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I. INTRODUCTION

ematological studies have been found useful for disease prognosis and the therapeutic and feed stress monitoring [1]. Hematological studies are important because the blood is the major transport system of the body, and evaluations of the hematological profile usually furnish vital information on the body's response to injury of all forms, including toxic injury [2]. Hematological studies represent a useful process in the diagnosis of many diseases as well as investigation of the extent of damage to the blood [3]. This is relevant since blood constituents' change about the physiological conditions of animals. The blood transports or conveys nutrient and materials to different parts of the body. Therefore, whatever affects the blood; either drugs, pathogenic organism or nutrition will certainly affect the entire body adversely or moderately regarding health. growth, maintenance and. reproduction [4]. A readily available and fast means of assessing the clinical and nutritional health status of animals on feeding trials may be the use of blood analysis because ingestion of dietary components have measurable effects on blood composition [5] and may be considered as an appropriate measure of long-term nutritional status [6]. The examination of blood provides the opportunity to clinically investigate the presence of several metabolites and, other constituents in the body and it plays a vital role in the physiological, nutritional and pathological status of the animal [7]. It also helps to

distinguish the normal state from the state of stress which can be nutritional [8]. Hematological parameters are good indicators of the physiological status of animals [9]. They are also an excellent medium for the measurement of potential biomarkers because its collection is relatively non-invasive and it encompasses an enormous range of physiological process in the body at any given time [8]. Due to that, the experiment aimed at assessing different hematological parameters of a rabbit when fed *Cassia tora*

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

a) Experimental Site

The experiment is carried out at the Livestock Teaching and Research Farm of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, located at the main campus of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto. Sokoto state was located in the North-western part of Nigeria between (latitude 14-15^oN and longitude 4-5^oE). The state has an average maximum temperature of 41^oC and minimum of 13^oC in April and January respectively [10]. Sokoto State was characterized by alternating rainy and dry seasons. The annual rainfall is about 700mm per annum, and an altitude of 350m above sea level, [11]. The harmattan season stretches from November to February, when there is dry and laden wind accompanied with dust [12].

Sokoto has two main seasons; the dry season, which lasts from October to May/June, and the rainy season that lasts from June to September/October. Sokoto state has abundant livestock resources, because the climate is more suitable for livestock production, due to the absence of Tse-tse fly on open grassland [13]. Sokoto state ranks second in a livestock production in Nigeria, with livestock population of over 8 million [13].

b) Experimental Feeds Sourcing

Experimental feed ingredients such as maize, wheat offal, soya bean, and salt were purchased from the Sokoto central market. *Cassia tora* pod were sourced within Sokoto and Kebbi state; the pods were crushed to obtain the seeds. The seeds were toasted, due to its anti-nutritional factors before mixing it with the other feed ingredients.

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c) Experimental Design and Feed Formulation

A completely randomized experimental design (CRD) was used in this experiment with a number of animals representing replication and graded levels of *Cassia tora* representing treatments. Six animals were allocated to each treatment and were balanced for weight between the treatments. Each animal was housed in a pen which was disinfected. Each group was assigned to one of the experimental diets and fed *ad*

libitum for 12 weeks. Water was offered *ad libitum*. Five complete experiment diets were formulated with graded levels of *Cassia tora* seed meal at 0, 2.5, 5, 7.5 and 10% inclusion levels. The five experimental diets were used to feed thirty (30) rabbit. The diets were designated as treatments 1, 2, 3,4 and 5 in the experiment. The gross compositions of the experiment diets are shown in table 1.

Ingredient	T1	T2	Т3	T4	T5
Maize	37.6	37.1	36.45	35.86	35.34
Blood meal	10	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3
Soya bean mea	1.26	1.26	1.21	0.77	0.33
Rice offal	12.53	10.83	9.23	7.5	5.96
Wheat offal	10.11	10.31	10.31	10.57	10.57
Cowpea hay	25	25	25	25	25
Salt	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Premix	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cassia tora	0	2.5	5	7.5	10
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Energy	2500.097	2500.387	2500.077	2500.090	2500.43
Crude protein	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.3
Crude fiber	11.91	11.98	12.05	12.14	12.22

Table 1: Gross Composition of Experimental Diets

d) Experimental Animals and their Management

Thirty (30) male rabbits were purchased from reputable farms in and around Sokoto state. The rabbits were housed in a separate pen which was thoroughly disinfected before the commencement of the experiment.

All the experimental animals were identified, allowed two weeks pre-conditioning period, and medicated against common disease like coccidiosis and mange. They were given prophylactic coccidiostat (Ampro-tetracycline) via drinking water and dipped with cinatic powder based on manufacture's recommended doses. Daily washing of feeders and drinkers and disinfection of the pens was carried out. The animals were housed in pens of one m² per rabbit, as done by [14].

e) Chemical Analysis of the Experimental Diets

[15] Method was used to determine the Dry Matter (DM), Crude Protein (CP), Ether Extract (EE), Crude Fiber (CF) and Nitrogen Free Extract (NFE). The gross energy of the samples was determined by bomb calorimeter. Fiber fractions such nitrogen detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent lignin(ADL) and, acid detergent fiber (ADF) were determined. Energy content was estimated using the formula: MEKcalkg= 37(%CP) + 81.1(%EE) + 35.5(%NFE) [16].

f) Statistical Analysis

The data generated from the experiment was subject to analysis of variance (ANOVA) using complete randomized design [17] using Statview Statistical Package [18]. Where significant differences exist, least significant differences (LSD) was used to separate the means as described by [17].

g) Proximate analysis of experimental diet

Table 4.1 shows the chemical composition of the experimental diets used in the study. It showed that crude fiber and moisture decreases with the increase in *Cassia tora* in the experimental diet. The dry matter on the other hand increases with increase in the level of *Cassia tora* in the diet(Table 2). The results obtain shows that the energy, crude protein and crude fiber are within the range required by rabbit for optimum growth as outline by [19, 20]. The dry matter of feeds increases with increase in *C. tora*, this could be attributed to the high level of dry matter in *C. tora* shown from the results. So also the decrease in fiber across the treatment could be attributed to the decrease in rice offal which contains high fiber across the treatments from treatment 1 to treatment 5.

Parameter		Treatment				
%	1	2	3	4	5	Cassia tora
Crude protein	16.62	17.34	18.24	18.89	16.8	22.37
Moisture	5.26	5.06	4.76	4.76	4.86	0.24
Fiber	9.46	9.63	7.86	7.53	6.93	13.08
Ash	10.60	10.02	9.20	9.05	8.60	12.75
Dry matter	94.74	94.94	95.24	95.24	96.14	99.76
Energykcal/kg	2886.7	2836.34	2858.57	2809.34	2857.79	3426.95

Table 2: Proximate analysis of experimental diets

h) Hematological profile of rabbits fed graded levels of Cassia tora

The results of hematology shows that hemoglobin, RBC, MCH, MCV, monocytes, neutrophils and eosinophil did not differ significantly (P<0.05) between the treatments. There is significantly higher values of PCV,MCHC, lymphocytes and WBC values for animals placed in tratment4. The results also show significantly lower values in treatment 1 regarding platelets, MCHC and WBC composition. The results show a decrease in PCV as the level of Cassia toraincreased while MCHC increased. (Table 3). The mean values for Haemoglobin, PCV, RBC, MCV, MCHC, and neutrophils obtained in the study were within the normal reference values for rabbits as outlined by [21, 22 and 231. However, the monocyte values obtained from the results showed a higher value from the normal range. This may indicate that the animals might be recovering from a certain bacterial infection, as indicated by [24] that the WBC values obtained were also within the normal range for healthy rabbits as reported by [25] though the Rabbits in treatment 1 have lower WBC below the normal reference range. The Hb is within the value of 9 -17.4 g/dl reported by [24]. [23] Found that there was a strong influence of diet on hematological traits with PCV and Hb being a very strong indication of the nutritional status of the animals.

The values for eosinophils were all within the reference value reported by [23]which is an indication that the rabbits are healthy. The platelets levels of the blood were varied among the treatments, with treatment 1 showing the lowest value below the normal range as reported by [26].

Differences observed in Packed Cell Volume (PCV) for animals in different treatment groups in this study may be attributed to the physiological status of the animals [27]. Higher WBC count may explain the reason for disease resistance which has been reported by [28] or the prevalence of disease condition. It may also explain longevity as reported by [29]. Lower than normal White Blood Cells (WBC) count suggests a greater challenge to the immune system of rabbits. [30] Noted that a decrease in WBC count, however, reflected a fall in the production of defensive mechanism to combat infection. [1] Reported that significantly lower lymphocyte count was an indication of a reduction in the ability of the experimental rabbits to produce and release antibiotics when infections occur. According to [31] Packed Cell Volume is involved in the transport of oxygen and absorbed nutrients. [24]Posited that MCV, MCH and MCHC are used in diagnosing anaemic conditions. [32]Observed that MCHC values decrease with increase in the level of protein which is contrary to the finding of this study.

