



ENHANCEMENT OF PNEUMO-4 VACCINE EFFICACY BY USING OF CARBOMER AS AN ADJUVANT

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ABSTRACT

The present study aimed to prepare a combined inactivated pneumo-4 vaccine containing bovine viral diarrhoea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), parainfluenza-3(PI-3) and bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV) adjuvanted with carbomer and compare the animal protection scope with its product mate Pneumo-4 adjuvanted alhydrogel . Carbomer adjuvant stimulated higher levels and longer lasting antibody to pneumo-4 vaccine than vaccines of equivalent antigenic content containing aluminium hydroxide gel adjuvant. Quality control results proved that the pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvanted either by aluminium hydroxide gel adjuvant or carbomer (different concentration 0.2,0.5 and 0.8 %) was pure and completely safe to be used in calves without any abnormalities. Potency test was performed on five groups of five calves for each group, where the first group was vaccinated with pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvant with carbomer 0.2(formula 2), second group was vaccinated with pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvant with carbomer 0.5 (formula 3), third group was vaccinated with pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvant with carbomer 0.8(formula 4), The fourth group vaccinated with pneumo-4 vaccine with aluminum hydroxide gel(formula 1), and the fifth last group was left as non vaccinated control group. compared humoral immune response using serum neutralization and ELISA expressed by neutralization index of different vaccine formulation was revealed that The prepared pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvant with carbomer 0.5 proved to be highly potent formula along 6 month after second booster dose applying. Also pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvant with carbomer was showed cellular immunity reaction higher than pneumo-4 vaccine with aluminum hydroxide gel using Estimation of nitric oxide activity test.

Keywords: Adjuvant, aluminium hydroxide gel, BRSV, carbomer, pneumo-4 vaccine.

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INTRODUCTION

Pneumoenteritis viral (Bovine viral diarrhoea virus(BVDV) , infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus(IBRV) , Parainfluenza -3 virus(PI-3) and Bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV)) are important syndromal evidence which criminated in many economical losses and immunological drawbacks ((Durham and Hassard, 1990). Control of bovine respiratory disease complex (BRD) is a major focus of veterinary health programs (Stokka and Edwards, 1990). Inactivated pneumo-4 vaccine is locally prepared and widely used in Egypt for control of viral pneumoenteritis syndrome (Samira , et al., 2001). Carbomers have been evaluated as adjuvants in veterinary vaccines. These reports suggest that

carbomers are not harmful in mammals and are more effective than antigen alone(Mumford, et al., 1994).

Carbopol or carbomer in animal models results in systemic adjuvant activity including strong pro-inflammatory type-1 T-cell (Th1) polarization. (Schwabe et al., 1977). Carbomer adjuvant has been shown to enhance the strength and duration of antibody responses stimulated by inactivated vaccine (Zhang et al 2018).

The aim of this work was performed to prepare a safe potent polyvalent inactivated vaccine containing BVD-1, BVD-2, IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses by using carbomer as an adjuvant and apply comparative study between its result and result of vaccine adjuvanted with alhydrogel.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. Viruses and related antisera

Bovine viral diarrhoea virus genotype (BVD)

A local Egyptian strain (Iman strain) with a titre of $10^{6.5}$ TCID₅₀/ml, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis virus (IBRV): A local isolate of "Abou Hammad strain" with a titre of $10^{7.5}$ TCID₅₀/ml, and Parainfluenza-3 virus (PI-3V): Reference Egyptian strain of PI-3 (Strain 45) with a titre of 10^8 TCID₅₀/ml in addition to Bovine respiratory syncytial virus: Reference strain of BRSV (375L) with a titre of $10^{6.5}$ TCID₅₀/ml) All viral strains were propagated and tittered on Madin Darby Bovine Kidney (MDBK) cell culture, which has been proved free of any infectious agents especially non cytopathic strain of BVD virus. These viruses were supplied by Rinderpest Like Diseases Research Dept, Veterinary Serum and Vaccine Research Institute Abbasia, Cairo (VSVRI). And used in vaccine preparation and SNT.

