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ABSTRACT

The present work deals with the effect of gentamicin sulfate alone or combined with varolex B_{12} on mother hens and their chicks from several points (behaviour, morphology, egg production, hatching rate, mortality rate, growth rate, length, weight and histological features of liver and kidney).

The mother hens were treated intramuscularly with gentamicin (0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 ml/ Kg/body weight) alone or combined with 1CC. varolex B₁₂ for 14 days.

The results showed that gentamicin affected the mother hens and their chicks. Defects and signs of toxicity were dose dependent. The least defects appeared on treatment with the lowest dose of gentamicin combined with 1CC varolex B_{12} .

The mother hens showed behaviour alterations, increase of mortality rate, decrease in body weight and egg production compared to the control.

The chicks showed decrease in hatching percent, increase in the mortality rate, morpho-

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