Table 2: Homatological	profile of rabbite fod	graded levels of Cassia tora
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			Treatmer	nt		
Parameter	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	SEM
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	11.9	12.67	12.01	12.01	10.5	0.73
PCV (%)	38.53 ^{ab}	40.03 ^a	40.10 ^a	38.9 ^{ab}	32.93 ^b	1.95
RBC	5.12	5.30	5.10	5.05	4.45	0.36
MCH	5.33	7.33	7.0	6.0	4.0	1.41
MCV	75.27	75.5	75.57	77.03	74.27	1.15
MCHC	30.9 ^b	31.03 ^{ab}	31.33 ^{ab}	31.67 ^{ab}	31.9 ^a	0.29
WBC (x 10 ⁹ /L)	3.23 ^b	6.03 ^{ab}	7.67 ^a	7.23 ^{ab}	6.03 ^{ab}	1.05
Monocytes (%)	8.50	7.67	8.17	5.00	5.53	1.88
Neutrophils (%)	48.33	44.67	45.0	46.67	43.67	3.65
Lymphocytes (%)	44.67 ^{ab}	44.67 ^{ab}	42.67 ^b	44.0 ^{ab}	48.58 ^a	1.78
Eosinophil (%)	3.00	4.00	2.5.00	3.80	2.9	1.15
Platelets (x 10 ⁹ /L)	41.0 ^b	199.0 ^a	237.3ª	180.33 ^{ab}	208.33 ^a	48.85

a, b means values with different superscripts in a row denotes significant (P<0.05) difference between means within the same rows. PCV- Packed cell volume; RBC-Red Blood cells; MCV- Mean corpuscular volume; MCH- Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin;

MCHC- Mean corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration; WBC- white blood cells; Treatment 1- control-0, 2- 2.5% C. tora diet; 3- 5% C. tora diet; 4- 7.5% C. tora, , 5- 10% C. tora

III. CONCLUSSION

It was concluded that up to 7.5% of *C. tora* could be incorporated in the diet of rabbits without any deleterious effect on the blood profile of rabbits.

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I. INTRODUCTION

B bronchiseptica is a Gram-negative, strict aerobic coccobacillus. This microorganism can be found in the respiratory tract of dogs andother species such as cats, pigs, laboratory animals and humans. Its transmission is produced by direct contact, by the generation of contaminated aerosols or fomites. There is evidence of occasional transmission between species, particularly between dogs and cats it is associate with respiratory symptoms, where its role as the primary or secondary agent is still discussed(Molina *et al.*, 2006). This is because there is evidence that this bacterium is involved in the presentation of acute cases of respiratory diseases, as well as that it is an etiologic agent secondary to a viral infection (Molina*et al.*, 2006).

B. bronchiseptica is considered the etiological agent of canine infectious tracheobronchitis (CIT),

known as "a kennel cough". Also, that canine parainfluenza virus, adenovirus type-2, canine herpesvirus, reovirus, fungi and *Mycoplasma sp*also participate in this scenario(Keil and Fenwick 2000).

In most cases, the infection remains localized in the respiratory tract. The congregation of dogs of different ages and different levels of susceptibility to the agents involved in the status predisposes to the presentation of the same. Because, the canine respiratory complex is a disease to prevent in human societies, veterinary hospitals, research institutes and places where exhibition dogs are housed or shown (Keil and Fenwick, 2000).

The ability to colonize ciliated epithelial cells of the respiratory tract is recognized in bacteria. This is due to the presence of fimbrial and non-fimbrial adhesins. Within the latter are hemagglutinin and pertectin, located mainly in the outer membrane of the bacteria. *B. bronchiseptica* produces endo and exotoxins, within the latter, a hemolysin adenylate cyclase, dermonecrotic toxin and tracheal cytotoxin. These factors affect the hair cells, inhibit the response of phagocytic cells, suppress the immune response and are associated with clinical signs in dogs with CIT (Keil and Fenwick, 2000).

In general, CIT is self-limiting and does not require antibiotic therapy. However, its prophylactic use is recommended in individuals who have been in contact with dogs that have presented the status (Keil and Fenwick, 2000).

Respiratory symptoms due to this bacterium occur in laboratory animals. The manifestations can vary from nasal discharge, sneezing, anorexia, and weight loss to bronchopneumonia and septicemia. Specifically, in rabbits it is known as the rabbit's catarrh (Matto and Cherry, 2005).

In humans, *B. bronchiseptica* is hardly found. However, there are cases of immunologically compromised people where this bacterium can cause upper respiratory tract infections, pneumonitis, endocarditis, peritonitis, meningitis and bacteremias. In humans with AIDS, this bacterium can cause interstitial pneumonia (Galeziok *et al.*, 2009).

It is usually diagnosed clinically by symptomatology and the presence of predisposing factors, such as environments of high animal load such as exposures, breeding sites, hotels, hospitals or another group situation (Keil and Fenwick 2000).

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Regarding the microbiological diagnosis, the samples may come from nasal swabs or transtracheal lavage. The tracheal samples are privileged, because the problem that can identify the *B. bronchiseptica* that is part of the normal microbiota of the oropharynx is eliminated (Keil and Fenwick 2000).

Although the bacteriological culture has a great diagnostic specificity, its sensitivity could be low when compared with molecular diagnostic techniques such as the PCR, which can give positive results despite the antibiotic therapy, it also allows to investigate samples with low counts of microorganisms and not necessarily viable (Osses et al. 2010). On the other hand, PCR is not limited by the ability of microorganisms to grow in culture media, in addition the result obtained can provide much more information than just indicating the presence of the bacteria, since it can provide usable data to determine epidemiological characteristics and phylogenetic (Couthino et al. 2009). In this regard, several PCR protocols have been established to identify different regions of the genome of several Bordetella species. However, most of them are focused on Bordetella pertussis (B. pertussis), a microorganism that causes pertussis in humans (Couthino et al. 2009, Tatti et al.2011, Grogan et al.2011, Lanotte et al. 2011; Tatti and Tondella 2013).

Thus, in this work the molecular diagnosis of *Bordetella spp.* by the sn-PCR using the design of *in silicoprimers* to identify the *flaA* gene is already implemented. The gene that encode this protein are ideal candidates to act as biomarkers, since being a protein located on the surface of the bacterium show a much higher divergence rate in their amino acid sequence than those located inside the cell (Winstanley *et al.,* 1997). It has also been shown that the flagellum is necessary to initiate and potentiate the interaction between the bacterium and the cell surface, which is why the flagellum has the potential to distinguish between several host species (Nicholson *et al* 2012).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Samples. Three strains of *B. bronchiseptica* are used, two from the Institute of Public Health of Chile (ISP): (BB1, BB2) and another from the Microbiology Laboratory of FAVET: (BB3). DNA from *Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE) and from Canine Herpes Virus (CaHV-1) was used as a negative control. Nuclease-free water (NFW) was used as reagent control.

Bacterial DNA obtaining. The extraction of bacterial DNA was carried out using a commercial kit (Genomic DNA Purification kit, Fermentas®). From cultures of 8x10⁶ CFU / mL -obtained by turbidity compared to tube 0.5 of McFarland- 200 μ L were taken, to which 400 μ L of lysis solution was added, being incubated for five minutes at 65° C. After that time, 600. μ L of chloroform were added, mixing gently and then

centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for two minutes (Heraeus SepatechBiofuge®). Subsequently, the upper phase was collected in an Eppendorf tube and 800 μ L of precipitation solution was added, to re-centrifuge at 10,000 rpm for two minutes. The supernatant was removed and the DNA was resuspended with 100 μ L of 1.2 M Sodium Chloride solution and vortexed. To this mixture was added 300 μ L of cold ethanol and then kept at -20 ° C for ten minutes. It was centrifuged again at 10,000 rpm, for three minutes, the supernatant was removed and resuspended in 100 μ L of nuclease-free water (Winkler®), thus obtaining the DNA that was used in the PCR.

Detection of the *fla*A gene by the semi-nested polymerase chain reaction. Primers: Using the Oligo Perfect [™] program, two pairs of primers were designed whose target sequence is the *fla*A gene (Table 1, Table 2). Then they were sent to synthesize by means the company BIOSCAN. The sequence of the synthesized primers is as follows:

BOR 1F	ACCTGAACAAGTCCCAATCG
BOR 1R= BOR 2R	GACCTTGATGCCGTTGAAGT
BOR 2F	CGCTGAACGAAATCAACAAC

As you can see, only three primers are designed. It is expected that BOR 1F and BOR 1R generate an amplicon of 362 base pairs (Annex 2a), while BOR 2F and BOR 2R generate an amplicon of 170 base pairs (Annex 2b). For this, strictly speaking, this is a semi-nested PCR, since the BOR 1R (or BOR 2R) participates in both reactions.

Reaction mixture: 15 μ L of the commercial Master Mix 2X PCR kit (Taq DNA polymerase, MgCl₂ and the deoxyribonucleotid triphosphates), five μ L of template DNA and five μ L of each specific primer were used, reaching a final volume of 30 μ L.

DNA amplification: The PCR technique contemplated a stage of DNA denaturation, followed by a stage of alignment of the primers and a final stage of elongation. The semi-nested variant consisted of using a second pair of primers that amplified a fragment of smaller size since it used the amplicon generated by the first pair of primers as the template. The determination of the alignment temperatures for each pair of primers considered the use of a temperature gradient thermal cycler following a standard PCR scheme: initial denaturation at 94°C (two minutes), then 35 cycles: denaturation (94°C, one minute), alignment, elongation (72°C, one minute) and finally an elongation period for five minutes at 72 ° C.

Visualization of the amplified product: It was carried out by electrophoresis in 2% agarose gel (Winkler B) in Trisborate buffer (90 Mm Tris-borate, 10 mM EDTA) as solvent. An aliquot of 6 μ L of this mixture was deposited in the corresponding well in the gel. Electrophoresis was carried out at 90 volts for 40 minutes. As a molecular size marker, a standard containing DNA fragments between 100 and 1000 base pairs (bp) (Hyperladder IV, Bioline®) was used. After electrophoresis, the gel was incubated in Ethidium Bromide (0.5 μ g / mL) (Fermelo ®) for 35 minutes and then placed in an ultraviolet transilluminator (Transiluminator UVP ®), where it was finally photographed. to obtain record of the results.

