Dynamics of age-related changes in biochemical parameters of blood plasma of the emerald pheasant (Phasianus versicolor) in post-embryogenesis

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Abstract
The article presents experimental data on the detection of age-related changes in blood biochemical parameters in pheasants. The research is devoted to the artificial breeding of one of the subspecies of pheasants of our wild fauna (the emerald pheasant - Phasianus versicolor). The aim of the work was to determine the total protein content in the blood plasma of pheasants in post-embryogenesis in comparison with the indicators in the chicks of the original line when using a complex of vitamins and anti-stress drugs. As a result of experimental studies, a change in the total blood plasma protein of pheasants from the moment of hatching and up to 2 months of age was revealed, with the complex use of vitamins (A-20000 IU, D3-1250 IU, E-50 mg), as well as anti-stress preparations of succinic acid and fenozepam at a dose of 0.02 g, 0.03 g, 0.05 g per 1 kg of body weight per day.

Keywords: emerald pheasant - Phasianus versicolor, blood, total protein, vitamins, anti-stress drugs

Introduction
Thanks to the transport and regulatory functions of the blood, a multilateral connection is provided between the digestive system and metabolism. It is expressed not only in the fine coordination of digestive activity and metabolism due to nervous and hormonal regulation, but also in the presence of special functions of the gastrointestinal tract that contribute to the implementation of chemical processes in tissues. Experimental data confirm the scientific hypothesis about the circulation of digestive enzymes and their presence in blood plasma. Proteins are the most important part of blood plasma. About 60% of all plasma proteins are accounted for by albumin, which plays a major role in maintaining oncotic blood pressure, and also performs transport and nutritional functions, the rest is accounted for by α- and β-globulins and other plasma proteins, including enzymes (trypsin, amylase, lipase). In 1-day-old chickens, the protein content in the blood plasma was significantly lower than in subsequent periods of life, which is associated with a low function of protein biosynthesis. The composition of the blood of birds is notable for its constancy, since only with the stability of the composition of the internal environment of the body, a clear and uninterrupted operation of its systems is possible [1, 2].

Biochemical parameters of blood are important in determining the state of health in birds and, in turn, change with age [3, 4]. The literature contains extensive and contradictory material on the biochemistry of chickens [5, 6], including the use of various additives [7-9] and depending on age.

From the literature data in poultry farming, succinic acid is used in the initial period of bird life; in this case, the daily dose is taken at the rate of 0.03 g per 1 kg of body weight. The unique property of both succinic acid and fenozepam makes it possible to activate adaptation processes in the body of birds and stabilize metabolism, which helps to increase the productivity of birds [10-12].

Biochemical analyzes of blood plasma in birds are widely used to diagnose various diseases, however, there is a very limited amount of information on pheasants and partridges [13, 14]. However, a blood test may be performed for several reasons including as a screening procedure to assess the general health of birds [16, 17].

Thus, it can be stated that the experimental data given in the literature on the detection of age-related changes in blood biochemical
parameters in pheasants, including data on the determination of the total protein of the blood plasma of pheasants in postembryogenesis when using a complex of vitamins and anti-stress drugs, are insignificant and contradictory.

Based on the foregoing, the goal of the presented work follows, namely, the determination of biochemical parameters of blood plasma in the emerald pheasant - Phasianus versicolor in postembryogenesis in comparison with the parameters in birds of the original line when using a complex of vitamins and anti-stress drugs fenozepam and succinic acid.

**Material and research methods**

During the period of experimental studies and experiments, the chickens were kept in the vivarium of the Institute of Zoology of ANAS. At the same time, the conditions of feeding and keeping were observed, and the chicks had constant access to clean water. In the experiment, industrial compound feed was used as feed, which was enriched with protein and vitamin supplements. At the same time, a complex of vitamins was added to the feed to bring the nutritional level of 100 g of dry food to: vitamins A-20000 IU, D3-1250 IU, E-50 mg. Succinic acid and fenozepam were mixed into food or diluted in drink at a dose of 0.02 g, 0.03 g, 0.05 g per 1 kg of body weight per day.

Determination of total blood plasma protein was carried out by spectrophotometric method on a Specord 210 Plus spectrophotometer (Analytic Jena). A heparin solution was added to the tubes, and the blood was centrifuged at 5000 rpm in an SM-50 centrifuge for 15 minutes. Plasma was separated, followed by determination of total protein by the Lowry method.

