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Abstract

CONCURRENT INFECTION OF <u>TRYPANOSOMA</u> <u>MUSCULI</u> KENDELL, 1906 AND <u>SCHISTOSOMA</u> <u>MANSONI</u> SAMBON,

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The possible effects of ablastin on <u>Schistosoma mansoni</u> were investigated by (1) establishing a concurrent infection of <u>Trypanosoma</u> <u>musculi</u> and <u>Schistosoma mansoni</u> in mice, and (2) by obtaining <u>Trypanosoma lewisi</u> immune rat serum (ablastin) and injecting it into <u>S. mansoni</u> infected mice. These procedures were followed on days 4, 14 and 28 of <u>S. mansoni</u> infection. For the groups that were given immune rat serum, controls were kept into which normal rat serum was injected.

Ablastin does not have any effect on the development or morphology of the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> worms as tested in this study. Although ablastin inhibits glycolytic pathway enzymes in young trypanosomes, it does not seem to affect those of the blood fluke. Effects of schistosome membrane function must also be ruled out as no reduction in worm burden and no morphological abnormalities were observed. Both immune and normal rat serum caused an increase in the number of worms recovered. This is most probably due to a serum sickness type reaction in the mice, caused by the foreign rat protein. This is supported by preliminary experiments which showed that mice given immune rat serum every third day died of anaphylactic shock on the twelfth day, a few minutes after the fifth injection was given.

Starting both <u>T. musculi</u> and <u>S. mansoni</u> infections at the same time as well as establishing a high titer of ablastin by introducing the <u>T. musculi</u> infection 8 to 10 days prior to the schistosome infection, would establish the effect of ablastin on the penetration of <u>S. mansoni</u> cercariae.

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INTRODUCTION

Mixed parasitic infections have been used extensively in experimental investigations using <u>Schistosoma mansoni</u> and various other parasites. In such mixed or concurrent infections the parasites are introduced into a host so that both are present at various times during the concurrent infection. The parasites may have no effect on each other, and thus the host is not affected differently than if each parasite were present in a separate infection. Or, the parasites in mixed infections may tend to enhance the course of infection, and in this manner produce a greater harmful effect upon the host. This is known as <u>synergistic</u> effect. Finally, the parasites in a mixed infection may have a negative, or <u>antagonistic</u> effect upon each other, and the host experiences a lighter infection than if either one were present independently.

Yoeli (1956) reported that when field voles were exposed to <u>Plasmodium berghei</u> from 4 to 7 weeks after <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infection, a mild course of parasitemia resulted. Jachowski (1961) found that a reduced worm burden of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> resulted in the rat host when heavy infections of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> were given after a prior <u>Trichinella</u> <u>spiralis</u> infection. Hunter et al (1961) reported that mice that were immunized to <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> by repeated infections and were then challenged with Schistosomatium douthitti, had fewer <u>S</u>. <u>douthitti</u> worms

than controls. The possibility that <u>Trypanosoma cruzi</u> infection may have a protective effect against <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> was suggested by Abath et al (1966). (These examples represent antagonistic concurrent infections.)

A synergistic effect in a mixed infection was demonstrated by Weinman (1960) who reported that mice became more susceptible to <u>S. mansoni</u> infection when the mice had prior infection with <u>T</u>. <u>spiralis</u>. Also, Ee-siriporn and Wagner (1969) noted a synergistic effect when mice were concurrently infected with <u>S. mansoni</u> and <u>T. equiperdum</u>. The mice that were infected for 5, 7 and 9 weeks did not survive as long as controls infected only with <u>T. equiperdum</u>.

The hemoflagellate, \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> (Syn. \underline{T} . <u>duttoni</u> Thiroux, 1905) has also been used in concurrent infections. Galliard, as quoted by D'Alesandro (1970) used a relatively avirulent strain of \underline{T} . <u>gambiense</u> that caused death in mice in 11 months. When mice were infected simultaneously with \underline{T} . <u>gambiense</u> and \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> death occurred in 7 days. Parasitemia due to \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> was increased, whereas \underline{T} . <u>gambiense</u> was present in low numbers. Death was attributed to \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u>. Singer et al (1964) studied \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> infection in mice treated with bacterial endotoxin. Mice that were made endotoxintolerant before infection had decreased parasitemias.