Determination of the percentage of nucleotide identity with respect to GenBank®. Five DNA fragments obtained by PCR1 were sent to the company Genytec for the determination of their nucleotide sequence.

Analysis. To obtain a consensus sequence, the 5 sequences obtained were aligned using the Clustal Ω program. The consensus sequence was aligned with one of the official data of the Genbank (access number L13034.1) to obtain the nucleotide identity percentage, which was corroborated using the BLAST *online* program.

Biosafety measures. For this work, the necessary biosafety measures are associated with the manipulation of the *B. bronchiseptica* bacteria, the performance of the PCR and the subsequent visualization of the amplified product. Regarding the former, limited access to facilities was considered, the use of Bunsen burner to delimit a sterile work area, the use of an apron, the use of clean material and the proper disposal of waste. Regarding the implementation of the PCR, a clean and exclusive area for this procedure was delimited, to avoid contamination with genetic material not coming from the sample, and latex gloves were used to carry out the procedures, such as, for example, the use of ethidium bromide, which has mutagenic properties. At the time of using the ultraviolet light transilluminator they were used with UV filter goggles and an acrylic plate placed between the equipment and the one who visualizes the gel. Finally, the gel was incinerated along with the gloves that were used for its handling.

III. Results

Detection of the *fla*A gene by the sn-PCR. Figure 1 shows an Agarose gel subjected to electrophoresis (90 volt, 40 minutes) and incubated in Ethidium Bromide (35 minutes). It displays fragments of DNA of approximate sizes to those expected (362 and 170 bp) by having the size marker between 100 and 1000 bp as reference. The fluorescent bands are clear and unique. No bands are observed in the lanes of the negative or reagent controls.

Determination of the percentage of nucleotide identity with respect to GenBank®. The DNA fragments obtained by PCR for the sample BB3 were sent in fivefold to the company Genytec for the determination of its nucleotide sequence, receiving 5 sequences (Table 3) and obtaining the following consensus sequence from them:

>NTV6

TGAACAAGTTCCAATCGGCCCTGTGTAGCGCCATCGA CCGCCTGTCGTCGGGTCTGAGCATCAACAGCGCCAA GGACGACGCGGCCGTCCAGGCCATCGCCTACCGCT TCACCGCCAACGTCAAGGGCCTGACCAAGGCTGCCC GCAACGCCAACGACGGCATCTTGATCGCCCAGACGT CCGAAGGCGCGCGCTCAACGAAATCAAGAACAACATGC AGCGCATCCGCGAACTGACAGTTCAGGTCTCCAACG GCACGTACTCGGCTTCGGACATCGACTCGATCCAGC AGAAAGTCAACCAGCGCCTGGAAGAAATCAACCCATC GCCGAGCAGTCCGACTTCAACGGCA

The alignment of this consensus sequence versus the official GenBank data (access number L13034.1) yielded a NIP value of 95% (Table 4).

This NIP value was confirmed in parallel with the value delivered by the BLAST program, which also delivered a value of 95% (Table 5).

IV. DISCUSSION

The diagnosis of *B. bronchiseptica* through bacterial culture involves an incubation period at 37 ° C for 48 hours (Keil and Fenwick, 2000, Couthino *et al* 2009). This time is reduced by using a molecular diagnostic technique such as PCR. However, it is not only in terms of time that PCR represents an advantage over culture, since in terms of sensitivity the PCR technique has yielded positive results in suspicious samples that, when diagnosed by bacteriological culture, have delivered negative results (Canonne *et al.*, 2016)

Additionally, and given the range of respiratory charts in which *B. bronchiseptica* participates, implementing a PCR protocol for the diagnosis of this agent is necessary. In fact, during this report, the primers and the proposed protocol were used by professionals of the Microbiology Laboratory to identify microorganisms suspected of corresponding to *B. brochiseptica*, demonstrating the usefulness of the work carried out.

The decision to perform a semi-nested PCR responded to the advantages of this variant over conventional PCR. Although a PCR with only a pair of primers can perfectly serve as an accurate diagnostic method, a nested-PCR increases both the specificity and sensitivity (Mendoza *et al.*, 2001). In fact, the PCR performed corresponds to the semi-nested variant because it was decided to use the primers that the online program suggested as "the best" against the sequence to be identified. In this case the BOR 1R (or BOR 2R) participates in the first reaction with the BOR 1F, and then in the second reaction with the BOR 2F.

Related to the above, after the experience that allowed demonstrating the usefulness of the primers and the protocol, because reactions were performed with other samples suspected of containing *B. bronchiseptica* obtaining positive results. However, what is interesting is that what was described in the preceding lines was observed in practice: there were samples that when confronted with a pair of primers (conventional PCR) gave a negative result, but when the semi-nested PCR was carried out, they turned out to be positive This can be due to an error in the procedure (the non-incorporation of a primer, for example), or to an effect of the number of reaction cycles, since a quantity of DNA not visualized with the first PCR, certainly can be after the second reaction.

The nucleotide identity of the PCR amplicons would correspond to the *fla*A gene of *Bordetella spp.*, according to the of nucleotide identity percentage (NIP = 95%) obtained using the Clustal Ω program (comparing the consensus sequence with one of the data Genbank) or the incorporation of the consensus sequence in the BLAST Program. The above would be validated by obtaining a NIP value > 80% (Chopra and Roberts 2001)

Given these results and the extra experiences carried out, it is still pending to continue testing these primers and the protocol in terms of sensitivity. Perhaps making dilutions of a sample and determining to what extent this protocol continues to give a positive result is an experience that could be retaken from here.

The experience of choosing a bacterial agent, investigating its characteristics and investigating what has already been done to generate a diagnosis, is certainly useful to contemplate the theoretical and practical framework of diagnostic work in a laboratory.

Designing primers using the available technological tools and using them in a real experience constitutes a "downhill" enough to know in what terrain the veterinarian themes moves in the diagnostic area today. Having designed a "own method", but that has given more expected results allowing us to identify the proposed agent, is very enriching both as an academic exercise, but also as a concrete tool that, as already mentioned, was already used in an opportunity in the laboratory. In this way, a PCR protocol has been implemented in the Microbiology Laboratory of the Department of Preventive Animal Medicine, in its seminested variant that can be used both for the diagnosis of suspicious samples and for future memories of the title of other students.

V. Conclusions

The designed primers allowed to originate unique and clear DNA bands of the expected size in both PCR1 (362 bp) and PCR 2 (170 PB). The presence of these fragments suggests, although it does not guarantee, the presence of the *flaA* gene in the strains. For this reason, nucleotide sequencing is necessary, a procedure that allows us to affirm that the fragment synthesized corresponds to the gene in question. Thus, using the Clustal Ω program, the alignment of the sequenced fragment (consensus sequence obtained from the sample sent in quintuplicate) compared to the sequence provided by GenBank yielded a nucleotide identity percentage of 95.16%. In addition, through the BLAST program, a 95% nucleotide identity percentage was obtained in relation to the flagellin gene, both *B. bronchiseptica* and *B. pertussis.*

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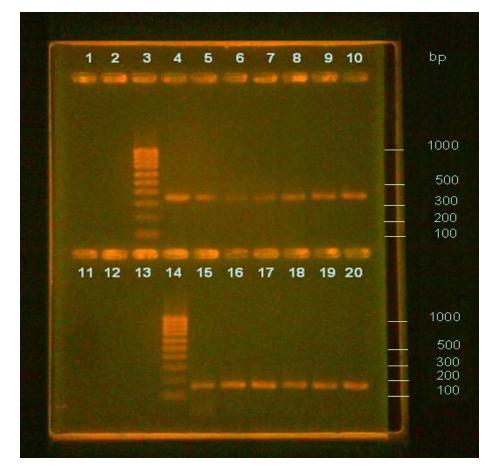


Figure 1: 2% agarose gel electrophoresis

PCR1. Lanes 1, 2: Negative control; lane 3: Marker; lanes 4, 5, 6: DNA from BB1; lanes 7, 8, 9: DNA from BB2; lane 10: DNA from BB3.

PCR2. Lanes 11,12: Negative control; Lane 13: reagent control; Lane 14: Marker; Lane 15,16: DNA from BB1: Lanes17,18: DNA from BB2; Lanes 19,20: DNA from BB3.

