

Seroprevalence of Infectious Bursal Disease Virus and Newcastle Disease Virus in Local Adult Chickens in Eke Onu-Nwa, Ama-Hausa, Afor-Umuaka, Eke-Eziachi and Orie-Umuna market in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria.

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ABSTRACT

Seroprevalence of infectious Bursal Disease Virus and Newcastle Disease Virus in Local Adult Chickens in Eke Onu-Nwa, Ama-Hausa, Afor-Umuaka, Eke-Eziachi and Orie-Umuna market in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria were analysed. Samples were collected at sales point in the markets mentioned above in Owerri Imo State, Nigeria. The results obtained from IBDV in chicken from 5 different markets in Owerri Imo State have the prevalence rate of 15.5% (43/250) obtained from NDV. People in Owerri should vaccinate their chickens and should not eat dead chicken. Every dead chicken should be buried. Government should also pay more attention to poultry farming especially in Eastern part of the country or in Nigeria at large in order to curb this diseases.

Keywords: Seroprevalence, Infectious, Virus and Newcastle Disease.

INTRODUCTION

Infectious Bursa Disease Virus (also known as IBDV) (Gambaro Disease Infectious Bursitis and infections Avian Nephrosis) is a highly contagious disease of young chickens caused by infections bursa disease virus (IBDV) which is characterized by immuno-suppression and mortality at 3 to 6 weeks of age [1]. It is economically important to the poultry industry worldwide due to increased susceptibility to other disease and negative interference with effective vaccination [2]. Very virulent strains of IBVD causing severe mortality in chicken have emerged reentering Europe, Latin America, South East [3]. Infection is through the room-fecal

route, with affected birds excreting high levels of virus for up to two weeks after infection [4].

Virus classification

Group: Group III (ds RNA)

Family: *Birnaviridae*

Genus: *Avibirnavirus*

Species: Infection bursa disease

Infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV) causes an acute and contagious disease in young chicken from 3-6weeks of age. Two serotypes of the virus are recognized of which serotype one viruses are pathogenic to chickens and are classified into classic, viariant and serotype 2 virus and non-pathogenic [5] the disease is controlled by vaccination [6].

EPIDERMIOLOGY OF NEWCASTLE DISEASE

Newcastle disease (ND) is a viral disease of birds caused by a filterable virus Newcastle Disease virus (NDV)

which belongs to the family of *paramyxoviridae* [7] it is a per acute, acute and sometime sub-clinical

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disease contagious disease of poultry [8] ND is considered among the most important disease of poultry and outbreaks with mortality up to 100% are common [9] ND infection takes place through virus inhalation or ingestion and its spread from one bird to another depends on the availability of the virus in its virulent infectious form [10] and its short incubation period of 5-6 days [11]. The disease usually affect the respiratory, gastro intestinal and nervous systems with common signs of listlessness increased respiratory rate, yellowish to greenish diarrhea and weakness followed. Later by prostration and death [12]. The virus has been isolated from domestic ducks by inoculating tissue homogenates into

9 to 11 day old embryonated Muscovy duck eggs [13]. NDV is spread by direct contact between healthy birds and the bodily discharge of infected birds. The disease is transmitted through infected birds dropping and secretions from the nose, mouth and eyes. NDV spreads rapidly among birds kept in confinement, such as commercially raised chickens [14]. It can also spread by mechanical means on shoes and clothing and carried from an infected flock to a healthy one [15]. NDV can survive for several weeks in a warm and humid environment on birds feathers, manure and other materials [16]. However, dehydration can destroy the virus rapidly and by the ultra violet rays in sunlight. [17]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

This project is designed to determine the Seroprevalence of infection bursa disease virus (IBDV) and Newcastle disease virus in local Adult chickens

from Eke Onu-Nwa, Ama-Hausa, Eke Eziachi and Afor Umuaka market in Owerri Imo state and to generate data for policy formulation and control.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

SAMPLE COLLECTION

250 samples of blood was collected from Eke Onu-Nwa, Ama-Hausa, Afor Umuaka, Orie Umuna and Eke Eziachi markets in Owerri, Imo State. This was done by venal puncture

- ii. The wings was held back to expose the brachial vein of the chicken.
- iii. Few feathers were removed to aid visibility.
- iv. The exposed skin area was disinfected using alcohol.

