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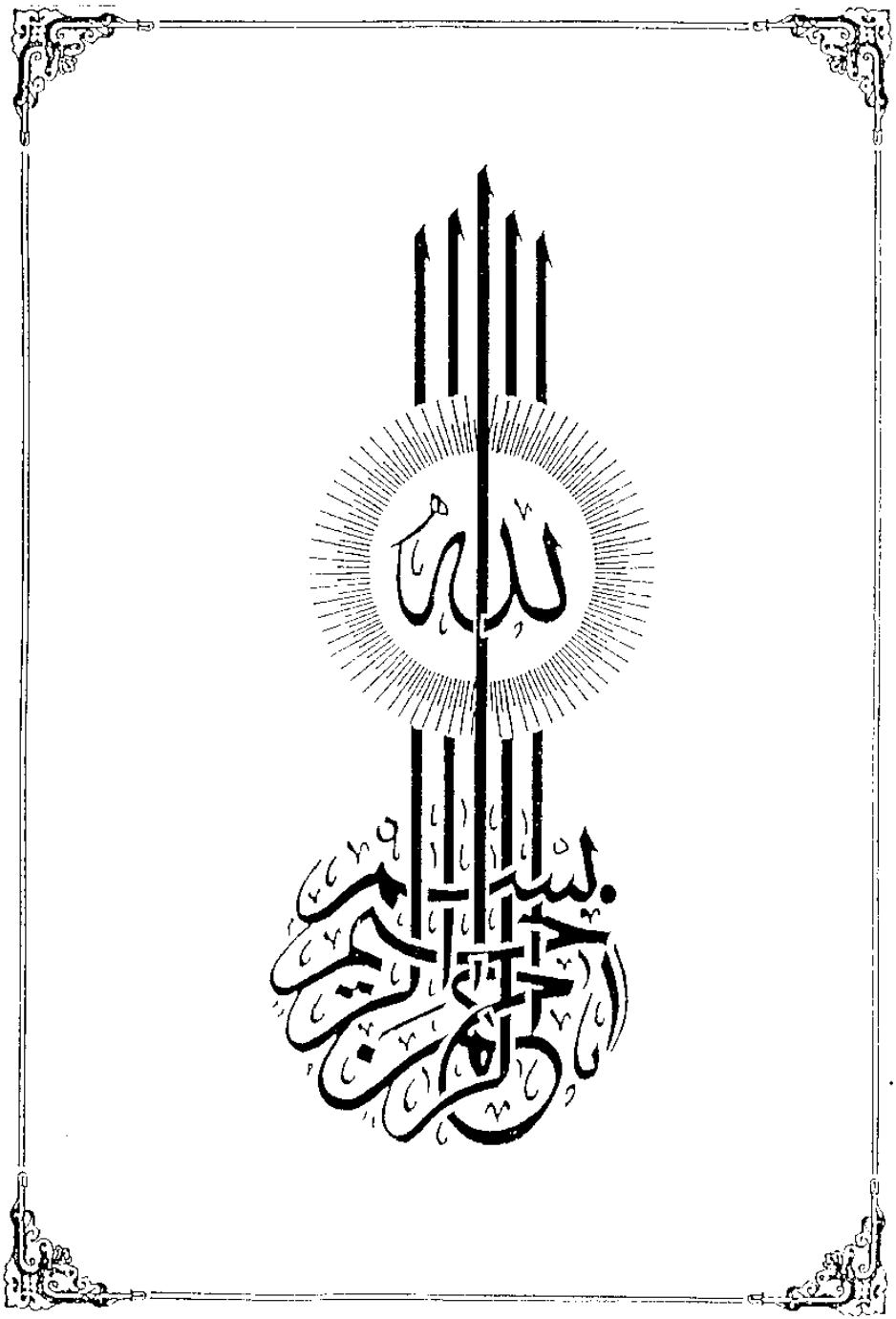