Negative control: DNA from Salmonella Enteritidis and canine herpes virus. Reagent control: nuclease-free water. MTM: Molecular size marker. 100-1000 bp (Hyperladder IV, Bioline®) Table 1: Design of BOR 1F and BOR 1R primers by using Oligoperfect[™] online program

Primer Name		%G	iC				St	rai	nd						Si	ze	(b	asi	es)			Tm (°C)
BOR 1 F		50.	00				F	W	D								20					59.97
BOR 1 R		50.	00				F	۲E	/								20					60.12
5' Addition												Pri	im	er	Se	qu	en	ce				
2	2	A	с	c	т	G	A	A	c	A	A	G	T	c	c	c	A	A	T	c	G	
3	3	G	A	с	с	т	т	G	A	т	G	с	с	G	т	т	G	A	A	G	т	

Table 2: Design of BOR2F and BOR2R primers by using Oligoperfect[™] online program

rimer Name	%0	SC			S	tra	nd						Si	ze	(ba	ase	es)			- Tm (°)
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BOR 2 R	50.	.00				RE	v								20					60.12
5' Addition				-						Pri	im	er	Se	qu	en	ce				
Z	🖬 c	G	с	T	G A	A	c	G	A	A	A	T	с	A	A	с	A	A	с	
3	🗐 G	A	с	c :	r 1	G	A	т	G	с	с	G	т	т	G	A	A	G	т	

Table 3: Obtaining consensus sequence according to Clustal Ω

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Γ	Bordetella pertussis 18323 complete genome	549	549	100%	6e-153	95%	<u>HE965805.</u>
	Bordetella pertussis CS, complete genome	549	549	100%	6e-153	95%	<u>CP002695.</u>
Γ	Bordetella bronchiseptica strain RB50, complete genome; segment 8/16	549	549	100%	6e-153	95%	<u>BX640444.</u>
Γ	Bordetella parapertussis strain 12822, complete genome; segment 5/14	549	549	100%	6e-153	95%	<u>BX640427.</u>
	Bordetella pertussis strain Tohama I, complete genome; segment 3/12	549	549	100%	6e-153	95%	<u>BX640413.</u>
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Γ	Bordetella bronchiseptica strain SB283 flagellin gene, partial cds	536	536	97%	4e-149	95%	<u>AF232941.1</u>
Γ	Bordetella bronchiseptica strain SB22 flagellin gene, partial cds	536	536	97%	4e-149	95%	<u>AF232939.1</u>
Γ	Bordetella bronchiseptica strain SB521 flagellin gene, partial cds	525	525	97%	9e-146	94%	<u>AF232940.1</u>
Γ	Thiobacillus denitrificans ATCC 25259, complete genome	111	111	55%	3e-21	77%	<u>CP000116.</u>
Γ	Chromobacterium violaceum ATCC 12472, complete genome	73.1	73.1	60%	1e-09	73%	AE016825.

Table 5: Consensus sequence submitted to the BLAST online program



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I. BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

Rabbit production is important in alleviating animal protein deficiency in Nigeria (Agala and Balogun, 2004). Rabbits have immense potentials and good attributes, which include high growth rate, high efficiency in converting forage to meat, short gestation period, high prolificacy, relatively low cost of production and high nutritional quality of meat which includes low

Author α σ ρ Ω § χ ν θ: Department of Animal Science Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto. e-mails: Nasiru696@yahoo.co.uk, Tijjaniali70@gmail.com, adamtilde@gmail.com, abbaibrahimbukar@gmai.com, mbbislava@gmai.com, habeebamuhammad111@gmail.com Author ¥: College of Agriculture Gujba, Yobe State. e-mail: usmanusm411@gmail.com fat and cholesterol levels. Rabbit meat has a high protein level of about 18 % and, its consumption is bereft of cultural and religious biases (Biobaku and Oguntona, 1997; Ndor *et al.*, 2009). Due to these potentials, there is a need to encourage farmers to go into rabbit production to supply animal protein at a cheaper cost.

The plant belongs to the family Convolvulaceae, Ipomoea asarifolia, also calledmorning gloryis a succulent perennial plant trailing on the ground. Ipomoea asarifolia (morning glory). In Nigeria, the traditional names include "Domo" kada, in Hausa, and "Gboro Ababa, in the Yoruba language) the plat have purple flowers which develop three seeds for sexual propagation, although asexual propagation can also be achieved by stolon. It is found throughout West Africa and is a common weed of hydromorphic soils, low lying and inland valleys, streams and river banks (Jegede et al., 2009). In Nigeria, the leaf of Ipomoea asarifoliais not generally consumed by either humans or livestock. It mostly grows like a weed and thus popularly used as compost material. ethno-veterinary and human medication practice and mulch. Ipomoea asarifoliais a potential cheap feed ingredient for optimum and sustainable poultry production.

II. METHODOLOGY

a) Experimental site

The experiment was carried out at the Livestock Teaching and Research Farm of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto state is located in the north-western part of Nigeria between longitudes 4^o 8' and 6^o 54' E and latitudes 12^o 0'N and 13^o 58'N and attain altitude of 350m above sea level (Mamman *et al.*, 2000). The state has a semi-arid climate which is characterized by low rainfall, ranging from 500-1300 mm with seasonal variations. Heat is more severe in the state during the months of March and April, but the weather is usually cool in the mornings and hot in the afternoons except during the harmattan period (SSMIYSC, 2010). A minimum temperature of 13^o C has been recorded in January and a maximum of 44^o C in April (SSDG, 2002). Sokoto has two main seasons, the dry season; which starts from October and last up to April, in some part it may extend to May or June. The wet season begins in most of the state in May or June and lasts up to either September or October (SSMIYSC, 2010).

b) Management of Experimental Animals

Forty male (New Zealand White breed) of 5-6 weeks old rabbits weighing an average of 900 g were sourced from National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom, Nigeria. The animals were housed in cages measuring $35 \times 35 \times 55$ cm (width \times length \times height). The cages were cleaned. Plastic drinkers and improvised metallic feeding trough were provided in each cage. The drinkers were washed daily. Both feed and water were provided ad-libitum during the experimental period. All the experimental rabbits were identified and allowed two weeks pre-conditioning period to acclimatize. They were medicated against coccidiosis and mange. They were given prophylactic coccidiostat (Ampro-tetracycline), via drinking water as recommended by the manufacturer, the rabbits were dipped with cinatic powder base on the instruction given by manufacturer. The animals were housed in 20 pens containing two rabbits each. The pens are made of

concrete floor and zinc roofing. $1M^2$ per rabbit was used, Wayne (2009). The rabbits are fed twice a day (morning and evening. Figure 2shows the photograph of the house containing the cages where the rabbit was reared.

c) Experimental Feed Sources

Four diets were formulated using the following feed ingredients: Maize, fresh *Ipomoea asarifolia* (Morning glory), wheat offal, groundnut cake, groundnut haulms, fish meal, limestone, salt (NaCl) and premix. All the ingredients were purchased from the Sokoto central market, milled and separately bagged for diet formulation. Fresh/pomoea asarifolia leaves were sourced within the main campus of Usmanu Danfodiyo University. The plants were dried under the shade in open-air, milled and kept in air tight containers.

d) Formulation of Experimental Diets

Four experimental diets were formulated and fed as a complete diet (Table 4).*Ipomoea asarifolia* was included at 0, 5, 10,15g /kg inclusion levels. The diets were designated as diet 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively in the experiment. The composition of the experimental diet and calculated chemical composition are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Composition of the experiment Diets.

TREATMENTS (supplemented level of I. Asarifolia g/kg)

Ingredients	T1 (0)	T2 (5)	T3 (10)	T4 (15)
Maize	34	34	34	34
Wheat offal	17	17	17	17
Groundnut cake	27	27	27	27
Groundnut Haulms	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Fish meal	3	3	3	3
Limestone	2	2	2	2
Salt	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Premix	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Total	100	100	100	100
Supplemented level of <i>I. Asarifolia</i> (g/kg)	0	5	10	15
(9/19)	Calculated cher	mical composition		
Energy (ME/kcal/kg)	2954.29	2954.29	2954.29	2954.29
Crude protein (%)	21.91	21.91	21.91	21.91
Crude fiber (%)	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50
Ether extract (%)	3.32	3.32	3.32	3.32

e) Experimental Layout

Complete Randomized Design (CRD) was used with four treatments replicated five times with two animals per replicate making a total of forty rabbits.

) Data Collection

Body weight (g) of each rabbit was taken at the beginning of the experiment (day 0). Subsequently, the measurement was carried out weekly. Feed intake was recorded daily by subtracting the left over from the quantity of feed offered to the animals the previous day. Feed conversion ratio was determined using feed intake and body weight gain. Average daily gain (ADG) was calculated from weight gain and a total number of days of the experimental period.

Feed intake (g/rabbit) =Feed offered (g) - Leftover (g) Feed conversion ratio (FCR) FCR=DM Intake (g) / live weight gain (g)

Average daily gain (ADG) = (final body weight – initial body weight) / total days of the experiment.

i. Carcass evaluation and internal organs measurements

Three rabbits from each treatment were randomly selected. Before slaughter, the rabbits fasted for 12 hours to avoid error due to gut fill. All the rabbits were weighed before and after slaughter. After slaughtering, the tail close to the base was first removed so also the head, feet and the pelt. During evisceration, the internal organs and the gut contents were removed and weighed. The skinless carcass was weighed and expressed as a percentage of live weight. The organs weights were expressed as a percentage of dressed weight. Dressing percentage was as determined as follows:

$$Dressing \ perentage = \frac{Dressed \ weight}{Slaughter \ weight} \times 100$$

Dressing percentage = Dressed carcass weight /Slaughter weight \times 100

g) Data Analysis

The data collected from the experiment were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) Significant difference among treatment means were separated by least significant difference (LSD).

III. RESULTS

a) Growth performance of rabbit fed graded levels oflpomoea asarifolia

The growth performance of rabbit feed graded level of *Ipomoea asarifolia* is shown in Table (2).Results indicated a significant difference (P < 0.05) in the feed intake, feed conversion ratio final body weight gain and Average Daily Gain. There was no significant difference (P > 0.05) in initial body weight of the animals.

Table 2: Growth performance of rabbits fed graded levels of Ipomoea asarifolia.