- v. Sterile needle was inserted into the muscle around the vein and gently man curve into brachial vein.
- vi. 4 ml of blood was collected into ACD to make a total of 5 ml.
- vii. The needle and syringe was gently removed and the punctured area clean up.

AREA OF STUDY

The study was carried out in Eke Onu-Nwa, Ama-Hausa and Eke-

Eziachi, Afor Umuaka and Orie Umuna Markets in Owerri, Imo State.

PERIOD OF STUDY

The practical was carried out between

November 2011 to November 2012

STUDY POPULATION

Samples were collected at Sales point in Imo State

the markets mentioned above in Owerri

SAMPLE SIZE

Samples collected were 250 serums of local chickens.

MATERIAL

- i. Phosphate buffered saline (PBS), sterile.
- ii. Syringe & needle.
- iii. Sodium chloride.
- iv. A arose.

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- v. Weighing balance.
- vi. Vacuum pump
- vii. Test sample (Sera).
- Vi. Centrifuge.

PREPARATION OF AGAR (100ML)

- i. 1g of A arose and 8g of sodium chloride was weighed.
- ii. The salt was poured in to sterile Durham bottle (500ml.)
- iii. 100ml of PBS was added
- Vi The mixture was heated until it dissolves completely.
- V 15ml of melted agar was dispensing into 100x 15ml sterile Petri dishes
- Vi These Petri dishes was lift open until agar is set.
- Vii The plate was then covers and stored at +4c

PROCEDURE FOR AGAR GEL IMMUNO DIFFUSION (AGID) TEST

- i. wells was cut in set agar using a tubular cutter.
- ii. The agar was then removed from the walls using suction pump.
- iii. The test sera was dispense in to the wells.
- Iv. The standard antigen was dispensing into the central well.
- V. The standard positive antiserum was dispense in the peripheral well opposite the standard antigen
- vi. Standard negative antiserum was dispensed in the well opposite the standard positive antiserum.
- vii. The plates was incubated at 37oC for 24-48 hours in a humid chamber
- viii. The plates was examined in dark ground with oblique light source to identify line between positive antiserum and standard antigen

PROCEDURE FOR HEAMAGGLUTINATION (HA) TEST

- ✓ 0.025ml of PBS was dispense into each well of a plastic micro titre plate (v bottomed wells)
- ✓ 0.025ml of virus suspension was placed in the first well
- ✓ Two- fold dilutions (from 1:2 to 1:4096) of virus was done across the plate
- ✓ 0.025ml of PBS was further dispense to each well
- ✓ 0.025ml of 1% of serum was added to each well
- ✓ The mixture is then mixed by tapping gentle and place at 20°C for 30 minute
- ✓ Plates was read after 30 minutes to observed the presence or absence of tear-shaped streaming of the serum

PROCEDURE FOR HAEMAGGLUTINATION INHIBITION (HI) TEST

- ✓ 0.025ml of PBS was dispense into all wells of a plastic micro-titre plate (with V-bottomed wells)
- ✓ 0.025ml of the serum was placed into first wells of micro plate
- ✓ Two fold dilution of 0.025ml volumes of the serum was made across the plate
- ✓ 4 HAU virus/antigen in 0.025ml was added to each well and the plate was left for a minimum of 30 minutes at room temperature
- ✓ 0.025ml of 1% (v/v) chicken RBC was added to each well and was gently mixed
- ✓ Plates was read after 30-40 minutes

RESULTS

HI Titre in local chicken sold at Eke Onu nwa market. Here, the total number of 50 samples were collected,

46 were negative while 4 were positive (table1)

HI Titer in local chicken sold at eke onu-uwa market

Table 1

Titre value

Number of sample

2^0	2^1	2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5	2^6	2^7	2^8
12	16	11	7	1	3	0	0	0

HI Titre in local chicken at Ama-Hause market. The total number of 50 samples were collected, 41 were negative while 9 were positive. (Table

II). HI Titre in local chicken sold at Ama-Hausa market.

