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The impact of the specialized products on the resistance of animals to the X-ray irradiation.

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ABSTRACT

The morphological study of light white rats exposed to penetrating radiation of 6 gray dose revealed a fairly pronounced changes in the bronchial walls of the reaction in the form of loosening the walls, partially epithelial desquamation, increased secretory activity of the mucous. There were also minor changes in alveolar part expressed in the form of edema and thickening inter alveolar partitions, vascular congestion, structural changes of cytoplasm and nuclei of epithelial cells of the pulmonary parenchyma. The use of biologically active additives in the diet of irradiated rats has strengthened the organism, increased its adaptive capabilities, alleviated the severity of destructive morphological and functional changes, especially when special detoxifying products were used.

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INTRODUCTION

The majority of doctors and biology scientists in the whole world are sure that biological active additives for food are ideal, safe and reliable way of health strengthening, preservation of longevity and for facilitating of disease treatment. In this article the results of research of the histological study of the rat's lungs affected by gamma irradiation in 6 grey dose while feeding the detoxicant special product [1-5] and immunomodulatory products.

New special foodstuffs and biological active additives with pluripotent effect and medico biological characteristics may be used for enhancing sustainability and the adaptation possibilities of organism to bad environmental factors including the space flight. In the last century there were some scientific changes in the structure of the feeding research and using of special biological additives. In view of these the main purpose of our research is to study possibility of using biological active additives and special products with directed medical-biological properties to rise the adaptation possibilities of organism in order to lower the damaging effects of radiation on white rat's lungs [6-10].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experiment tested physiological-biochemical properties of new specialized products in conditions simulating the space flight factors (irradiation).

The experimental part of the work was carried out on male rats of Wistar line. The animals were kept on a standard diet and were divided into 4 groups. Control rats were the first group contained within 1 month of the standard diet (Figure 1). Animals-2 experimental group were exposed to a single dose of 6 grey radiation through an x-ray machine "RUM 17". Rats in groups 3 and 4 received specialized products with detoxifying and Immunomodulatory effects over 30 days respectively. One day before the slaughter they were subject to a single total irradiation dose of 6 Gray. Change of body weight during the experiment are presented in table 1.

Table 1: The dynamics of the experimental animals body weight during the influence of X-rays and specialized food products

Experiment conditions	Control plus X-ray irradiation	Detoxifying product plus X-ray irradiation	Immunomodulatory product plus X-ray irradiation
Indicators	1 Group	2 Group	3 Group
Before the experiment	291,7+24,3	283,3+27,6	285,3+31,4
In 15 days	295,6+26,9	291,7+30,1	315,0+29,8
Before slaughtering, in 30 days	298,3+21,6	312,7+27,6	325,0+30,8

It can be seen from table 1 that the data presented in the table specialized products led to an increase in body weight on 30 day of observation by an average of 29-40, whereas, animals treated with standard diet (control group) had gained on average, about 7 grams of body weight amounted in 30-days. The changes of body weight indicate a beneficial effect of specialized products in the metabolic processes of the body of animals.



Figure 1: Dividing experimental rats into groups

Based on the chemical composition of plant and animal nutrients the local traditional fruit, vegetables and milk products containing high levels of vitamin antioxidants, bioflavonoids, phenolic compounds as well as trace elements were selected. The special recipes targeting certain medical and biological properties were developed (Table 2).

Apart from fruit and vegetable powders the mixtures contained vitamin and mineral premixes with A, E, C vitamins, folic acid, selenium, zinc, iron, calcium, magnesium.

Table 2: The recipes for special products (the ingredients for 100 grams of product)

Dry nutrients used	Detoxifying product	Immunomodulatory product
Beet	25	20
Carrot	25	30
Pepper	-	-
Pumpkin	20	10
Apple	20	10
Dry mare milk	-	20
Sugar	8	7
Vitamin and mineral premixes	2	3

In the course of experiment all animals were in same standard conditions of vivarium, their behavior was active, noses moist, hair dry, smooth. All rats one day before the slaughter time, with the exception of control group, were exposed to one-time gamma irradiation in 6 grey dose. Decapitation of animals ran over next day with using of narcosis in strictly fixed time – between 9 and 11 ours of morning. Like object of histological study were basic populations of lungs cells.