2. Inactivated viral suspension preparation according to Bahnemann, (1975).

3. Vaccine preparation

3.1. Carbomer adjuvant

Carbomer is a term used for a series of polymers primarily made from acrylic acid. The Carbomers are white fluffy powders, was dissolved in d.d.w then sterilized by autoclaving that in different conc. (0.2, 0.5 and 0.8 %) in final dose. They adsorb on surface and also used to keep emulsions from separating into their gel and liquid components. (Zhang J *et al.*, 2018).

3.2. Preparation of vaccine formulas

Part of inactivated virus fluids were mixed together with alhydrogel to make formula (1) according to (Samira *et al.*, 2001) and other parts mixed with carbopol with different concentrations (0.2, 0.5 and 0.8 %) according to make other formulas (2, 3, 4) respectively. The pH was adjusted to 7.5. Thiomersal was added as a vaccine preservative at final concentration of 0.0001% and distributed in sterile bottles of 50 ml capacity.

4. Quality control of the prepared vaccine

It was performed in accordance to USA Code of Federal Regulations, CFR (1987).

4.1. Experimental design:

Fifteen male calves were used in this study and divided into 5 groups, three calves for each group as follows:

Group (1): Each calf was intramuscularly immunized with 5 ml of formula (1) of pneumo-4 vaccine by two injections, with 2 weeks interval.

Group (2): Each calf was intramuscularly immunized with 5 ml of formula (2) of pneumo-4 by two injections, with 2 weeks interval.

Group (3): Each calf was intramuscularly immunized with 5 ml formula (3) of pneumo-4 by two injections, with 2 weeks interval.

Group (4): Each calf was intramuscularly immunized with 5 ml formula (4) of pneumo-4 by two injections, with 2 weeks interval.

Group (5): Consists also of three calves and this group was left as non vaccinated contact control group.

4.2. Evaluation of humoral immune response

Serum neutralization test

It was performed on MDBK cell line according to (Fulton *et al.*, 1995) and calculated by Reed and Muench (1938). **Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA):** It is carried out according to Voller *et al.*, (1976).

4.3. Evaluation of cellular immune response

Estimation of nitric oxide activity

It was carried out according to Rajaraan, *et al.*, (1980)

RESULTS

Table 1: Serum neutralizing titres against BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses expressed in NI in calves vaccinated with Aluminium hydroxide gel adjuvanted pneumo-4 vaccine

Time	G1				G5
	BVDV	IBRV	PI3	BRSV	
0 DPV	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.03	Respond negatively lower than protection a ranged between NI (0.20-0.40).
14 DPV	0.20	0.35	0.30	0.25	
21 DPV	1.22	1.33	1.28	1.19	
29 DPV	1.9	2.1	2.05	1.91	
60 DPV	1.72	1.93	1.98	1.7	
90 DPV	1.50	1.72	1.79	1.49	
120 DPV	1.31	1.56	1.60	1.3	
150 DPV	1.09	1.3	1.3	1.1	
180 DPV	0.91	1.12	1.15	0.95	

DPV Days Post Vaccination.

PI-3 parainfluenza 3.

BVD Bovine viral diarrhea

IBR infectious bovine rhino tracheitis.

BRS Bovine respiratory syncytial.

Table 2: Serum neutralizing titres against BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses expressed in NI in calves vaccinated with carbomer (0.2%) adjuvanted pneumo-4 vaccine

Time	G2				G5 Respond negatively lower than protection a ranged between NI(0.20-0.40)
	BVDV	IBRV	PI3	BRSV	
0 DPV	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.03	
14 DPV	0.19	0.33	0.28	0.24	
2 DPV	1.20	1.32	1.26	1.17	
29 DPV	1.85	2.09	2.04	1.9	
60 DPV	1.61	1.91	1.97	1.6	
90 DPV	1.48	1.71	1.78	1.47	
120 DPV	1.30	1.54	1.58	1.1	
150 DPV	1.08	1.2	1.1	1.00	
180 DPV	0.85	1.11	1.13	0.9	

DPV Days Post Vaccination.

PI-3 parainflunza 3.