Parameter TREATMENTS	(supplemented	level of <i>I. Asarifol</i>	ia g/kg)		
	T1 (0)	T2 (5)	T3 (10)	T4 (15)	SEM
Initial body wt (g/rabbit)	924.14	923.57	923.28	923.00	8.09
Final body wt (g/rabbit)	1518.33ª	1494.33 ^a	1186.69 ^b	1190.67 ^b	80.09
Body weight gain (g/rabbit)	594.19 ^a	570.76ª	263.39 ^b	267.67 ^b	108.27
Feed intake (g/rabbit/day)	136.013 ^a	142.623 ^a	118.40 ^b	108.18 ^b	5.76
Feed conversion ratio	12.82ª	13.99ª	25.19 ^b	22.63 ^b	4.67
Average daily gain (g/rabbit)	10.61ª	10.19 ^a	4.70 ^b	4.78 ^b	1.95
Mortality (%)	0.00 ^b	0.00 ^b	28.57 ^a	28.57 ^a	5.05

a, b, c, mean values with different superscripts denote significant (p < 0.05) difference between mean within the same rows

The initial body weight of the experimental rabbits was similar across treatment. Rabbits fed the control diet and, those fed 5g/kg /A had higher feed intake (136 and 142.6g/kg) (P>0.05) that different significantly (P<0.05) from the feed intake of these fed 10 and 15g/kg /A (118.40 and 108.18g/kg) (P>0.05). Final body weight of rabbits in the control group and treatment group two was also better (1518.33 and 1494.33g (P>0.05) and significantly higher (P<0.05) than the final body weight of those in treatment groups three and four (1186.7 and 1190.7g) which were similar (P>0.05).

Average body weight gain followed a similar pattern. Rabbits fed the control diet and those fed diet 2 gained more (594.19, and 570.76g) (P>0.05) compared

to those fed diet 3 and 4 which had significantly lower (P<0.05) average body weight gain (263.4 and 267.6g) which were also similar to each other, similarly with regards to feed conversion Ratio (FCR). It was better for rabbits fed the control diet (12.52) and those fed 5g/kg *IA* (13.99) and 15g/kg *IA* (25.19) (P>0.05). Rabbit fed 10g/kg *IA* also had similar FCR (22.63) with those fed 15g/ kg *IA* (P>0.05).

The rabbits that consumed the highest level of *IA* (10 and 15g/kg) had the highest mortality rate of 29 %. Those that consumed 0 and 5g/kg *IA* diets survived the experimental period with 0 % mortality. Changes in live weight of rabbits during the eight weeks of the feeding trail is shown in figure 1.

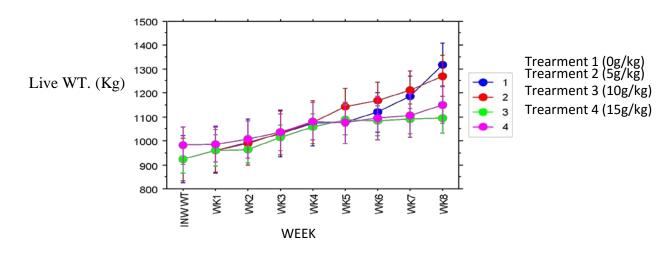


Fig. 1: Live weight changes of Rabbits fed graded levels of Ipomoea asarifolia.

b) Carcass Characteristics

The carcass characteristics of rabbit fed graded levels oflpomoea asarifolia meal is shown in Table 3. Results indicated a significantly higher live weight, slaughter weight and dressing percentage (%) for animals fed diets with lower levels of Ipomoea asarifolia (Treatment 2) and those fed the control diet (Treatment 1) (p<0.05). There was no significant difference in the weight of the kidneys, lungs, heart, small and large intestines (p>0.05). Weight of the thighs, shoulder, loin, and the rack were significantly lower for animals fed higher levels diets containing of Ipomoea asarifolia(p < 0.05).

Dressing percentage of rabbits fed the control diet and those fed 2 (5g/kg) ware higher and similar to each other (51.52 and 52.37%). Both values were however significantly different from values obtained for rabbits fed diets 3 and 4 (46.22 and 46.30%) which were similar to each other but significantly lower (P>0.05) compared to those fed diet 1 and 2.Since the live weight of the rabbits were not similar, there is no basis for statistical comparism. Obviously slaughter and carcass weight must be different.

Table 3: Carcass Characteristics of New-Zealand White rabbit fed graded levels of Ipomoea asarifolia.

Parameter	TREATMENTS (supplemented level of I. Asarifolia g/kg)						
	T1 (0)	T2 (5)	T3 (10)	T4 (15)	SEM		
LW	1518.33ª	1494.33ª	1186.7 ^b	1190.7 ^b	80.5		
SW	1455.66 ^a	1427.66ª	1142.66 ^{ab}	1105.66 ^b	48.38		
CW	750.7 ^a	746.7 ^a	530.0 ^b	522.0 ^b	56.0		
DP (%)	51.52 ^a	52.37 ^a	46.22 ^b	46.30 ^b	2.51		
Kidney (g)	9.00	9.00	8.66	10.66	0.55		
Liver (g)	42.0 ^a	47.0 ^{ab}	38.66 ^b	62.0 ^{ab}	6.09		
Lungs (g)	9.33	10.0	8.88	9.33	1.08		
Hear t(g)	3.67	3.67	3.33	3.33	0.33		
SI (g)	94.33	82.33	78.33	77.0	9.15		
LI(g)	120.0	124.0	120.66	113.0	18.29		
Offal (g)	306.0 ^{ab}	320.0 ^a	256.66 ^{ab}	248.66 ^b	19.33		
Stomach (g)	63.66	63.33	69.00	68.00	16.65		
Thigh (g)	216.33 ^a	206.33 ^{ab}	150.00 ^b	154.00 ^b	18.20		
Shoulder (g)	116.00 ^{ab}	119.00 ^a	85.00 ^b	85.66 ^b	8.43		
Loin (g)	98.66 ^a	89.00 ^{ab}	65.00 ^b	65.66 ^b	7.74		
Rack (g)	333.00 ^a	336.33ª	255.33 ^{ab}	250.00ab	25.46		

LW=Live weight, SW=Slaughter weight, CW=Carcass weight, DP,= Dressing percentage.SI=Small intestine, I=Large intestine

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IV. DISCUSSION

a) Growth performance of rabbits fed graded levels of Ipomoea asarifolia

The significant difference in feed intake, weight gain, average daily gain, and feed conversion ratio is an indication that animals can only utilize *Ipomoea asarifolia* at lower inclusion levels. The average daily weight gain obtained in this study was lower than those reported by Mainasara (2016) but higher than values reported by Wams (2015). The feed intake of the animals further explains the trend of the growth performance. Significant difference in weight gain obtained across the treatments showed poor acceptability of the test ingredient at higher inclusion levels. The performance of rabbits supplemented with *Ipomoea asarifolia* in this study is also comparable to the report of Samokel *et al.* (2006).

b) Carcass Characteristics of rabbits fed Ipomoea asarifolia

The results indicated increased weight of the liver in treatments 3 and 4 showing significant effects of anti-nutritional factors contained in Ipomoea asarifolia on the experimental animals the liver grow bigger in order to cope with detoxification of the phyto-Chemicals in the Ipomoea asarifolia. The dressing percentage for the rabbits was higher in treatment 1 and 2. The kidney, small and large intestine were all within the range for normal healthy rabbits as evaluated by Mudunuru et al., (2008). The dressing percentage (46.22-52.37 %) reported in this study was lower than 55-67 % reported by Lowa et al. (2006). The significantly (P<0.05) higher weight of liver and kidney in treatment 4 as observed was due to high content of Ipomoea asarifolia. Bone (1979) reported that anti-nutritional factors contained in certain plants because abnormalities as a result of increased metabolic rate of the organs in an attempt to reduce the toxic elements or to convert the antinutritional agent to non-toxic metabolism.

V. Conclussion

It was concluded that inclusions of *l pomoea asarifolia* beyond 5g/kg in the diets of rabbit significantly reduced performance.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Nosocomial Infections. Nosocomial infections correspond to those infections acquired within a hospital ward and whose manifestation, depending on the incubation period, can occur 48-72 hours later, or even once the patient has obtained medical discharge (WHO, 2003). The illnes severity depends on how committed the patient is and the antimicrobial resistance capacity of the causative bacteria.

Nosocomial infections constitute an great risk of hospitalization and cannot be prevented always (Weese, 2010, Gaschen, 2008), presenting more frequently in intensive care units. This happens for several reasons: 1) the duration of the stay is usually longer than in other sectors of hospitals; 2) invasive medical processes such as the introduction of urinary catheters, allow the entry of opportunistic organisms; 3) the patients present immunocompromise or strong stress due to the disease they present or to the actual treatment and 4) the excessive use of antimicrobials allows the constant selection of resistant bacteria (Steele, 2009).

Public Health. The real impact of nosocomial infections in veterinary hospitals is not known, since the existing information, although, has constantly been increasing, remains very restricted to a small number of outbreaks and cases observed in reference hospitals (Weese, 2010). In human hospitals the incidence of nosocomial infections is lower than that observed due to the fact that patients spend less time in the Intensive Care Unit in relation to the human being, there is a lower prevalence of immunosuppressive diseases and there is a lack of infrastructure that allows a stay from the patients (Gaschen, 2010).

The main problems associated with nosocomial infections in dogs and cats are the transmission of multi resistant bacteria from patient to patient by the hands of hospital workers, transmission of infectious diseases from patient to patient and of zoonoses that could affect workers and even the owners of the patients (Gaschen, 2010).