The experimental animals became water indefinitely. For histological research were used standard methods of thin section preparation (Wolkof 1982). The central areas of under study organs were fixed in 10% neutral formalin. The impregnation and filling in paraffin made after dehydration in spirits of rising concentration. The histological cuts with 7 micrometer of thickness were made on microtome. The cuts were painted by universal hematoxylin-eosin. The morphological description and pictures were prepared by microscope MBI-15.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The histological research of respiratory section of the rat's lungs from control group on semi thin cut's showed that, there was no special changes, the acinus's are visible, which are located in walls of alveolus, air-conducting section is short, and presented by bronchus of 3-5 orders, which are delimited on small bronchus and bronchiole. Mucous tunic of bronchus wall is covered by ciliated epithelium, which changes his form with reduction of gauge, transforms from high prismatic epithelium to short cubic epithelium Fig.2

The Histostructure of the respiratory part of the rat's lung. Control group

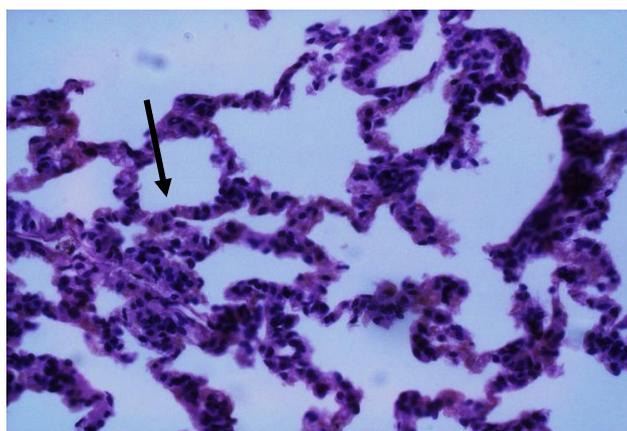


Figure 2: The Histological structure of respiratory part of lung is in normal condition. Coloration by hematoxylin- eosin. X 210.

The results of histological research of experimental animals, organs of second group, which were irradiated by gamma irradiation without using of biological active additives, showed that the structure of lung had morphological changes. The irradiation of rats in lungs results to disturbance of blood circulation, such like hyperemia, plasmorrhagia and inflammation on picture 3. Walls of big bronchus are thickened because of edema. On interfaced, areas between turgid acinuses, located the interstitial tissue with rich blood vessels. There were no physiological departures. The pronounced congestion with hemorrhages, vascular thickening and alveolar part finely predominantly of respiratory type were found. The erythrocytes and edematous fluid are seen in the lumen of the alveoli. Bronchial walls are thickened due to edema, infiltration. Along with this, the areas with narrow slit-like lumen of the alveoli and vice versa can be seen. Moreover the wall of the alveoli in the last sections is slightly thinned. The Histological structure of the lung of rats belonging to the second group (gamma-irradiated without the use of dietary supplements) is presented in Figure 3.

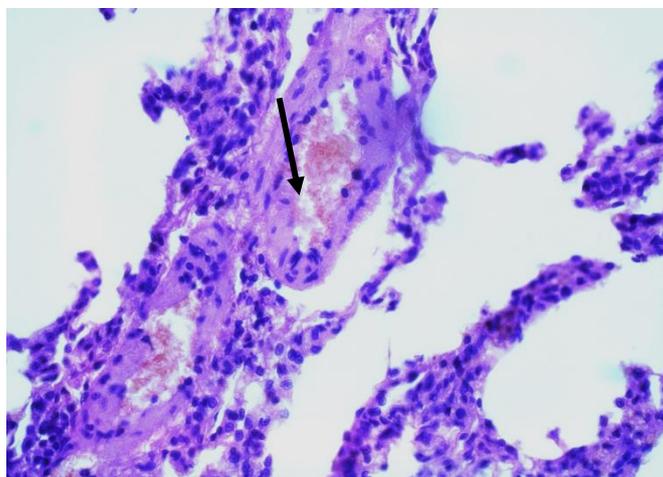


Figure3: Disturbance of blood circulation, such like hyperemia, plasmorrhagia and inflammation. Coloration by hematoxylin- eosin. X 210.

General condition of animals was satisfactory, hair coat even, without areas of alopecia. Weight was normal; there was no reddening of pupils. The results of histological research of organs of experimental animals of third group, which were irradiated and received detoxifying special product, showed that there were no morphological changes of alveolar epithelium of bronchioles. The structure of building in tissue of lung was normal. Epithelium without visible changes, vacuoles are visible in cytoplasm, nucleus indistinct, fuzzy, and turgid. Lumen of alveoles is normal. Epithelium cover of bronchi remains, vessels are slightly plethoric. The histostructure of rat's lungs of third group, which were irradiated and became detoxicant special product showed on Figure 4. This histological research of inside organs of third group rat's, which were irradiated and became detoxicant special product during the month shows, that there is no especially changes in the lungs. In the lungs of alveolar epithelium is not big swelling of nuclei, lumen of the alveoles without changes.