BVD Bovine viral diarrhea

IBR infecticous bovine rhino tracheitis

BRS Bovine respiratory synthial .

Table 3: Serum neutralizing antibody titres against BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses expressed in NI in calves vaccinated with carbomer (0.5%) adjuvanted pneumo-4 vaccine

Time	G3				G5 Respond negatively lower than protection a ranged between NI(0.20-0.40)
	BVDV	IBRV	PI3	BRSV	
0 DPV	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.03	
14 DPV	0.25	0.40	0.35	0.30	
21 DPV	1.27	1.38	1.33	1.24	
29 DPV	1.95	2.15	2.1	1.96	
60 DPV	1.77	1.98	2.03	1.75	
90 DPV	1.55	1.77	1.84	1.54	
120 DPV	1.26	1.61	1.65	1.8	
150 DPV	1.14	1.8	1.8	1.6	
180 DPV	0.96	1.17	1.2	1.1	

DPV: Days Post Vaccination.

PI-3 :parainflunza 3.

BVD: Bovine viral diarrhea

IBR :infecticous bovine rhino tracheitis .

BRS : Bovine respiratory synthial .

Table 4: Serum neutralizing antibody titres against BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses expressed in ND in calves vaccinated with carbomer (0.8%) adjuvanted pneumo-4 vaccine

Time	G4				G5 Respond negatively lower than protection a ranged between NI(0.20-0.40)
	BVD V	IBR V	PI3	BRSV	
0 DPV	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.03	
14 DPV	0.25	0.40	0.35	0.30	
21 DPV	1.27	1.38	1.33	1.24	
29 DPV	1.95	2.15	2.1	1.96	
60 DPV	1.77	1.98	2.03	1.75	
90 DPV	1.55	1.77	1.84	1.54	
120 DPV	1.26	1.61	1.65	1.8	
150 DPV	1.14	1.8	1.8	1.6	
180 DPV	0.96	1.17	1.2	1.1	

DPV Days Post Vaccination.

PI-3 parainflunza 3.

BVD Bovine viral diarrhea

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Table 5: Nitric oxide mean reading(m/ml) of different sera samples from different groups calf inoculated by different pneumo-4 vaccine formulations.

Time	Nitric oxide reading(m/ml)				
	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
0 DPV	2.25	2.1	2.4	2.42	0.073
3 DPV	4.23	3.77	5.67	5.68	0.061
7 DPV	5.28	4.48	6.32	6.34	0.06
10 DPV	5.78	3.09	6.28	6.27	0.058
14 DPV	4.02	2.65	5.25	5.26	0.057
21 DPV	2.27	1.26	3.79	3.8	0.054
28 DPV	1.18	0.98	2.34	2.35	0.049

DPV: Days Post Vaccination.

G1 group1 inoculated by formula 2.

G2 group1 inoculated by formula3.

G3 group1 inoculated by formula4.

G4 group1 inoculated by formula1.

G5 control diarrhea.

Table 6: Comparative ELISA mean BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS virus antibody and SNT index in calves vaccinated with carbomer (0.5%) and aluminium hydroxide gel adjuvanted pneumo-4 vaccine.

Time	Newly developed Pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvanted carbomer(0.5)				Pneumo-4 vaccine adjuvanted with Aluminium hydroxide gel			
	IBR	BVD	PI-3	BRS	IBR	BVD	PI-3	BRS
0 DPV	0.25	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.20
14 DPV	0.55	0.40	0.53	0.40	0.50	0.35	0.49	0.39
29 DPV	2.2	2.05	2.26	1.99	2.14	2.01	2.07	1.94
60 DPV	2.0	1.80	2.01	1.80	1.97	1.84	1.99	1.80
90 DPV	1.85	1.65	1.78	1.63	1.81	1.60	1.73	1.63
120 DPV	1.66	1.49	1.64	1.50	1.61	1.42	1.60	1.41
150 DPV	1.44	1.2	1.44	1.25	1.40	1.18	1.39	1.18
180 DPV	1.25	1.8	1.21	1.05	1.21	1.05	1.15	1.0

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DISCUSSION

Vaccination is the most efficient and cost effective method of controlling infectious diseases in animals .Also control of such infectious disease particularly viral infections would not have been possible without the use of safe and effective vaccines (*Yavru et al., 2005*).

