ENHANCING EFFECT OF GINSENG STEM-LEAF SAPONINS (GSLS) ON THE IMMUNE RESPONSES IN VACCINATED CALVES WITH FMD BIVALENT VACCINE

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ABSTRACT

A comprehensive sero-immunological studies were conduced to reveal the adjuvant's effect of Ginseng Stem-leaf Saponins (GSLS) on the immune response of gel adjuvanted Bivalent Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccinated calves. These study conducted in two calve groups; group (A) vaccinated subcutanously with bivalent Alhydragel adjuvanted (30) % FMD vaccine, while group (B) vaccinated subcutanously with bivalent FMD vaccine adjuvanted with both Alhydragel and GSLS (10 mg/dose). The humeral and cellular immunoresponses were monitored in different tested groups that received the gel adjuvanted vaccine and the Alhydragel-GSLS adjuvanted vaccine. Results indicated that the higher immune responses were found in calves vaccinated with Alhydragel-GSLS adjuvanted vaccin up to 24 week while with Alhydragel alone was only up to 18 week.

Keywords: Adjuvant, Calves, FMD vaccine, GSLS, Sero-immunological.

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INTRODUCTION

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is an acute contagious viral disease of cloven footed animals (Radostits et al., 1995 and Orsel et al., 2007). The causative agent is a single stranded positive- sense RNA virus that belongs to the genus Aphthovirus in the family Picornaviridae. There are seven immunologicaly distinct serotype of FMD virus, namely, O, A, C, Sat1. Sat2 Asia1. and Sat3 (Belsham, 1993). In Egypt, the disease is enzootic and outbreaks have been reported since 1950 (Mousa et al., 1974).

Type O was the most prevalent since 1960 and onwards (Zahran, 1960, Daoud et al., 1988 and Farag et al., 2005). Since 1950,1953 and 1956 serotype A didn't recorded in Egypt (Zahran, 1960), recently serotype A FMD virus introduced to Egypt through live animals importation, and the sever clinical signs occurred among cattle and buffaloes (Abd El-Rahman et al., 2006). The control of FMD in animals was considered to be important to effectively contain the disease in endemic areas, so that vaccination animals is effective in limiting the spread of FMD (Nair and Sen,

foot-and-mouth 1992). Most disease vaccines are made of BEI (binary Ethylenemine) inactivated virus that is adjuvanted with either aluminum hydroxide-saponin (AS) or oil adjuvant. Adjuvants, also can prolong the immune response and stimulate specific components of response the immune humoral or cell mediated immunity (Dalsgaard et al., 1990, Barnett et al., 2003, .Pluimers, 2004 and Lombard et al., 2007). Saponins extracted from ginseng stems and leaves (GSLS) has an adjuvant effects on the immune responses of bufflo to vaccination against footand-mouth disease virus (FMDV) (Xie et al, 2004) .This study was carried out as an attempt to detect the adjuvant effects of Saponin extracted from ginseng stems and leaves (GSLS) on the immune responses of calves to vaccination against foot-and-mouth virus (FMDV) to improve local inactivated FMD vaccine.

MATERIAL & METHODS

Animals:

Nine calves (local breed) were clinically healthy and free from antibodies against FMD virus as proved by using SNT and ELISA were used in this study.

FMD viruses:

FMD viruses O₁/3/93-Egypt Strain and A₁/Egypt/2006 are locally isolated strains of cattle origin. The viruses were typed at Veterinary Serum and Vaccine Research Institute, Abbasia, Cairo and confirmed by Pirbright, International Reference Laboratories, United Kingdom.

FMD vaccines:

Inactivated bivalent FMD vaccines were prepared using the local strains O₁/3/93 Egypt and A₁/Egypt/2006, propagated BHK-21 cell line. The viruses had a titer of 108 TCID₅₀ /ml for both and inactivated by **Binary** Ethylenemine (BEI), **FMD** vaccines with different adjuvant are formulized as follow:

- Alhydragel:

The inactivated FMD viruses suspension was mixed with 30% Alhydragel solution as adjuvant. Mousa et al. (1976).

- Ginseng Stems and leaves (GSLS) Saponine:

The inactivated FMD viruses suspension was mixed with 30% Alhydragel solution with adding 10 mg/ dose of Ginseng stems and leaves saponine. Song and Hu (2009).

Experimental Design:

Two groups each group contain 3 calves, were vaccinated with the tested vaccines beside unvaccinated group (3 calves). Serum samples were collected weekly post vaccination for one month then every 2 weeks post-vaccination till the end of experiment. The immune response was evaluated through the estimation of cellular and humoral immune level using

Lymphocyte blastogenesis assay, SNT and ELISA.