Bacterial Nosocomiales Agents: Multiresistant bacteria commonly isolated in veterinary hospitals of small animals include E. coli, Enterobacter spp., Enterococcus spp., as well as several species of Staphylococcus and Clostridium spp. In Europe, Acinetobacter baumannii identified as resistant and causing nosocomial infections both in units dedicated to the care of small animals and in equine in a veterinary teaching hospital (Gaschen, 2010). Three of these bacteria have generated increasing concern as Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE), multiresistant E. coli and methicillinresistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) have appeared. The latter has been a problem for many years for human medicine, but today it generates great concern in the veterinary medical community, while multiresistant E. coli and MRSA are associated with nosocomial infections in hospitals of small and older animals, VRE are scarcely described as a nosocomial infectious agent in small animals (Steele, 2009).

Antimicrobial Resistance. Antimicrobial resistance is understood as the mechanism by which bacteria can reduce the action of antimicrobial agents (Fernández *et al.*, 2003). When the concentrations that the antimicrobial can reach in the organism do not exceed the minimum inhibitory substantially and, during prolonged times, although linked to the type of agent in question, the bacterium has all the possibilities to

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survive and is defined as resistant. In contrast, when the opposite occurs, the bacterium is defined as susceptible (Errecalde, 2004). This resistance can be a characteristic of an organism (intrinsic) or acquired by mutation or incorporation of genetic material (extrachromosomal DNA) or transposons (chromosomal or integrated to plasmids). The most frequent mechanisms of gene exchange between bacteria are conjugation, transduction, and transformation. The variations of these processes are developed through genetic engineering. An example of this is electrotransformation (Danchin et al., 2002; Cabrera et al., 2007). Depending on the antibiotic and the bacterial species, existe four types of resistance mechanisms: a) enzymatic inactivation of the antibiotic, b) modification of the site white; c) changes in the permeability of the bacterial membrane due to the substitution of outer membrane proteins (porins) when modifying its internal caliber; and d) expulsion of the antibiotic due to the overproduction of efflux pumps that prevents access of the antibiotic to the target site in the bacteria. The first mechanism described is one of the most common biochemical processes that provide resistance (Danchin et al., 2002; Garza et al., 2009).

The B-Lactams. Under this denomination, a continually growing number of antimicrobials is grouped, whose origin goes back to 1928 when Alexander Fleming discovered a substance capable of inhibiting the growth of Staphylococcus aureus. The β lactams form the group of antimicrobials currently used clinical practice and include penicillins. in cephalosporins, carbapenems and beta-lactamase inhibitors, among others (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004.). Structurally they have in common the β -lactam ring, associated with a thiazolidine ring, forming the 6amino penicillanic acid responsible for the biological activity and a side chain changes that gives the antimicrobial and pharmacokinetic characteristics to the different antimicrobial derivatives (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004). These chemical modifications reducing the capacity of antimicrobial resistance. The β-lactams inhibit the synthesis of the bacterial wall, acting in the final stage of peptidoglycan formation, called transpeptidation. This group of antimicrobials presents an analogy with an amino acid precursor of the chain of peptidoglycan, D-alanyl-D-alanine. Therefore they are capable of competing for the active site of an enzyme called "Penicillin-binding Protein" (PLP), which participates in the cross-linking of peptidoglycan. In this way the β -lactams are covalently bound to the active site of the PLP, which produces the irreversible inactivation of the enzyme, stopping the peptidoglycan formation and producing the osmotic lysis of the bacterial cell (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004.). The introduction of a methoxyphenyl group to the side chain of the penicillins gave rise to methicillin, which is resistant to the enzymatic inactivation produced by the betalactamases of *Staphylococcus aureus*. By adding an amino group to the side chain of the Benzylpenicillin, the Aminopenicillins were created to broaden the spectrum of action of penicillins. Thus, ampicillin is effective against Gram-negative bacteria such as *Escherichia coli* and *Haemophilus influenzae* (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004).

Bacterial Resistance To B-Lactams. The most important mechanism of β -lactam resistance is the production of β -lactamases, which correspond to enzymes that hydrolyze the β -lactam ring, thereby becoming biologically inactive compounds. These enzymes are synthesized by Gram-positive and Gramnegative bacteria (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004) and at present hundreds of β -lactamases are known, there are four types of them: 1) class A, represented by TEM-type β -lactamases; 2) class B, which correspond to rare metalloenzymes; 3) class C, represented by cephalosporinases of enterobacteria; 4) class D, represented by cloxacillinases.

The β -lactamases are encoded by the blaTEM gene. The term TEM is coined thanks to Temoniera, a patient from whom the first bacterium with characteristics of β -lactam resistance was isolated (Mediavilla and García-Lobo, 2004).

Molecular Genetics Techniques. The study and monitoring of these antimicrobial resistance genes have achieved thanks to the implementation of molecular genetic techniques, which allow detecting areas of interest in the genome of a microorganism.

The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is one of these molecular methods, which consists in the in vitro synthesis of a white DNA sequence in a repetitive manner, thanks to the use of primers or primers (highly specific oligonucleotide sequence) They recognize small sequences that flank the segment of the genome to be amplified. This are achieved using Tag enzyme from the polymerase, an bacterium Thermophilus aquaticus that can incorporate free nucleotides at the 3'-end of the splitter, generating copies of the white sequence exponentially, at short intervals of time and high temperatures. It is characterized by its thermostability, high processivity (adds many nucleotides before being discarded) and high fidelity (Mullis and Faloona, 1987).

The PCR technique is consist in the consecutive repetition of three steps, which together make up a cycle. First, the target DNA is denatured, forming simple strands. This process is carried out at temperatures that vary between 90 and 96 ° C. The second step is the hybridization or annealing of primers to simple strands. The temperature of this stage is specific to each pair of primers. The third and final stage is the synthesis of DNA thanks to the action of a thermostable polymerase. The result is two double strands of DNA, formed by the original strand, and the new strand formed, which will be the target strand or template of the next cycle. This

process is repeat between 20 and 40 times (Mullis and Faloona, 1987). At the end of the series of cycles millions of copies of DNA zone will be generate, which visualized bands when performing are as electrophoresis, in which the DNA is separate according to its molecular weight and its negative electric charge. The DNA molecules are deposite in a polyacrylamide or agarose gel immersed in a buffer solution, which is subject to an electric field. The concentration of the gel determines the density of the solution, and therefore, the speed with which the molecules of interest move. Indeed, the smaller the size of the products of the reaction, the more concentrated the gel must be use; thus, diagnostic PCR generally uses 2% agarose concentrations (Mullis and Faloona, 1987; Danchin and Yuen, 2002; Pennington, 2002.). Thus, the objective of this report was to detect the blaTEM gene involved in ampicillin resistance in bacteria described

nosocomial, through the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), subsequently from the obtained sequences; it was established the percentage of nucleotide identity concerning to official GenBank ® data. This will make an approximation of the situation presented by these genes in the hospital facilities of the University of Chile and a first approach of the subject in veterinary medicine within the country, to develop epidemiological studies to establish the behavior of this gene in the future.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Samples. Three bacterial strains resistant to Ampicillin were studied, according to the Kirby-Bauer plate diffusion method, obtained in previous work (Jara et al., 2009): Pantoea agglomerans, Enterococcus faecium and Staphylococcus intermedius (Table 1).

Table 1: Bacterial species suspected of carrying the blaTEM gene. According to Gram stain and antimicrobial
susceptibility to Ampicillin

	Bacterias Gram (-)			Bacterias Gram (+)	
#	Especie	Α	#	Especie	Α
360	Pantoea agglomerans	R	034	Enterococcus faecium	R
A: Ampicilina: R: resistente.			P4	Staphylococcus intermedius	R

Bacterial DNA obtaining. The extraction of bacterial DNA was carried out using a commercial kit for extraction and purification (Genomic DNA Purification kit, Fermentas®), from cultures of 106 CFU / ml. Briefly, to 200 µL of bacterial culture, 400 µL of lysis solution was added, incubated for five minutes at 65 ° C, homogenizing manually every 1.5 minutes. Immediately, 600 µL of chloroform was added by gently mixing and inverting five times. Then it was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for two minutes (Heraus Sepatech Biofuge®). After centrifugation, the upper phase is collected in an Eppendorf tube, and 800 µL of precipitation solution was added, mixed gently and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for two minutes. The obtained pellet is resuspended by the addition of 100 μ L of 1.2 M sodium chloride solution. To this mixture, 300 µL of cold ethanol is added and kept at -20 ° C for ten minutes. Then, it was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for four minutes; the supernatant are removed and resuspended in 100 µL of nuclease-free (Winkler®). Finally, this DNA was water used immediately to perform the PCR test.

Detection of the blaTEM gene using the PCR technique. A 96-well Apollo thermocycler (CLP, USA) was used to carry out the polymerase chain reaction and a protocol that included the temperatures, the estimated time for each stage and the number of applicable cycles (Tenover et al., 1994).

Partidores. The primers were used: 5'-TGGGTGCACGAGTGGGTTAC -3 'and 5'- TTATCC GCCTCCATCCAGTC -3' (Tenover *et al.,* 1994).