The appearance of respiratory disease may be due to stress factors as bad environment , transportation , accumulation of ammonia and excessively high humidity in closed areas which lower the resistance of animal which enhanced the multiplication of microorganisms (*Bickert and Herdt, 1985*). Infectious agents associated with bovine respiratory diseases include four viruses which are BVD, IBR, PI-3 and BRS was used in preparation of inactivated pneumo-4 vaccine in Egypt (*Samira et al., 2001*). Due to its low reactivity, non virucidal nature and efficacy in one shot vaccination schedules carbopol, a lightly cross-linked polymer of acrylic acid, has become a widely used adjuvant in the veterinary field (*Diamantstein et al., 1971*).

In spite of wide applications, there is little information available relating to the type and magnitude of adaptive immune response induced by carbopol compared to other well characterized adjuvants. Specifi-cally, the contribution of carbopol to enhance/modulate cellular immunity . Although the precise immune pathways mediated by carbopol remains to be understood, our data suggest that addition of carbopol to vaccine improves cellular responses by inducing early IFN-g-producing cells and by preferen-tially driving T cell differentiation to

effector phenotypes. The bias towards a Th1 phenotype is supported by human preclinical studies where carbopol generated strong cellular responses to soluble HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein along with high IgG2a antibody titres (*Krashias et al., 2010*). Th1 responses are associated to increased CD8T cell proliferation (*Ekkens et al., 2007*), production of opsonizing antibodies (*Lefeber et al., 2003*) and maximizing macrophage killing activity (*Stout et al., 2005*),

This study was carried out to compare inactivated pneumo-4 vaccines,containing Carbomer adjuvant with an inactivated vaccine containing aluminium Hydroxide gel as adjuvant and to assess the acceptability of Carbomer as an adjuvant For cattle. (*Mumford et al., 1994*). Currently different prepared vaccine formulas pass succesivly through sterility and safety testes.

The potency evaluation of the different prepared formulas of polyvalent viral vaccine in calves represented in table (1,2) revealed that all vaccinated animals developed serum neutralizing antibody titers (SN antibody) expressed as ND reached their peak at first 28 day post inoculation remained stable higher than the minimal acceptable titer of protective level until the end of experiment to the three formulation 1,3and 4. Such data are similar to those obtained by (*Bittle, 1968*) who recorded that the BVD antibody level of 1:8 diluation (ND 0.9) was protective (*Zuffa and Feketeova, 1980*) and Those authors reported that the minimal acceptable titer of neutralizing antibodies was 1:4 diluation (ND0.6) was protective against IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses. compared with the control non vaccinated group (group 2) that showed no neutralizing antibody response.

Table 1,3 and 4 was clarified that effectiveness of formula 2 of carbomer posses the most superior humoral immunological reaction and nearly resempling result formula 3 although its highest concentration.so economical and biological we support formula 2. Table 6, the formula 2 with (0.5 % cabomere)vaccine was possed a good ELISA indeces than formula 4 with ordinary used while table 5 clarified that at cellular response level measured by Nitric oxide activity test mean reading , cabomere has a highest activity which reflect highest cellular immunity activity, safety margin to be inoculated without any local or systemic allergic reaction is sure as it was used widely in cosmetics issue due to its clear biodegradability that agreed with **Rajaraman et al ., (1980) ; Mumford et al., (1994) and Zhang (2018)**. Also its mode of action to be used as an adjuvant was trap antigen and release it over period producing satisfied immune response ccomparing with aluminium hydroxid gel but with best economic view .

CONCLUSION

In conclusions, the prepared formula 3 (polyvalent inactivated respiratory viral Pneumo-4 vaccine containing of BVD,IBR, PI-3 and BRS viruses adjuvanted with carbomer 0.5%) was proved to be pure, fully safe and highly potent economic vaccine formula to be use .

Declaration of Competing interest

On behalf of all authors, I hereby declare that no conflict of interest may interfere with the publication of the manuscript.

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