Serum neutralization test (SNT):

It was performed using the technique as described by Ferreira (1976).

Enzyme linked immunosrobent assay (ELISA):

It was carried out according to the method described by *Voller et* al. (1976).

Indirect solid phase ELISA was applied, patently prepared at department of FMD, Veterinary Serum and Vaccine Research Institute, Abbasia, Egypt.

Evaluation of cell-mediated immunity in vitro using lymphocyte Proliferation (3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol -2-yl) -2,5- (MTT) Assay:

It was applied according to Lucy, (1984) following by modification adopted by El-Watany et al. (1999) and Abeer (2001).

RESULTS

Humoral immune response of calves vaccinated with FMD vaccines:

Results of humoral immune response revealed that serum antibody protective titer evaluated by mean of SNT and ELISA were as follow:

1st group started at 2nd week post vaccination with the titers of 1.3 log₁₀ by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for O1 was with titer of 1.4 log₁₀ by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for A₁. The highest level of antibody titers were at the 6th week post vaccination as 2.1 log₁₀ by SNT and 2.4 by ELISA for O_1 , as 2.2 log_{10} by SNT and 2.4 by ELISA for A₁, and the immunity duration lasted for 18 weeks post vaccination as $1.2 \log_{10}$ by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for O_1 , as 1.2 log₁₀ by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for A_1 .

2nd group started at 2nd week post vaccination with the titers of 1.5 log₁₀ by SNT and 1.6 by ELIS for O₁ and was with titer of 1.6 log₁₀ by SNT and 1.6 by ELISA for A₁. The highest level of antibody titers were at the 8th week post vaccination as 2.4 log₁₀ by SNT and 2.6 by ELISA for O₁, as 2.4 log₁₀ by

SNT and 2.6 by ELISA for A_1 , and the immunity duration lasted for 24 weeks post vaccination as 1.2 \log_{10} by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for O_1 , as 1.2 \log_{10} by SNT and 1.5 by ELISA for A_1 .

Tables (1, 2, 3 and 4).

Evaluation of cell-mediated immunity in vitro using lymphocyte Proliferation (MTT) Assay:

Obtained results of cell mediated immune response using lymphocyte proliferation test for all animal groups expressed by Δ OD (Delta Optical Density) were as follow:

1st group- Delta Optical Density was (0.152-0.11-0.128) by using phytohaemagglutinin (PHA), Pokeweed (pok) mitogens and FMD virus at 3rd day post vaccination and still rise reached its highest level (0.28-0.30-0.36) at 21st day post vaccination, then declined to (6weeks).

2nd group- Delta Optical Density was (0.232-0.191-0.309) by using (PHA), (pok) and FMD virus at 3rd day post vaccination and still rise reached its highest level (0.413-0.442-0.524) at 21st day post vaccination, then declined after (9 weeks). Tables (1, 2, 3 and 4).

Table 1. Immune status (SNT titer) of calves vaccinated with Alhydragel and modified Ginseng FMD vaccines against O₁/3/93-Egypt virus.

Weeks post vaccination	Alh	ydrag	el FM	D vaccine	Gi	inseng	Control group of calves*		
	Al	A2	A3	Average*	A1	A2	A3	Average*	calves
0	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.0
2	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.5	0.3
3	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.3
4	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.3
6	2.1	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.6
8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.4	0.6
10	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.6
12	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.3
14	1.5	1.5	1.5	1:5	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.1	0.3
16	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3
18	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.8	0.3
20	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.8	0.3
22	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.3
24	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.3
26	09	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3
28	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0
30	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0

A1, A2 and A3 = vaccinated calves no.

SNT = serum neutralization test.

N.B.: The permissible protective level is 1.2 SNT titer.

^{* =} The results of SNT expressed as log_{10} TCID₅₀/ml.

Table 2. Immune status (ELISA titer) of calves vaccinated with Alhydragel and modified Ginseng FMD vaccines against O₁/3/93-Egypt virus.

		Control							
Weeks post vaccination		•	lragel accin	FMD le	Gii	nseng	group of		
and the Description	A1	A2	A3	Average*	A1	A2	A3	Average*	calves*
0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	0.3
2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.3
3	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	0.3
4	2.1	2.1 1.8		2.0	2.7	2:1	2.4	2.4	0.6
6	2.4	2.7 1.8		2.3	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.6	0.9
8	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.0	2.7	0.9
10	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.9
12	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.6
14	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.6
16	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.6
18	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	0.6
20	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.1	:1.8	0.6
22	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.3
24	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.3
26	09	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.3
28	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3
30	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3

A1, A2 and A3 = vaccinated calves no.