**Research Results**

Pheasants were divided into two groups, experimental and control, 10 animals in each group. For the experiments, 5 individuals were taken from each group, the studies were carried out in duplicate. Live weight and safety of birds were taken into account. Blood samples were taken from the cubital vein of the wing (vena cutanea ulnaris superficialis) in 35 pheasants, whose age corresponded to 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 60 days. 0.5 ml of whole blood was taken from each bird and placed in blood collection tubes containing a heparin solution.

Male and female pheasants were analyzed separately, as gender may affect the validity of the study. All values were expressed as mean M±m with standard error, and P≤0.05 was determined to be statistically significant.

In the experiment, 1-day-old pheasants showed a low content of protein in the blood plasma compared to that in subsequent age periods, which is associated with a low function of protein biosynthesis.

Table 1 presents experimental data on changes in total blood plasma protein and live weight of pheasants with the complex use of vitamins and anti-stress drugs.

| Age | Live weight, g. | Total protein, g/l |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|
|     | control | experience | control | experience |
| 1   | 21,5±0.15 | 21.93 | 23.7±0.1 | 23.9±0.3 |
| 5   | 24.1±0.40 | 25.62 | 26.6±0.5 | 26.8±0.4 |
| 10  | 39.5±0.65 | 41.93 | 26.8±0.3 | 26.7±0.6 |
| 20  | 85.2±1.44 | 86.60 | 29.2±0.2 | 29.5±0.5 |
| 30  | 143.0±2.60 | 153.15 | 31.6±0.5 | 31.8±0.3 |
| 60  | 377.1±12.60 | 378.60 | 38.4±0.6 | 38.9±0.8 |

From the data presented in the table, it can be seen that the change in the biochemical blood parameters of both the control and experimental groups of pheasants was observed by the age of 5 days (26.6±0.5 g/l and 26.8±0.4 g/l, respectively), which in all likelihood was associated with intensive growth and functional formation of the digestive system.

The concentration of total blood protein in pheasants increased with age, which in turn is due to the formation and improvement of protein biosynthesis processes. It should be noted that there were no significant differences in the content of total blood protein in the pheasants of the control group and chickens that were fed with the anti-stress drug succinic acid and fenozepam up to 10 days of age (Fig. 1).

![Fig.1: Dynamics of changes in the total blood plasma protein of emerald pheasants with the complex use of vitamins and anti-stress drugs](image-url)
mean value (M±m). Significance of differences was assessed by Student’s t-test, and differences were considered statistically significant at P < 0.05.

It should be noted that the lowest content of total protein in the blood plasma was found in 1-day-old pheasants, and the greatest increase in blood biochemical parameters was detected by the 5-day age, which is associated with the intensive growth and development of the digestive system in pheasants.

A change in the biochemical blood parameters of both the control and experimental groups of pheasants was observed by the age of 5 days (26.6±0.5 g/l and 26.8±0.4 g/l, respectively), which was most likely associated with intensive growth and functional development of the digestive system. systems.

By the age of 60 days, the total protein reached a maximum value of 38.4±0.6 g/l (control) and 38.9±0.8 g/l (experiment), remaining constant in subsequent age periods. It has been established that anti-stress preparations do not have a significant effect on the dynamics of changes in the blood plasma protein of pheasants. It was found that a more intensive development and an increase in the mass of pheasants corresponded to a lower content of total protein in blood serum and vice versa.

Thus, the amount of total protein in the blood plasma of pheasants increases with age and reaches its maximum value by 60 days of age, which is explained by the formation of the body and the improvement of the protein-educational function.

Based on the foregoing and on the basis of experimental data on identifying the effect of anti-stress drugs and a complex of vitamins on the biochemical parameters of the blood of pheasants, the dynamics of changes in the parameters of total blood plasma protein during 60 days of postembryogenesis was established. As a result, experimental studies did not reveal significant changes in the total blood protein of pheasants with the complex use of anti-stress drugs fenozepam and succinic acid.

Conclusions
1. Experimental studies have revealed a change in the total blood plasma protein of pheasant chicks from the moment of hatching and up to 60 days of age with the complex use of vitamins (A-20000 IU, D3-1250 IU, E-50 mg) and anti-stress drugs.
2. It has been established that the dynamics of changes in the total blood plasma protein of pheasants, succinic acid and fenozepam do not significantly affect.
3. It was found that a more intensive development and an increase in the growth of the mass of pheasants corresponded to a lower content of total protein in blood serum and vice versa.

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