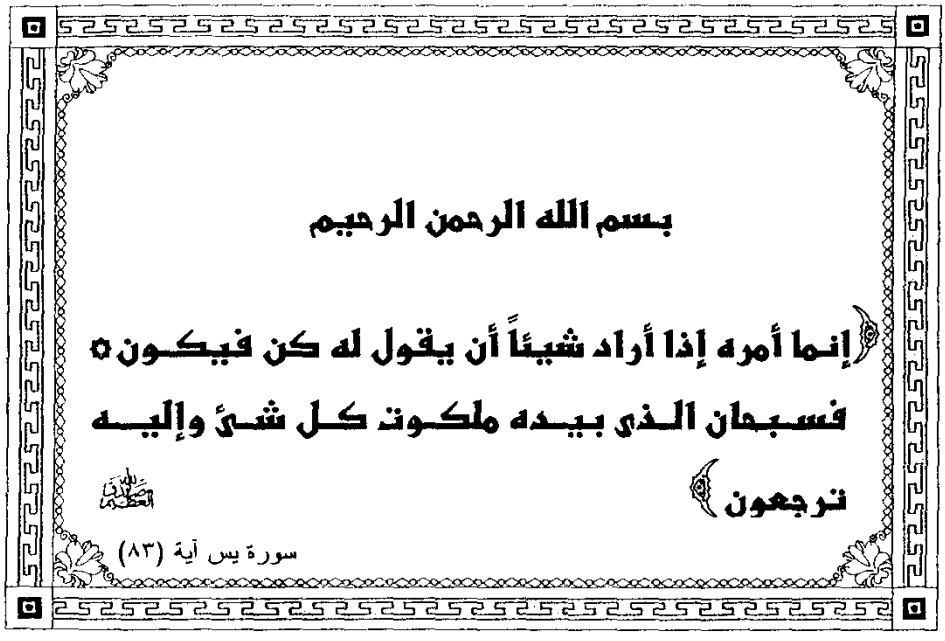

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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of the present study is to investigate cyclic and acyclic reproductive patterns of the Egyptian buffalo cows. Twelve healthy buffalo cows were used in the present study, The animal belong to project No. G-1-1 (Reproductive patterns of Egyptian buffaloes) . Two methods were used to study the ovarian cyclicity. There were blood plasma progesterone and data on estrus activity. Blood was collected three times weekly and heat was checked twice daily.

Results obtained show that The average milk produced from buffalo cows , which calved during hot season (n = 8) was 1527.63 ± 243.658 kg during lactation period of 343.25 ± 21.476 days, buffalo cows which calved during cold season (n = 4) produced 1593.73 ± 145.052 kg milk in average during 314.0 ± 29.218 days of lactation period.

The average duration of post partum anestrus was 66.1 ± 16.01 days. During this period the plasma progesterone concentration was basal. The average length of short low peak progesterone cycle was 10.02 ± 0.74 days and its P_4 peak was 1.04 ± 0.12 ng / ml. The average length of regular progesterone cycle was 23.78 ± 1.02 days and the mean peak of P4 in the plasma was 4.50 ± 0.21 ng / ml. The post - partum interval to first ovulation was 121.3 ± 24.80 days. The average interval to first post partum ovulatory estrus was 177.75 ±22.52 days. The ovulatory estrus was distributed around year . The mean ovulatory estrus per buffalo cow was 5.0.

The average number of ovulation per buffalo was 11.08. The number of quiet ovulation per buffalo was 6.08. The highest percentage of quiet ovulation was recorded during December.

May had the lowest percentage of ovulatory estrus, however, August had the highest percentage. The mean interval between recorded estruses was 50.9 ± 6.03 days. Hot calver buffaloes had an insignificant short interval between detected estrus's as compared with cold calvers ones. The percentage of buffalo cows showing long term anestrus was 41.66%. The average length of anestrus period was 109.6 days. From 60 estrous cycles, During estrus the buffalo cow show auto behaviour symptoms including bellowing , tail raising and restlessness. The number of bellowing showed by estrus buffalo was 32.42 ± 7.47 per hour , however the tail raising was 18.21 ± 2.84 time during one hour. The estrus buffalo cow urinated 0.48 ± 0.06 time per hour.

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