

Modifications in serum Amyloid A and Haptoglobin in mice following oral inoculation of graded doses of *P. multocida* type B: 2 and its lipopolysaccharide

ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to investigate the serum Amyloid A (SAA) and Haptoglobin (Hp) in the mice infected with *Pasteurella multocida* type B: 2 and its lipopolysaccharide (LPS) inoculated through the oral route with graded doses (101, 103, 105, 107 and 109 cfu). Sixty healthy Balb c mice were placed in twelve plastic cages each one containing five mice. The mice were divided into three major groups (A, B and C). Group A is the control group (n = 10) and these were inoculated with 0.4 ml of PBS (pH 7.4) orally. The treatment groups (B; n = 25 and C; n = 25) were inoculated with *P. multocida* type B: 2 and its LPS respectively. The mice in group B and C were further divided into five subgroups. The subgroups were designated based on the graded doses as B101, B103, B105, B107 and B109 for *Pasteurella multocida* and C101, C103, C105, C107 and C109 for LPS. The mice were observed for 120 hours post-inoculation. The concentration of Hp was significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the B109 cfu of *P. multocida* type B: 2 and LPS compared to the control group and the other treatments. In conclusion, *Pasteurella multocida* type B: 2 and its LPS are able to increase Hp in mice during acute infections.

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