* = The results of ELISA expressed as log₁₀ TCID₅₀/ml.

N.B.: The permissible protective level is 1.5 ELISA titer

Table 3. Immune status (SNT titer) of calves vaccinated with Alhydragel and modified Ginseng FMD vaccines against A₁/Egypt/2006 virus.

		Control							
Weeks post vaccination			lragel accin	FMD le	Gi	nseng	group of		
	A1	A2	A3	Average*	A1	A2	A3	Average*	calves*
0	0.3	0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
1	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0
2	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.3
3	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.3
4	1.8	2.1 1.5		1.8	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.3
6	2.1	2.4 2.1		2.2	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.6
8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.4	0.6
10	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.6
12	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.3
14	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.1	0.3
16	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3
18	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3
20	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.8	0.3
22	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.3
24	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.3
26	09	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3
28	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0
30	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0

A1, A2 and A3 = vaccinated calves no.

SNT = serum neutralization test.

N.B.: The permissible protective level is 1.2 SNT titer.

^{* =} The results of SNT expressed as log₁₀ TCID₅₀/ml.

Table 4. Immune status (ELISA titer) of calves vaccinated with Alhydragel and modified Ginseng FMD vaccines against A₁/Egypt/2006 virus.

Weeks post vaccination	Alh	ydrag	el FM	D vaccine	G	inseng	FMD	vaccine	Control group of calves
	Al	A2	A3	Average*	A1	A2	A3	Average*	caives
0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0
1	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.7	0.0
2	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.3
3	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.3
4	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.6	0.3
6	2.4	2.7 2.4		2.6	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	0.6
8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	0.6
10	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.8	0.6
12	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	0.3
14	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.3
16	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.3
18	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	0.3
20	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.1	0.3
22	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.9	0.3
24	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.7	0.3
26	09	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.2	1:2	1.2	0.3
28	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9.	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0
30	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0

A1, A2 and A3 = vaccinated calves no.

^{* =} The results of ELISA expressed as log₁₀ TCID₅₀/ml. N.B.: The permissible protective level is 1.5 ELISA titer.

Table 5. Cell-mediated Immune response of calves Vaccinated with Alhydragel and modified Ginseng FMD vaccines.

Time post	Calve	s vaccina	ated with vaccin		agel FMD		Calves vaccinated with Alhydragel and Ginseng FMD vaccine					
Y		1	2	3	Average*	1	2	3	Average*	calves*		
prevaccination	PHA	0.070	0.070	0.073	0.071	0.074	0.076	0.078	0.076	0.060		
	РОК	0.012	0.011	0.016	0.013	0.023	0.024	0.025	0.024	0.011		
	v	0.018	0.020	0.025	0.021	0.048	0.049	0.050	0.049	0.020		
3 rd day	PHA	0.148	0.150	0.158	0.152	0.230	0.232	0.234	0.232	0.070		
	РОК	0.107	0.108	0.115	0.110	0.190	0.191	0.192	0.191	0.015		
	V	0.125	0.127	0.132	0.128	0.308	0.309	0.310	0.309	0.022		
1st Week	PHA	0.178	0.180	0.182	0.180	0.293	0.294	0.295	0.294	0.070		
	POK	0.123	0.124	0.128	0.125	0.201	0.203	0.205	0.203	0.012		
	V	0.195	0.197	0.202	0.198	0.340	0.340	0.343	0.341	0.026		
2nd Week	PHA	0.257	0.258	0.265	0.260	0.358	0.360	0.362	0.360	0.080		
	POK	0.228	0.229	0.236	0.231	0.339	0.341	0.343	0.341	0.014		
	V ·	0.312	0.313	0.317	0.314	0.488	0.490	0.492	0.490	0.027 ·		
3rd Week	PHA	0.278	0.279	0.283	0.280	0.412	0.412	0.415	0.413	0.090		
	POK	0.302	0.303	0.307	0.304	0.441	0.440	0.445	0.442	0.019		
	V	0.359	0.360	0.364	0.361	0.523	0.522	0.527	0.524	0.028		
4th Week	PHA	0.252	0.253	0.257	0.254	0.294	0.296	0.298	0.296	0.010		
	POK	0.314	0.315	0.319	0.316	0.357	0.360	0.363	0.360	0.011		
	V	0.322	0.321	0.326	0.323	0.560	0.558	0.562	0.560	0.027		
5th Week	PHA	0.221	0.222	0.227	0.224	0.292	0.294	0.296	0.294	0.090		
	POK	0.264	0.263	0.268	0.265	0.333	0.332	0.337	0.334	0.015		
1122	v	0.282	0.283	0.283	0.284	0.428	0.430	0.432	0.430	0.024		
6th Week	PHA	0.225	0.224	0.229	0.226	0.282	0.283	0.287	0.284	0.080		
	POK	0.248	0.250	0.254	0.251	0.266	0.264	0.268	0.266	0.016		
	V	0.237	0.236	0.241	0.238	0.339	0.340	0.344	0.341	0.023		
7th Week	PHA	0.198	0.199	0.203	0.200	0.254	0.252	0.256	0.254	0.070		
	POK	0.218	0.219	0.223	0.220	0.241	0.240	0.245	0.242	0.012		
	V	0.197	0.198	0.202	0.199	0.319	0.320	0.324	0.321	0.021		
8th Week	PHA	0.120	0.118	0.122	0.120	0.197	0.197	0.200	0.198	0.080		
	POK	0.131	0.131	0.134	0.132	0.229	0.230	0.234	0.231	0.013		
	V	0.149	0.149	0.152	0.150	0.300	0.300	0.303	0,301	0.023		
9th Week	PHA	0.099	0.100	0.101	0.100	0.206	0.204	0.208	0.206	0.070		
	POK	0.173	0.175	0.177	0.175	0.251	0.253	0.255	0.253	0.011		
- oth and -	V	0.114	0.116	0.118	0.116	0.268	0.270	0.272	0.270	0.020		
10th Week	PHA	0.098	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.132	0.134	0.136	0.134	0.070		
	POK	0.133	0.135	0.137	0.135	0.180	0.180	0.183	0.181	0.011		
	v	0.114	0.116	0.118	0.116	0.160	0.163	0.168	0.165	0.020		