Mix the reaction to perform the PCR test. A 2X PCR Master Mix kit (Fermentas®), containing the thermostable polymerase, the deoxynucleotide triphosphates (dNTPs), the reaction buffer and MgCl2, was used. In a 0.2 mL Eppendorf tube, 15 µL of Master Mix, five μ L of each of the primers and five μ L of the DNA sample were added, obtaining a total volume of 30 µL. DNA amplification. The DNA amplification contemplates an initial denaturation at 94°C for one minute and then 30 cycles (94°C for two minutes, 57°C for one minute and 72°C for two minutes). Finally, a final extension are made at 72°C for ten minutes. The expected band size was 526 base pairs (Tenover et al., 1994).

Visualization of the amplified products. It was performed by electrophoresis in 2% agarose gel (Winkler®) in TAE buffer (Fermentas ®). The PCR product was mixed with one μ L of the commercial loading product, 6X Mass Ruler Loading Dye Solution (Fermentas ®), which it has glycerol to give density to the sample and bromophenol blue to verify the progress of the migration of the DNA bands. An aliquot of 6 μ L of this mixture are deposit in the respective well of the gel.

Electrophoresis was carried out at 89 V for ninety minutes. As a molecular size marker, a standard containing DNA fragments between 100 and 2000 bp (DNA ladder (Fermentas \mathbb{R})) was used. The gel was immersed in ethidium bromide (0.5 µg/mL) (Fermelo \mathbb{R}), and visualized in a transilluminator of ultraviolet light (Transilluminator UVP \mathbb{R}) to be finally photographed.

Biosafety measures. The laboratory work was carried out according to the biosafety levels established for the microbiology and animal virology laboratories, such as the use of clean material, correct waste disposal and the use of a closed apron and gloves in practical work. The process of visualization of the amplified product involves the use of ethidium bromide and a transilluminator of UV light, so when the gel was visualized an acrylic plate and glasses with UV filter were used. Subsequently, the elimination of the gel contemplated its incineration since ethidium bromide has -among others- mutagenic properties.

Sequencing. The DNA fragments were sent to the Sequencing Center of the GENYTEC company according to their requirements.

Analysis. From the sequences delivered by GENYTEC, a consensus sequence are obtained for

each bacterium studied. Subsequently, the open-access online program called Clustal Ω was used to align the consensus sequences obtained together with the variants of the blaTEM gene fragment (GenBank accession number AF188199.1, and FJ668751.1 corresponding to *E. coli*; GU734697.1, GU734696.1, and GU734695.1 obtained from strains of *K. pneumoniae*;) and thus the percentage of nucleotide identity could be established (Thompson *et al.*, 1994,Genbank, 2018). Also, a multiple alignments was made between all the variants mentioned for the blaTEM gene and thus observe the percentage of nucleotide identity between them.

III. Results

Detection of the blaTEM gene in bacteria described as nosocomial. When carrying out the PCR according to the protocol established (Steele, 2009) in genetic material extracted from bacteria described as nosocomial, the expected white sequence are obtained. The bands obtained presented a molecular size of around 500 base pairs, and it was possible to visualize them clearly (Figure 1).

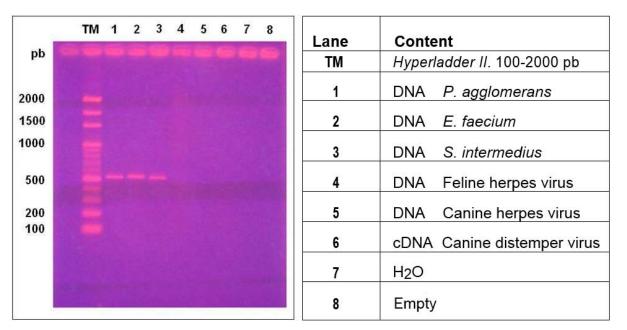


Figure 1: Detection of blaTEM gene in three bacterial strains described as nosocomial

Sequencing and determination of nucleotide identity percentage (NIP) The sequences of the three amplified samples (in duplicate) were obtained satisfactorily (Annex 1). Multiple alignments using the Clustal Ω program of each consensus sequence and the official data for the bla_{TEM} gene (GenBank accession number AF188199.1) indicated a high percentage of identity (≥93%) (Table 2). Also, it was observed that all variants of the blaTEM gene compared in this study, showed PIN close to 100%, which allows to assert that we are facing a highly conserved gene and therefore we can work with any of them in future studies.

Table 2: Nucleotidic Identity Percentage (NIP)

Percent Identify Ma	trix-Create	d by Clu	stal2.1								
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IV. DISCUSSION

Recognizing that antimicrobial resistance constitutes a threat to public health, since resistant agents increase the morbidity and mortality rates, increasing the patient's stay in a care center, the determination of resistance genes could guide the use of different therapeutic alternatives (Deutscher and Friedman, 2010). In this aspect, the results obtained in this study allow us to make some reflections on the resistance observed by the three bacterial strains against the beta-lactam used: First, the methods used: conventional PCR, electrophoresis in 2% agarose gel and visualization by ultraviolet light, allow obtaining a DNA fragment of around 500 bp, which is the first indication of the presence of the gene blaTEM, as previously mentioned in the literature (Arros, 2010; Tenover et al., 1994). Thus, it will not be necessary to design other primers through any of the computer programs (in silico design) nor does it make necessary to make changes in the PCR protocol used (Tenover et al., 1994). Secondly, by sequencing of the amplicons independently and obtaining the consensus sequence for each of them, the Clustal Ω program delivered valuable information both between the consensus sequences, as well as between each consensus sequence and the official data (GenBank: accession number AF188199.1): a PIN value greater than or equal to 93%. The latter is consistent with the fact that the blaTEM gene is a highly conserved gene in nature, reaching PIN values close to 100% when comparing various official GenBank data. This would make it possible to ensure that each amplicon - independent of origin - are a constitutive part of the blaTEM gene, each constituting in itself a native positive control for the detection of this gene in bacteria described as nosocomial, validated both by its size (\sim 500 bp) as per its nucleotide sequence. Finally, in a future study it will be possible to have both a native control for nosocomial bacteria both Gram positive and Gram negative, which satisfies one of the primary objectives of this title memory. In the case of gram-positive environmental bacteria described as nosocomial. Enterococcus faecium (NIP = 96%) may be used and in the case of

Gram-negative bacteria: *Pantoea agglomerans* (NIP = 96%).

V. Conclusions

In this title report, the bla_{TEM} gene was detected from bacteria described as nosocomial, isolated from veterinary hospital facilities. This was demonstrated both by the presence of a DNA band of around 500 bp and by the nucleotide sequencing of the obtained amplicon. In addition, the obtained amplicons can be used as positive native controls of veterinary origin, for the first time in Chile.

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ANEXX 1: Sequences for Clustal Omega analysis

a) Consensus Sequences by Genytec

>P.agglomerans (consenso 1)

CCTTGAGAGATTTTCGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGATCTGCTATCGGGCGCGGGTATTATAACAGTATT GACGCCAGGCAAGAGCAACTCGGTCGCCGCATACACTATTCTCAGAATGACTTGGTTGAGTACTCACCAGTCACAGAAAAGCAT CTTACGGATGGCATGACAGTAAGAGAATTATGCAGTGCTGCCATAACCATGAGTGATAACACTGCGGCCAACTTACAACTGACAA CGATCGGAGGACCGAAGGAGCTAACCGCTTTTTTGCACAACATGGGGGGATCATGTAACTCGCCTTGATCGTTGGGAACCGGAG CTGAATGAAGCTATACCAAACGACGAGCGTGACACCACGATGCCTGTAGCAAGGGCAACAACGTTGCGCAAA CTATTAACTGGCGAACTACTTGC

>E.faecium (Consenso 2)

CCTTGAGAGTTTTCGCCCCGAAAAACGTTTTCATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGCGCGGGTATTAACCAAATATTGA CGCCGGGCAAGAGCAACTCGGTCGCCGCATACACTATTCTCAGAATGACTTGGTTGAGTACTCACCAGTCACAGAAAAGCATCT TACGGATGGCATGACAGTAAGAGAATTATGCAGTGCTGCATAACCATGAGTGATAACACTGCGGCCAACTTAAAAAAGACAACG ATCGGAGGACCGAAGGAGCTAACCGCTTTTTTGCACAACATGGGGGATCAGTAACTCGCCTTGATCGTTGGGAACCGGTTTCTG AATGAAGCCATACCAAACGACGAGCGTGACACCACGATGCCTGTAGCAATGGCAACAACGTTGCGCAAACTATTAACTGGCGAA CTACTTAC

>S.intermedius (Consenso 3)

b) Oficial sequences by Genbank

>GU734697.1 >GU734696.1 >GU734695.1 >FJ668751.1 >AF188199.1 >AY359287.1 >AF427133.1 >AF093512.1

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ANEXX 2: Clustal Aligment

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S. intermedius	CGCCCCGAAGA-ACGTTTTCAATGATGAGCAGTTTTAAATTTCTGCTATCTGGCGCGGTA	72
E. faecium	CGCCCCGAAAAACGTTTTCATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGCGCGGTA	71
P. agglomerans	CGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGATCTGCTATCGGGCGCGGTA	73
AY359287.1	CGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGTGCGGTA	419
AF427133.1	CGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGTGCGGTA	419
AF093512.1	CGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGTGCGGTA	419
GU734696.1	CGCCCCGAAGAACGTTTTCCAATGATGAGCACTTTTAAAGTTCTGCTATGTGGTGCGGTA	176
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I. INTRODUCTION

smolyte accumulation (OA) is frequently cited as a key putative mechanism for increasing yields of crops subjected to drought and salinity conditions (Levitt 1980). The hypothesis is that OA results in a number of benefits that sustain cell and tissue activity under water-deficit conditions. It has been proposed as an effective tolerance mechanism for water deficits and salinity, which could be enhanced in crops by traditional plant breeding, marker-assisted selection or genetic engineering, to generate drought-tolerant crops (Shibli et al., 2007). Under conditions where water deficits and salinity threaten crop survival, yields are so low that even large fractional yield gains offer little practical benefit to growers. Indeed, the often-cited benefit of turgor maintenance in cells is likely to result in crop behaviour that is exactly opposite to what is beneficial to crops (Shibli et al., 2007). The one clear mechanism identified in this review for beneficial yield responses to OA is in the maintenance of root development in order to reach water that may be available deeper in the soil profile (Zhu 2001).

