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# THE STUDY OF THE TOXIC EFFECTS OF ROUNDUP (GLYPHOSATE) HERBICIDE ON DIFFERENT BODY ORGANS

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#### Concised abstract/Summary

Introduction: Herbicide is a pesticide used to kill unwanted plants. Roundup (glyphosate) is the second most widely used herbicide by farmer, homeowner and lawn care professionals. Exposure of users can occur through skin contact and lung, and to non-users through microdroplet inhalation and food residues.

Aim of the work: to clarify the toxic effects of roundup (glyphosate) on the different body organs of male albino rats.

Material & Methods: The present study was conducted on 80 mature male rats divided into 4 groups. Different organs was studied by histopathological examination, immunohistochemical staining and sperm examination.

**Results:** roundup (glyphosate) herbicide was toxic on different body organs. The histopathological changes, immunohistochemical changes in kidney, urinary bladder, lymph node, salivary glands, lung, bone marrow and testis as well as sperm abnormalities varied according to the dose and duration of exposure to this herbicide.

Conclusion: roundup is one of the most common herbicide used in Egypt, it was toxic to many organs with sperm abnormalities of male albino rats. Also, Ki-67 immunohistochemical changes in the organs showing precancerous changes increased by increasing the dose and duration of exposure to this herbicide.

#### المستخلص

مقلعه العالم من قبل المزارعين و جميع المستمين بالزراعة على كل المستويات مثل مدانق المنازل والزراعة على جانبي الطريق و في الغابات و النباتات التي تنمو على سطح الأنسار.

الهدف من الدراسة: تقييم التأثير الساء لمبيد العشانش راوندأب (البليموسيت) الأكثر شيوعا و استخداما في مصر على أعضاء الجسم المعتلفة لذكور الفنران البيضاء.

طرق البحث: وقد أجريت هذه الدراسة على ثمانين من ذكور الهنران البيضاء حيث تو تقسيمهم إلى أربعة مجموعات كل مجموعة تتكون من عشرين فأر. حيث خصعت أعضاء البسو المختلفة الى دراسة هستوبائولوجية و دراسة مناعية هستوكيميانية باستخداء الصبغة المناعية كأي-٦٧ كعامل تنبؤ الأوراء ثو فعص الحيوانات المنوية.

النتائج: يعتبر الطيفوسية (راونحاب) مبيد حشائش ساء على منتلف اعضاء المسه و خلك باختاء المسه و خلك باختانائج: يعتبر الطيفوسية و الفترة التي تسم التعرض لها. و قد لوحظ خلك من خلال التغيرات المستوباتولوجية والمناعية المستوكيميانية و كخلك التشوهات التي ظمرت في الحيوانات المنوية.

الخلاصة: أثبتت النتائج أن مبيد الحشائش راونداب ساء على معتلف اعضاء البسه و خلاس باعتلافه المعرف الما.

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# Abbreviations

Accase Acetyl CoA Carboxylase

ALS Aceto lacetase synthase

AMPA Aminomethyl phosphonic acid

**BW** Body weight

**CAS** Chemical Abstracts Service

**CCME** Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment

**DAB** 3,3 diamino-benzidine tetrahydrochloride

**2,4D** 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid

**EPA** Environmental Protection Agency

**EPSPs** Enolpyruvyl skimate phosphate synthase

**RED** Registration Eligibility decision

Hx & E Haematoxylin and Eosin

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

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FEBS Federation of European Biochemical Societies

HCL Hairy cell leukemia

**IPA** Isopropyl amine

IPCS International Programme on Chemical Safety

ICSC International Chemical Safety Card

**INCHEM** International Evaluation of Chemical data base

ha 1 kilogram/1 hectare (10,000 square meter)

LC Lethal concentration

μg Microgram

**mM** Millie mole

MOA Mechanism Of Action

MW Molecular weight

NHL Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

NMR Nuclear magnetic resonance

NTP National toxicology program

**PANUPS** Pesticide Action Network Updates Service

**PCEs** Polychromatic erythrocytes

 $PH = \log [H+]$ 

Pka = -log [Ka]. ka (acid ionization constant)

ppm Particle per million

PBS Phosphate buffered saline

SG Specific gravity

**SERA** Syracuse Environmental Research Associates

SH Sulfhydyl group

StAR Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory protein

**Tri buffer** Tris hydroxy methyl amino ethane; Trisamine

TVC Total Vegetation Control

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme

**U.S.** United State

USDA United State Department of Agriculture

WHO World Health Organization

WSSA Weed Science Society of America

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