^{* =∆} Optical densites

PHA = Phytohaemaglutinin V = FMD Virus

POK= Pokeweed

N.B.: The permissible protective level is 0.250 Delta Optical Density

^{** =} type of mitogen

DISCUSSION

The control of FMD in animals was considered to be important to effectively contain the disease in endemic areas, so that vaccination of animals is effective in limiting the spread of FMD.

So, this study is to improvement of inactivated FMD Alhydragel vaccine with adding Ginseng stems and leaves saponin as an adjuvant.

From Tables (1 and 2) the results revealed that SNT and ELISA titers for Alhydragel FMD vaccines, go in hand with the results obtained are consistent with the statement of Hamblin et al. (1986) who explained that the SNT measures those antibodies which neutralize the infectivity of FMD virion, while ELISA probably measure all classes of antibodies even those produced against incomplete and non-infectious virus.

From Tables (3 and 4) the results revealed that SNT and ELISA titers for Alhydragel and Ginseng FMD vaccine agreed with (Rivera et al., 2003; Hu et al., 2003; Sun et al., 2005; Yan et al., 2007 and Song and Hu, 2009) who showed that adjuvant properties of Ginseng

Extract as potent adjuvant induced higher antibody titers than the vaccine adjuvanted with Al(OH)₃ and improved the potency of adjuvants. Results supported also by (Scaglione et al., 1996, Rivera et al., 2003 and Wang et al., 2009) who found that ginseng might help the vaccine work more effectively, increasing antibody production.

From Table (5) the results of evaluation of cell mediated immune response using lymphocyte proliferation test for all animal groups expressed by ΔOD (Delta Optical Density). Supported by (Soos et al., 1984, Knudsen et al., 1979; Sharma, 1981) who reported that cell mediated immune response was a constitute of immune response against FMD virus. And in agreement in some points with (Mercedes et al., 1996; El-Watany et al. 1999; Abeer, 2001; Mansour, 2001 and Samir. 2002) that FMD vaccine stimulated the cellular immune response and lymphocyte stimulation by FMDV was greater than by mitogens (PHA) and (POK) and appeared increased in 1st and 2nd weeks post vaccination. While disagreed with El-Watany et al. (1999) and Mansour (2001) in that cell mediated immune response reach its highest level on the 14th day.

The obtained results were in agreement with Song et al. (2002), Chen et al. (2008) and Sun et al. (2009) who stated that Ginseng extract act as an activator of the TH1 response. The Th1 type is characterized by the production of antigen-specific IgG2a a Th1 nd the secretion of gamma interferon, interleukins which favor cellular immunity.

Our results also were supported by Xie et al. (2004) and Wang et al. (2007) who mentioned that Ginseng extract enhanced interleukins which enhance cell mediated immune response.

Finally, it can conclude that: The usage of Saponin extracted from ginseng stems and leaves in inactivated FMD vaccine gave long lasting immunity than which with Alhydragel that adjuvant alone GSLS and improve humoral cellular and immunity and gave earlier and more long lasting immunity.

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