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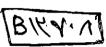


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INTRODUCTION

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Amoebiasis, the condition of harbouring the protozoan parasite Entamoeba histolytica, is a major health problem throughout the world (Who expert committee report 1969). It affects aproximately 10 % of the world's populations, its prevalence rate being higher in developing and tropical countries (Baveja et al., 1992). It is an invasive and a destructive parasite that causes substantial worldwide morbidity and mortality (Salata et al., 1985).

This parasite normally lives and multiplies in the contents of the large intestine of man, under conditions which are not clear, it can invade the tissues, and in this pathogenic form can spread to the liver, lung, brain, skin and other organs (Manson and Apted, 1983; Ohnishi et al., 1994; Forcada et al., 1995). The initiation of invasive amoebiasis may result from the rupture of a host-parasite equilibrium that is maintained while E. histolytica is restricted to a commensal phase (Ahmed et al.,). For this reason, the emphasis of recent investigators has concentrated on the study of parasite virulence factors (Orozco et al., 1983).

Exposure to infectious contact with *E. histolytica* occurs at all ages, with a higher frequency at school age (Sierra *et al.*, 1992; Caballero *et al.*, 1994).

diagnosis of E.histolytica infection is easily The clinical confirmed by demonstrating the parasite in the stool by parasitologic examination, concentration technique have been reported very helpful in parasitological diagnosis, (Faust et al., 1938; Ritchie, 1948; Tobie et al., 1951). In order to support the morphological means of diagnosis, several investigators have attempted to develop and reliable serologic methods for the diagnosis of simple amoebiasis, which are particularly useful in intestinal and extraintestinal forms of amoebiasis (Kessel el al., 1961; Neal et al., 1968; Juniper and Minshew, 1969; Prakash et al., 1969; Krupp, and Mannweiler; Baveja et al., 1991). 1970; Knobloch for amoebiasis are valiable screening procedures Serological tests suspected of amoebic disease. These tests are patients particularly helpful when interfering substances invalidate adequate parasitological diagnosis. It would be of prime importance when extraintestinal amoebic disease may be present, and also in cases (Juniper et al., 1972). There is a high positive complicated correlation between the virulence of E.histolytica and the positive serological tests, it appeared expedient to suggest that when tissue invasion occurs, antigens could gain access to the circulation and produce its homologous antibodies (Kim and Finkelsteiun, 1978).

An amoebiasis serology evaluation study has been carried on for several years as an informal cooperative effort between several interested investigators, working in this field. The types of immunological tests which have been utilized in practical or experimental studies on parasitic infection included, complement