<u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u>, a rat parasite of the subgenus <u>Herpetosoma</u> (Hoare, 1972) is the most studied member of the subgenus and has been used

in several concurrent infection studies which show effects that range from lethal to beneficial. Taliaferro (1938) demonstrated cross immunity of both ablastic and trypanosomicidal antibodies between T. lewisi and T. musculi. Marmorston-Gottesman et al (1930) found high mortality of rats infected with both T. lewisi and Bartonella, although either parasite by itself does not cause death. Mixed infections with T. lewisi and the pathogenic species of trypanosomes have been studied by several workers as reported by D'Alesandro (1970), and in every case each species seems to have no effect on the development of the other; the outcome being always fatal. It is of interest here to mention that in a limited pilot project done in connection with this study, it was observed that when T. equiperdum was injected into mice immunized with T. musculi, the survival time in the immunized mice was significantly longer than in the control mice.

Except in very young rats, or in very high dosage innocula, neither <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> nor <u>Plasmodium berghei</u> is considered to be lethal to the host. However, in dual infections with these two parasites a 50% mortality was reported by Hughes and Tatum (1956), and they found that the parasitemias were significantly increased. Thus, the effect of <u>P</u>. <u>berghei</u> resembles that of <u>Bartonella</u>. Jackson (1959) also found that although these two parasites did not alter each other's course of infection, there was a high rate of mortality (68%) which he attributed to severe anemia.

Ashley (1962) studied the effects of concurrent <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> and <u>Nippostrongylus brasiliensis</u> infection in rats and found there was no significant effect on the course of infection. Tate (1951) observed an antagonistic action by <u>Spirillum minus</u> toward <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u>. He found that when rats were infected with <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> two to four weeks after inoculation with <u>S</u>. <u>minus</u>, the development of <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> was suppressed, and only slight or subpatent infections resulted.

To study possible effects of the antibody ablastin on the development of the blood fluke, <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> in mice, an experiment was designed to test the ablastin on the parasite in two different approaches. These are (1) a concurrent infection of <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> (which during the course of infection in mice induces ablastin production) and the blood fluke, <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u>; and (2) to utilize serum of rats infected with <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> as a heterologous source of ablastin, and inject this immune serum into the mice which have been infected with <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u>. The tests are referred to as (1) Concurrent <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> and <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infections, and (2) Effects of immune (ablastic) rat serum on S. mansoni in mice.

The purpose of the tests was to determine the effects of \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> on the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infections in mice and to see if any of these are mediated by the antibody ablastin as produced directly against \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> in the mouse host harboring the blood fluke, and more

indirectly by the ablastin produced against \underline{T} . <u>lewisi</u> in the rat host; and transferred by intraperitoneal injection into the mice harboring the blood fluke, <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u>.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Maintenance of T. musculi

Lincicome strain <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> (ATCC #30182) was obtained from American Type Culture Collection in diphasic blood agar medium, and maintained by serial passage from mouse to mouse (0.1 ml of 1:1 blood/saline mixture). The parasitemias were checked by making wet film preparations of blood from tail snip. Parasitemia levels were indicated by -, +, ++, +++, and ++++, indicating negative, low, medium, high and very high parasitemia, according to the following quantitative schedule:

| + | at least one parasite per 22 x 22 mm coverslip preparation |
|------|--|
| ++ | 2-5 trypanosomes per high power field (450x) |
| +++ | 5-20 trypanosomes per high power field |
| ++++ | Too numerous to count |

When the parasitemia reached a ++++ level, trypanosome counts were performed by using a hemacytometer to determine the number of trypanosomes injected into each mouse in the study.