Table 2

Titre value

Number of sample

2^0	2^1	2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5	2^6	2^7		2^8
14	15	6	6	3	2	2	2		0

HI Titre in local chicken sold at Eke-Ezeachi market. Total numbers of 50 samples were collected, 34 were

negative while 16 were positive (table

III). HI Titre in local chicken sold at Eke-Eziachi market

Table 3

Titre value

Number of sample

2^0	2^1		2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5	2^6	2^7	2^8
9	11		7	7	6	5	3	2	0

HI Titre in local chicken sold at Afor Umuaka market

Total numbers of 50 samples were collected and 44 were negative while 6 were positive

Table 4

Titre value

Number of sample

2^0	2^1	2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5	2^6	2^7	2^8	2^9
11	19	7	7	3	3	0	0	0	1

HI Titre in local chicken sold at Orié Umuna market

Here, 41 samples were negative while 9 were positive

Table 5

Titre value

Number of sample

2^0	2^1	2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5	2^6	2^7	2^8	2^9
13	13	7	8	1	5	2	0	0	1

Table 6. Seroprevalence of NDV in Owerri.

S/No	Collection point	No. of Samples	No. of Positive	Seroprevalence
1	Eke Onu-Nwa	50	4	0.08
2.	Ama-Hausa	50	9	0.18
3.	Eke Ezi Achi	50	16	0.32
4.	Afor Umuakah	50	6	0.12
5.	Orie Umuna	50	8	0.16

Table 7. Seroprevalence of IBDV in Owerri.

S/No	Collection point	No. of Samples	No. of Positive	Seroprevalence
1	Eke Onu-Nwa	50	24	0.48
2.	Ama-Hausa	50	33	0.66
3.	Eke Ezi Achi	50	21	0.42
4.	Afor Umuakah	50	17	0.34
5.	Orie Umuna	50	23	0.46

DISCUSSION

In table I the study of this project revealed the occurrence of NDV antibodies and IBDV antibodies by HI and AGID on chicken sold in 5 markets in Owerri Imo State. The prevalence rate 8% (4/50) obtained for NDV in local chicken from Eke Onu -Nwa is very significant ($P \leq 0.05$) and therefore high. A similar findings was reported by [18]. His result was 49% (10/50) samples. Chickens are susceptible to NDV due to local practices. In table 2 the prevalence rate of 20% (9/50) obtained for NDV in chicken from Ama Hausa Market is Significant ($P \leq 0.05$) and therefore high. Similar research work was carried out by [19] where 50% (20/50) tested positive. In table 3, the prevalence rate of 35% (16/50)

obtained for NDV in chickens from Eke Ezichi Market is very significant ($P \leq 0.05$). This work is comparable to the result obtained in a similar research by Zamarin *et al* (2009) in Zambia whose result was 20% (10/30) positive samples. In table 4 the prevalence rate of 10% (6/50) obtained for NDV in chicken from Afor Umuakah Market is significant ($P \leq 0.05$) and therefore high. A similar finding was reported by Alexander in Britain whose finding was 29% (2001) positive samples. In Table 4, the prevalence rate 12% (8/50), this is also comparable to the result obtained in a similar work carried out by [5] in Zaria, whose finding was 35% (25/50) positive samples.

CONCLUSION

From the findings of this study, it can be said that the prevalence rate of 50.9% (118/250) obtained from IBDV in chicken from 5 different markets in Owerri Imo State have the prevalence rate of 15.5% (43/250) obtained from NDV. People in Owerri should vaccinate

their chickens and people should not eat any dead chicken and dead chicken should be buried. Government should pay more attention to poultry farming especially in Eastern part of the country or in Nigeria at large.

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