Glycine betaine (GB) and proline are two major organic osmolytes that accumulate in a variety of plant species in response to environmental stresses such as drought, salinity, extreme temperatures, UV radiation and heavy metals. Although their actual roles in plant osmo tolerance remain controversial, both compounds are thought to have positive effects on enzyme and membrane integrity along with adaptive roles in mediating osmotic adjustment in plants grown under stress conditions (Ashraf and Foolad 2005).

Pepper (*Capsicum spp.*) are tropical woody vines and herbaceous plant having aromatic herbage minute flower spikellets Members of genus Capsicum are shrubs, perennials or annual herbs. The roots are often rhizomatous and leaves can be either simple with entire margin and are positioned at the base of or along the stem and alternate, opposite or whorled in arrangement (Singh *et al.*, 2012). Vegetable crops are mainly produced from irrigated agriculture and the process of soil salinization is dramatically exacerbated and accelerated by crop irrigation which imports large quantity of salts that were not there before. The majority of crop plant are relatively salt sensitive and unable to tolerate high level of salinity (Zhang *et al.*, 2014).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was conducted in botanical garden Department of Biological Sciences Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto Nigeria and the laboratory experiment was carried out in the Biology laboratory Department of Biology Federal University Birnin Kebbi, Nigeria.

a) Plant Growth Condition

The seeds of *Capsicum annuum* were collected and surface sterilized in 5% sodium hypochlorite and washed with distilled water. The seeds were sown in the nursery bed in green house, and then uniformly germinated seedlings were 14 days old were selected and transferred to polygene bags containing the mixture of sand and organic manure (3:1) adopting the method of Gumi *et al.* (2013)

b) Solution Formation and Salt stress Inducement

Sodium chloride (NaCl) was weighed and dissolves in water to make 30, 60 and 90 mM concentrations of salt which were used to water the plants. The seedlings were divided in to 8 groups, first represent control, second, third and fourth received 30, 60 and 90 mM of NaCl treatments. The fifth represent control watered twice daily (morning and evening), sixth

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watered once in a day, seventh watered once in two days and eighth watered once in three days (Gumi *et al.*, 2013). Each treatment was replicated three times and each replicate consist of three plant and the plant were subjected to the treatment for 27 days.

c) Determination of Free Proline Content

Aliquots of ground plants material is heated for 20 min in pure ethanol as well as in water. The resulting mixture was left overnight at 4°C, and centrifuged at 14000 rpm (5 min). The cold extraction procedure was

$proline = (Absextract - blank) \div slope(Vol.extract \div Vol.aliquot) \times 1 \div FW$

Where: Abs extract is the absorbance determined with the extract, Blank (expressed as absorbance) and slope (expressed as absorbance nmol-1), Volume extract is the total volume of the extract, Vol aliquot is the volume used in the assay, FW (expressed in mg) is the amount of plant material extracted. In plant tissues, proline typically ranges from 0.5 (unstressed) 1 to 50 (stressed) μ mol.g⁻¹.

d) Determination of Glycine Betaine Content

Glycine betaine content was determined by frozen the plant material in liquid nitrogen immediately after harvesting, grinded and the pestles were pre chilled in liquid nitrogen. The frozen samples were placed in the mortar and pulverized to a fine powder.

GB content was calculated as follows:

repeated on the pellet and supernatants pooled and used for the analysis (Carillo *et al.*, 2008). In 1.5 ml screw-cap tubes, 1000 μ l of reaction mix was pipette with 500 μ l ethanolic extract. Proline standard completed with up to 400 μ l of ethanol: water (40:60 v/v). The sealed tubes, were mixed and heated at 95°C in water bath for 20 min and centrifuge (1 min, 10000 rpm), contents were transferred to a 1.5 ml cuvette tubes and read at 520 nm using spectrophotometer. Free proline content was calculated using the following equation.

The powder was transferred/weighted to several pre cooled 1.5 mL tubes (eppis) and stored at -80 °C. The samples (40-50 mg FW) were suspended in 1 ml of MilliQ grades water, subjected to a freeze thaw cycle by freezing in liquid nitrogen and thawing at 40°C for 20 minutes, and left overnight at 4°C. Samples were then centrifuged at 14000 g, 4°C for 5 minutes. The clear supernatants were separated from the pellets. The eluted GB (retention time 4-5 min) was detected by measuring the absorbance at 200 nm using a diodearray spectrophotometer (model 7310) and quantified by a comparison of peak surface areas with those obtained with pure GB standard solutions in the range 0.05-4 mM (Carillo *et al.*, 2008).

$GB \quad content = Absorbance \quad peak \quad area \quad exact \div slope \times$

$Vol. \quad exact \div Vol.aliquot \times concentration \quad factor$

Where: Absorbance Peak Area extract is the peak area (absorbance at 200 nm) determined with the extract, slope (expressed as absorbancemol -1) is determined by linear regression, Vol. extract is the total volume of the extract, Vol. aliquot is the volume of extract injected onto the HPLC column and FW (expressed in mg) is the amount of plant material extracted.

e) Statistical Analysis

The results were expressed as mean of three replicates and the data obtained were subjected to one way analysis of variance test. The difference between the mean were determined by least significant difference using MINITAB statistical software.

III. Results

The result on the effects of salinity and drought on Proline and Glycine Betaine Content in *Capsicum annuum* were presented in figure 1 and 2.

a) Effects of salinity on proline and Glycine betaine content of Solanum lycopersicum

The free proline and glycine betaine content significantly (P<0.05) affected by salt stress episodes in

a concentration dependent manner. Control recorded the lowest contents of both proline and Glycine betaine content. However, the lowest contents were observed in plant treated with 90mM of salt (Figure 1). Mean comparison shows significant difference (p<0.05) between the control group and salt treated groups.

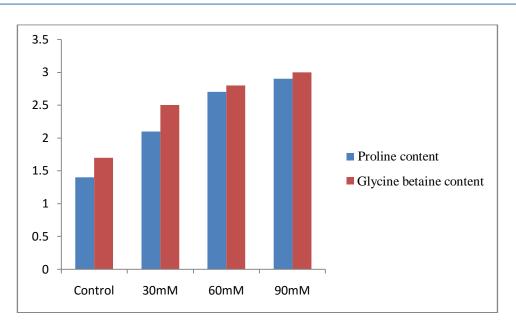
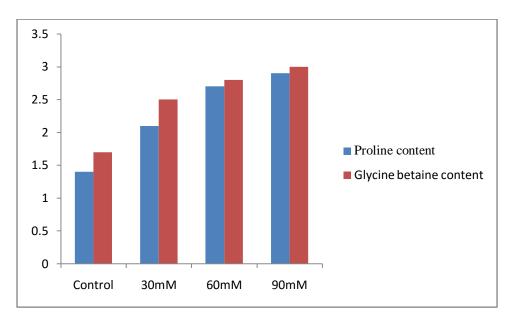


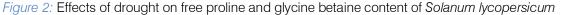
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b) Effects of Drought on proline and Glycine betaine content of Solanum lycopersicum

Proline and glycine betaine content significantly (P<0.05) affected by drought in *Capsicum annuum*. Control recorded the lowest contents of 1.4 and 1.7μ Mol⁻¹ respectively followed by Plants watered once

in a day, the lowest contents of 2.9 and 3 μ Mol⁻¹ were recorded in plants watered once in three days. Means comparison did not shows significant difference (P>0.05) between the drought induced plants. However, the result shows a significant difference between the control and stress induced plants.





IV. DISCUSSION

In this research, the contents of free proline and glycine betaine increase with increasing salt concentration. Similarly, highest proline and glycine betaine contents were recorded in plants watered once in three days, the contents decrease in plant watered once in two days. The accumulation of proline and glycine betaine is often proposed as a solution to overcoming negative effects of water deficit and salinity in crop production. This has been proposed as an adaptive mechanism of salt and drought tolerance (Gumi *et al.*, 2013). In this study, the content of proline and glycine betaine did not differ significantly among the drought induced plants, but differ from the control. This explain that higher proline and glycine betaine content accumulated in stressed plants. This findings agreed with the finding of Gumi *et al.* 2013, Ja'afar *et al.* 2018 and Asraf and Haris, 2004. Carillo *et al.* reported that proline typically ranges from 0.5 is regarded as unstressed and 1 to 50 is regarded as stressed. According to IPGRI descriptors of tomato, Plants which produce GB typically ranges from 0.2-1 is regarded as unstressed and GB content between 6-13 is considered as stressed. This infers that *Solanum lycopersicum* (cultivar: Roma) is a salt and drought tolerant cultivar to some extent.

V. Conclusion

From these findings, Solanum lycopersicum produced low proline and Glycine betaine content under salinity and drought conditions. This could be possible indicator of salinity and drought tolerance in the cultivar studied.

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