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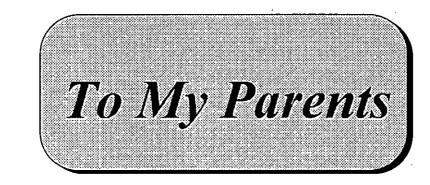
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ABBREVIATIONS

AF-alb Aflatoxin-albumn adduct

AFB₁ Aflatoxin B₁

AFP Alpha fetoprotein

ALT Alanine transaminase

Anti-HC Hepatitis C antibody

ATA Alimentary toxic aleukia

CLD Chronic liver diseases

DNA Deoxy ribonucleic acid

EIA Enzyme immuno assay

ELISA Enzyme linked immunosobant assay

FAO Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations

HBs Ag Hepatitis B surface antigen

HBV Hepatitis B virus

HCC Hepatocellular carcinoma

HPLC High performance liquid chromatography

HCV Hepatitis C virus

IARC International agency for research on cancer

MFO Microsomal mixed-function-oxidase

PHC Primary hepatocellular carcinoma

RIA Radio immuno assay

RNA Ribonucleic acid

TLC Thin layer chromatography

U.V. Ultra violet

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INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE WORK

Mycotoxins are compounds produced by fungi that are toxic to animals and humans when consumed in foodstuff (Mirocha, 1983).

Humans are exposed to mycotoxins by consumption of commodities that are contaminated with mycotoxins, or products of animals that have ingested mycotoxin contaminated Fed (Hsieh ,1983).

The mature animals are an effective toxin modifier eliminator (Swenson et al., 1974). The metabolism and trasmission process acts like a filter allowing only a small portion of the toxins to pass through in the form of less toxic metabolites. Thus the toxin present in the feed and the quantity of the metabolites are usually only a few percent of the quantity of the parent toxins. Therefore, the main concern about mycotoxins and their metabolites in animal products are a chronic toxicity of these compounds, especially carcinogenicity, which is a problem resulting from long term low level exposure (Hsieh, 1983).

The most important mycotoxins are aflatoxins, ochratoxins, trichothecenes and zearalenone and other rare types citreoviridin, citrinin, sterigmatocystin and patulin toxins. They produce disease named mycotoxicoses, a broad spectrum of diseases of both acute and chronic nature resulting from the consumption of mycotoxins, have been encountered in humans and livestock in many parts of the world including both developed and developing countries (WHO, 1977).

Aflatoxins are mycotoxins produced by Aspergillus flavus or A. parasiticus fungi. They are common contaminants of a wide variety of foods in different countries (Goldblatt, 1969). There are 4 major aflatoxins: B_1 , B_2 , G_1 , G_2 and a number of derivatives e.g. M_1 , M_2 , B_2 a Q_1 and aflatoxicol (WHO, 1979).