Schistosoma mansoni

Young 16-20 gm HA (ICR) Swiss albino female mice were obtained by the University of Michigan from Spartan Research Animals Inc., Haslett, Michigan and were injected with the Puerto Rican strain of <u>S. mansoni</u> cercariae. This was done by the Mollusk Division, Museum of Zoology, under the direction of Dr. H. D. Blankespor.

The route of infection was intraperitoneal and approximately 80 cercariae were injected per mouse. Materials used in this study were provided by the U.S.-Japan Cooperation Medical Science Program -NIAID.

Trypanosoma lewisi immune rat serum

Frozen <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> cultures were obtained from Dr. E. Platzer of the University of California, Riverside. Three rats were injected with 0.2 ml each and 7 rats with 0.15 ml each of the stock. In 5 days the parasitemias in all rats were very high and by the tenth day the parasitemia was still high but some reduction was obvious. Eight rats were sacrificed on the eleventh day and their blood was collected. After being allowed to clot each aliquot of blood was ringed using an applicator stick and centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 30 minutes. The serum was pooled and frozen in aliquots of 5 ml each. Normal serum was similarly collected from noninfected rats and frozen at the same time.

Experimental procedure

A total of 155 S. mansoni infected and 15 noninfected mice was divided into 13 groups as follows (with code given in parenthesis):

- A. Twenty <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infected mice were designated as controls and set aside. (C)
- B. On day 4 of S. mansoni infection:

- 1. Twenty infected mice were injected intraperitoneally with 16,000 <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> each. (4M)
- 2. Five noninfected mice were also injected with 16,000 <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> each to serve as controls. These mice and 5 of the mice in Number 1 were followed for parasitemia starting the second day of infection. (4MC)
- 3. Twenty S. mansoni infected mice were given 0.2 ml each of T. lewisi immune rat serum intraperitoneally and injections were continued every other day for a total of 3 injections per mouse. (4A)
- 4. Five <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infected mice were given 0.2 ml each of normal rat serum intraperitoneally every other day for a total of 3 injections per mouse. These served as rat serum controls. (4AC)
- C. The procedures in "B" were repeated with additional mice starting on day 14, and again on day 28 of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infection.
- D. Starting on week 5 of the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infection, weekly checks for eggs were made of 5 numbered mice from each group. One or two fecal pellets were mixed in about 1 ml of saline and a coverslip preparation made and examined under the low magnification of a compound microscope. The number of eggs per coverslip preparation was recorded and it was noted if any of the eggs were nonviable.

- E. On week 8 of S. mansoni infection the mice were killed by injecting 0.5 ml (i.p.) followed by up to 0.3 ml (i.v., as needed) of a mixture of Sodium Nembutal, Heparin and Saline (in proportions of 5:1:15 respectively). Schistosomula were recovered by flushing the peritoneal cavity with saline. The adult worms were recovered by perfusion using normal saline (Roth and Heidtke, 1966). The livers of all mice were crushed to recover worms that were not perfused out. A careful visual check was made of the mesenteric veins and any worms left were picked out using forceps and probes.
- F. 1. The schistosomula were counted, sexed and directly put into vials with AFA (85% Alcohol, 10% Formalin, 5% Glacial Acetic Acid).
 - 2. The adults were fixed in AFA and flattened under glass coverslips for about 15 minutes and then transferred into vials. Samples from each group were stained using Mayers Carmine and counterstained using Fast Green for examination under the compound microscope to check for any gonad alterations or abnormalities. Worm counts and sexing of all stained and unstained worms was performed using dissecting microscopes. The experimental design is outlined below.