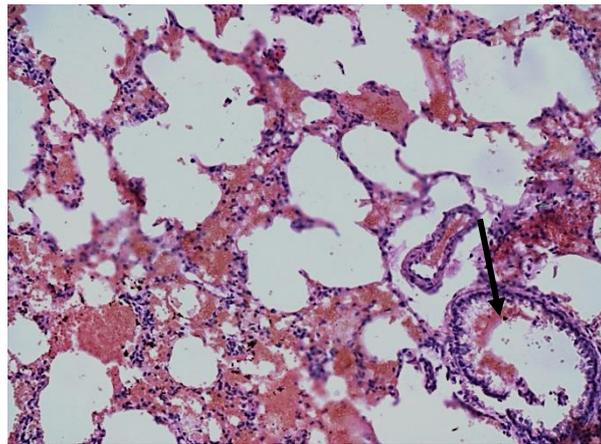


Figure 4: Epithelium cover of bronchi is preserved, vessels are slightly plethoric. Semi thincut. Coloration by hematoxylin- eosin. X 210.

In the lung tissue of the fourth group that was fed with the immunomodulatory specialized product and that received the single irradiation at a dose of 6 Gy the places of partial congestion is seen. Interstitial tissue rich in blood vessels is seen between acini, slight thickening of the interalveolar septa can also be found. Special pathological changes were not found. The Histological structure of lung fourth group of rats (fed with the immunomodulatory specialized product and subjected to a single radiation dose of 6 Gy) is shown in Figure 5.

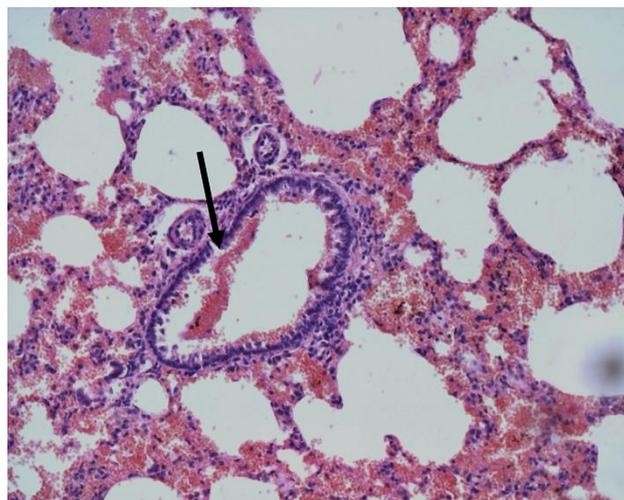


Figure 5: The histology of lung in the rat experiments. Slight thickening of the interalveolar septa. Semithin sections. Hematoxylin - eosin. Uv.h 210.

CONCLUSION

The morphological research of white rat's lungs, which were exposed radiation 6 grey, has revealed expressed reactive changes in walls of bronchi like loosening of walls, partial desquamation of epithelium, heightened secretory activity of mucous cells. Also there some not big changes were fixed in alveolar area, such as edema and thickening interalveolar partitions, hyperemia of vessels, structural changes of cytoplasm and nucleus of epithelial cells of lungs parenchyma.

Histological research of rat's lungs, which was irradiated in 6 grey dose against the background of preliminary feeding of the experimental animals with products with biological active additives during the month, and in procession of detoxicant effect showed only not big structural changes in lungs parenchyma of rat's.

The general condition of animals, their motor activity, behavior, and weight of body did not have profound changes. All this certificates about that the using of biological active additives in ration of irradiated rats has promoted the reinforcement of organism, rising of his adaptational possibilities, soften the heaviness of the destructive morph functional changes, especially it was expressed by using of detoxicant special product.

The experimental study on outbred rats that within a month were exposed to gamma irradiation at a dose of 6 Gy and that received immunomodulatory special products without the use of dietary supplements showed that gamma irradiation of rats leads to pathologic changes with subsequent degeneration and cell reaction. The use of a dietary supplement providing immunomodulatory action improves compensatory - adaptive responses and reduces degenerative processes, restores the general condition of the animals. General condition of the animals, their physical activity, behavior, body weight is only fractionally affected. The findings indicate that the use of dietary supplements is necessary.

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