



Comparative Study of Certain Biochemical Profile of Broiler and Indigenous Chicken of Assam



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Abstract

Biochemical profiles of chickens provide valuable information for evaluation of health status and are reliable indicator of health. The sole purpose of the present study was to determine and compare the base line value of certain serum biochemical profile of broiler and indigenous chickens of Assam. Blood samples from apparently healthy, 20 each broiler (cob 400 strain) and indigenous chickens of Assam weighing between 1.5-2.0Kg were collected from local butchers at the time of slaughter, early in the morning in three different days from Guwahati city and average values for each parameters were taken. Sodium fluoride was used as anticoagulant for estimation of blood glucose and other parameters namely total protein, albumin, globulin, cholesterol, urea, uric acid and creatinine was estimated in serum following standard protocol. Data generated from the experiment were analyzed statistically using SAS Enterprise Guide (Version 4.2). From the present study, it was concluded that certain parameters like glucose, total protein, albumin, globulin, urea, uric acid and cholesterol significantly ($P < 0.05$) varied between broiler and indigenous chickens of Assam. However, the concentration of creatinine did not differed between the two groups.

Keywords: Biochemical profile, Broiler, Indigenous chicken

Introduction

The indigenous chickens (*Gallus domesticus*) have been reared in rural villages in Assam for a long time. These birds are important to low-income people who live in the rural part of the state. India produces 4.2 millions tones of meat annually but the availability of animal protein is only 8.3gm per head per day [1,2], against a minimum requirement of 15g per head per day as per recommendation of Indian Council of Medical Research. To reduce the gap between the demand and availability, new broiler strains with high genetic potential for growth and indigenous chicken with low maintenance cost has gaining popularity across the country [3]. Household poultry has been also included in the FAO special programme for food security [4]. Serum biochemical profiles of chickens provide valuable information for evaluation of health status which reflects many metabolic alterations of organs and tissues [5]. Biochemical parameters in indigenous chickens and broiler chickens in various regions of the world differ from each other [4,6,7]. It is important to investigate the biochemical profile of indigenous and broiler chickens locally for accurate interpretation of health status [8]. Many researchers have evaluated normal biochemical parameters of industrial and commercial hybrid chickens. But, there is a paucity of literature about the base line

value of certain biochemical parameter of broiler and indigenous chickens of Assam. Keeping this in view, the present study has been designed solely to elucidate and compare the serum biochemical profile of broiler and indigenous chickens of Assam.

Materials and Methods

Forty blood samples from apparently healthy, around two months age 20 each broiler (cob 400 strain) and indigenous chickens of Assam weighing between 1.5-2.0Kg were collected from local butchers thrice to take average for each parameter at the time of slaughter from Guwahati city. Blood samples (8ml) were collected aseptically at the time of slaughter and 0.5ml was mixed with sodium fluoride for estimation of blood glucose. Serum was separated from rest of the clotted blood for estimation of different biochemical parameters namely glucose, total protein, albumin, globulin, cholesterol, urea, uric acid and creatinine using standard protocol as described in commercially available kit procured from in vitro Diagnostic Kits manufactured by Span Diagnostic Limited (Autospan Liquid Gold), GIDC, Sachin-394 230 (Surat), Gujarat, India. Data generated from the experiment were analysed statistically using SAS Enterprise Guide (Version 4.2).

Results and Discussion

The concentration of different serum constituents (Mean±SE) is presented in Table 1. Broiler chickens had a significantly higher ($P<0.05$) glucose content (253.28 ± 3.45 mg/dl) than that of indigenous chickens (210.55 ± 1.33 mg/dl) which might be due to the consumption of diet rich in grain. However, the mean values for serum glucose was within the normal range as reported earlier [9,10]. Total protein concentration in the broiler and indigenous chickens was recorded as 4.36 ± 0.05 g/dl and 5.2 ± 0.08 g/dl respectively. In indigenous chickens, the significant ($P<0.05$) increase of serum total protein might be due to estrogen-induced increase of total protein, as all the blood samples of the indigenous chicken were approaching to mature stage [11]. The serum albumin concentration differ significantly ($P<0.05$) between indigenous (2.62 ± 0.05 g/dl) and broiler (2.06 ± 0.04 g/dl) chickens. Serum albumin is influenced by breed, age, physiological state, environment and antigen exposure and is highly variable [12]. Serum albumin is also increase when protein intake exceeds the amount required for growth and maintenance [13] and this might be the probable cause of significant increase ($P<0.05$) of serum albumin in the indigenous chicken of the present experiment. Serum globulin concentration in the broiler (2.30 ± 0.08 g/dl) was significantly ($P<0.05$) lower than indigenous chickens (2.58 ± 0.09 g/

dl). Globulin level has been used as indicator of immune responses and sources of antibody production [14]. The increase level of globulin concentration might confer higher disease resistance capacity of indigenous chicken of Assam with compare to broiler. The urea concentration in indigenous chicken (28.02 ± 1.38 mg/dl) was significantly ($P<0.05$) lower than broiler (35.32 ± 1.17 mg/dl). However, the concentration of serum urea in both the group was within the range [15]. Indigenous chickens had a significantly higher ($P<0.05$) uric acid content ($7.07\pm.013$ mg/dl) than that of broiler chickens (4.21 ± 0.12 mg/dl). In chickens, uric acid is a major product of the catabolism of nitrogen. Age and diet may influence the concentration of blood uric in birds. Besides, hyperuricemia has been documented during ovulatory activity [16]. All these might act as factors for increased serum uric acid of indigenous chickens in the present study. Cholesterol content in broiler (180.91 ± 6.49 mg/dl) was significantly ($P<0.05$) higher than indigenous chickens (152.25 ± 5.39 md/dl). Our finding was similar to the earlier report [12]. Lower content of cholesterol in indigenous chickens might be due to their high body activity [17]. In the present investigation, serum creatinine concentration did not differ significantly between indigenous (0.96 ± 0.02 mg/dl) and broiler (1.00 ± 0.05 mg/dl) chickens. Chicken lacks creatine-dehydrating mechanisms and therefore has very low serum levels of creatinine and higher circulating levels of creatine [18].

Table 1: Serum biochemical profiles of indigenous and broilers chicken.

Parameters	Indigenous chickens	Broiler chickens	F Value
Glucose (mg/dl)	210.55±1.33a	253.28 ±3.45b	133.17*
Total Protein (g/dl)	5.2±0.08a	4.36±0.05b	25.24*
Albumin (g/dl)	2.62±0.05a	2.06±0.04b	66.15*
Globulin (g/dl)	2.58±0.09a	2.30±0.08b	5.05*
Urea (mg/dl)	28.02±1.38a	35.32±1.17b	16.19*
Uric acid (mg/dl)	7.07±.013a	4.21±0.12b	75.46*
Cholesterol (mg/dl)	152.25±5.39a	180.91±6.49b	21.07*
Creatinine (mg/dl)	0.96±0.02	1.00±0.05	0.58

Conclusion

From the present study, it was concluded that certain parameters like total protein, albumin, globulin and uric acid was significantly ($P<0.05$) higher in indigenous chickens of Assam with compare to broiler (cob 400 strain). However, the concentration of glucose, urea and cholesterol was reordered to be significantly ($P<0.05$) higher in broiler. Creatinine concentration did not differed significantly between the two groups.

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