The experimental design:

| | No. of Mice | Code |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Experimental | | |
| S. mansoni and T. musculi | | |
| 4-day S. <u>mansoni</u> infection 14-day S. <u>mansoni</u> infection 28-day S. <u>mansoni</u> infection | 20 20 20 | 4M 14M 28M |
| <u>S</u> . <u>mansoni</u> and Ablastin (transfer in rat serum - <u>T</u> . <u>lewisi</u>) | | |
| 4-day <u>S</u> . <u>mansoni</u> infection 14-day <u>S</u> . <u>mansoni</u> infection 28-day <u>S</u> . <u>mansoni</u> infection | 20 20 20 | 4A 14A 28A |
| Controls | | |
| S. mansoni | 20 | С |
| S. mansoni and normal rat serum | | |
| 4-day infection 14-day infection 28-day infection | 5 5 5 | 4AC 14AC 28AC |
| <u>T</u> . <u>musculi</u> only | | |
| 4-day infection time 14-day infection time 28-day infection time | 5 5 5 | 4MC 14MC 28MC |

RESULTS

Trypanosoma musculi

In the concurrent infections \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> was well established in all the mice. The checks using 5 mice from each concurrent infection group and comparing them to mice infected with \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> only, showed that there was no obvious change in the course of the parasitemia. All mice (except Mouse 3 of group 14MC which apparently did not get infected) were positive on day 4 with the parasitemia staying at a high level between days 6 and 12, then rapidly declined so that most mice were negative on day 14, and all on day 16 (see Table I).

Schistosoma mansoni and Trypanosoma musculi

The mean number of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> adults recovered per mouse in the control mice was 18.71 which signified a 23.38% of worm recovery rate. This compares appreciably with the reported recovery rate of 19% for <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> in mice infected intraperitoneally (Cram et al, 1947). The mean number of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> adults per mouse in the mice with concurrent <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> and <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infections and percent worm recovery rates are listed in Table II.

Although more worms (on the average) were recovered from the mice with concurrent infections with T. musculi, this was found to be

insignificant by performing a t-test using a 95 percent confidence level. T-values were obtained by using the # BSTATTTEST on the "IRIS-A" computer.

Schistosoma mansoni and Ablastic Serum

More worms than in controls were recovered from the group of mice receiving immune rat serum starting day 4 of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infection, but the increase is not statistically significant. However, statistically significant increases in worm recoveries were found in the mice that were given immune rat serum starting on days 14 and 28 of S. mansoni infection.

Schistosoma mansoni and Normal Rat Serum

More worms were also recovered from the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infected mice receiving normal rat serum starting on days 4, 14 and 28. However, because of the low number of animals used in these control groups no statistical significance could be established between any of these groups and the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> controls. Similarly, no significance was observed between the corresponding ablastin containing vs. normal rat serum groups, namely between 4A and 4AC, 14A and 14AC, as well as 28A and 28AC.

Schistosoma mansoni

a. In all groups more males were found than females (ranging 58.6 - 67.7%), the pattern being that there would be a number of paired couples and a few single males (see Table II).
Stained samples of each group were examined under the microscope and all appear to have normal gonads.

b. Eggs

Starting on week 5 a weekly check of fecal pellets for <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> indicated only some of the mice were positive for eggs. The vast majority of eggs seen was normal with live developed miracidia.

c. Schistosomula

Most of the immature worms flushed out of the peritoneal cavity were males (73.3 - 100%). Several of them were completely encapsulated and one partially. Quite unusually, two sets of male and female pairs were found coupled together. One pair was found in a 4A mouse, another in a 28A mouse. The mean number of immature worms found in each group of mice ranged from 0.8 to 2.9 schistosomula per mouse (see Table III). Table I. Levels of parasitemia in mice infected with <u>Trypanosoma</u> <u>musculi</u>. Five mice from each control and experimental group were tested by tail snip. Negative = -; positive levels are represented by l+ to 4+. M = T. <u>musculi</u> infection; MC = T. <u>musculi</u> control.

