example cells lining the colon. These mistakes of DNA replication can cause mutations of DNA or epigenetic alterations. All these forms of modifications of DNA mutation may be repeated and passed to cells in subsequent generations. In the gene, different alterations and changes in function or regulation of gene expression and these changes possibly contribute to progression to cancer (Chatterjee and Walker, 2017).

There are numerous checkpoints in the cell cycle that are used to detect and ensure the cell is in good shape and have to advance towards mitosis. The three major and important checkpoints are at G1/s, G2/m, and anaphase-regulating used for progression at the spindle assembly to control level. These checkpoints G1 and G2 include the important screening for damaged DNA. (Lara-Gonzalez *et al.*, 2012) The cell cycle is more effective to DNA damage during the S process more than any other part of the cell cycle. G2 checkpoint tests act as for completeness of damaged DNA and DNA replication. DNA damage is an alteration represented in DNA's chemical structure, such as a breakdown of DNA strand, and a base missing to DNA's backbone; or a chemically modified and changed base, including 8-OHdG. Also damage to DNA can occur during either naturally occurring conditions, or by environmental factors. The DNA damage response represents a complex signal transduction pathway observed and which recognizes when DNA is damaged and initiates the cellular response effect from the damage (Martin, 2008).

The result showed that the lower level of DNA damage occurs in the fourth group (that treated immunized with Rev-1, gold nanoparticles and Freund's complete adjuvant) as compared with the other groups (first, second and third group) at ($p < 0.05$). The fifth group (control positive) showed a higher level of DNA damage was (54.06 ± 0.41) as compared with other groups at ($p < 0.05$) as table (2).

Among bacterial toxins, these bacterial genotoxins are special and unique properties because their molecular target to effect is DNA. The result of bacterial intoxication or infection is the induction of DNA damage and breaks which result in irreversible cell cycle arrest or death of the target

cells if not the cell is properly repaired. The number of Gram-negative bacteria produced toxins such as Salmonella Typhi and Escherichia coli these toxins lead to cell damage. (Grasso and Frisan, 2015).

Living organisms are constantly exposed to a multiple of harmful DNA agents that can affect their health cell. Damage of DNA usually occurs in bacterial infections, however, DNA damage mechanisms are often caused by different factors including radiation, bacterial infection and toxicity (Deplanche *et al.*, 2019; Sahan *et al.*, 2018; Žgur-Bertok, 2013).

There are several factors which cause DNA damage related with the cell genome continually subjected to factors include exogenous and endogenous damage factors. Unless restored, malignant transformation of the cell occurs by deleterious mutations resulting from DNA. In the current study, DNA damage, apoptosis and delay in secretory phenotype of the cell cycle. All the reasons effect on cells have developed an advanced and delay in efficient monitoring method, accordingly. All results in previous study support our results and agree with (Roos and Kaina, 2012; Pearl *et al.*, 2015).

Histopathology

The main features of pathological changes in the examined organs induced by *Brucella melitensis* infection of non-immunized animals, in the current study, are suppurative inflammation, these results were coincident with results of (Al-Khafaji and Al-Sultany, 2020) However, the main pathological lesions in the examined organs were neutrophils and macrophages infiltration in the 5th group, these results may indicate chronic Brucella infection since, during acute infection, Brucella can attract neutrophils that engulf these pathogens (Colotta *et al.*, 1992) and neutrophils can produce chemokines that attract the macrophages (Sabroe *et al.*, 2005) (Sabroe *et al.*, 2002), neutrophils act to kill the pathogens by the respiratory burst (Nauseef, 2007), however, Brucella can resist killing by neutrophils and cause death of these cells by LPS (Braude, 1951) (Ackermann *et al.*, 1988), the severe lesions in the 5th group post infection associated with high levels of MDA and DNA damage may be due to Br-LPS-induced PMN cell death correlates with increase of ROS mediated by NADPH oxidase that induced oxidative tissue damage and DNA breakdown in addition to necrosis or cause apoptosis (Faddeel *et al.*, 1998), it was reported that DNA damage by oxygen radicals is a well-known phenomenon in a variety of cells, including PMNs (Geering and Simon, 2011)

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