| | Mouse | | | Day | of T. m | usculi in | nfection | | |
|--------|----------|----------------|---|--|---------|-----------|----------|-----|----|
| Group | No. | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 4M | 1 | - | + | ++ | ++++ | +++ | ++ | + | - |
| | 2 | - | + | ++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++ | - |
| | 3 | - | + | ++ | +++ | +++ | + | - | - |
| | 4 | - | + | ++ | ++++ | +++ | ++ | - | - |
| | 5 | + | + | +++ | ++++ | +++ | + | - | - |
| 4MC | 1 | _ 1 | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | - | _ |
| | 2 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | + | - |
| | 3 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | + | _ | - |
| | 4 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ | _ |
| | 5 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | + | - | - |
| 14M | 1 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++ | + | _ | |
| 1 1111 | 2 | <u> </u> | + | ++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ | _ | |
| | 3 | - | + | ++++ | ++++ | ++ | +++ | - | |
| | 4 | | + | +++ | +++ | +++ | + | · + | |
| | 5 | <u>.</u> | + | +++ | +++ | ++ | + | _ | |
| | , | | | 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1 | | | | | |
| 14MC | 1 | - | + | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++ | + | |
| | 2 | - | + | ++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ | - | |
| | 3 | - | - | _ · | - | - | - | - | |
| | 4 | - | - | ++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ | - | |
| | 5 | - . | + | ++++ | ++++ | ++++ | +++ | - | |
| | _ | | | | | | | | |
| 28M | 1 | - | + | ++ | ++++ | +++ | + | - | |
| | 2 | - | + | +++ | +++ | ++ | - | - | |
| | 3 | - | + | +++ | +++ | ++ | - | - | |
| | 4 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++ | - | - | |
| | 5 | - | + | +++ | ++++ | ++++ | ++ | - | |
| 28MC | 1 | _ | + | +++ | ++++ | +++ | | | |
| LOIVIC | 2 | _ | + | +++ | ++++ | | . – | - | |
| | 3 | _ | + | +++ | ++++ | +++ | - | _ | |
| | 4 | _ | | | | | - | - | |
| | 4 | _ | + | +++ | ++++ | +++ | - | - | |

Table II. Adult <u>Schistosoma mansoni</u> recovered by perfusion following 8 weeks of infection (1) concurrently with <u>Trypanosoma musculi</u>, (2) in mice which received immune rat serum, (3) normal rat serum and as controls.

| | | WORMS | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| No. of Group Mice | | Total | Variance | S.D. | % Worm Recovery | | | | | | | |
| С | 17 | 318 | 62.3 | 18.71 | 175.97 | 13.27 | 23.38 | | | | | |
| 4M 14M | 14 19 | 337 369 | 61.7 60.2 | 24.07 19.42 | 174.99 275.04 | 13.22 16.58 | 30.09 24.28 | | | | | |
| 28M 4A | 18 20 | 440 546 | 62.3 61.5 | 24.44 | 355.56 235.91 | 18.86 15.36 | 30.55 34.13 | | | | | |
| 14A 28A | 20 | 575 | 58.6 | 28.75* | 306.30 | 17.50 | 35.94 | | | | | |
| | 19 | 534 | 62.9 | 28.11* | 227.21 | 15.07 | 35.14 | | | | | |
| 4AC 14AC | 4 5 | 133 126 | 67.7 62.7 | 33.25 25.2 | 112.916 199.7 | $10.63 \\ 14.13$ | 41.56 31.5 | | | | | |
| 28AC | 5 | 132 | 59.1 | 26.4 | 564.3 | 23.75 | 33.0 | | | | | |

* Found to be significantly higher than control mean by t-test.

Code:

C = Control; M = Musculi; A = Ablastin in immune serum; AC = Normal rat serum (Ablastin Control).

| | No. | No. | | Mean No. Schistosomula |
|-------|------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Group | Mice | Schistosomula | % Males | per mouse |
| С | 17 | 20 | 100 | 1.2 |
| 4M | 14 | 41 | 85.4 | 2.9 |
| 14M | 19 | 21 | 95.2 | 1.1 |
| 28M | 18 | 15 | 73.3 | 0.8 |
| 4A | 20 | 16 | 93.8 | 0.8 |
| 14A | 20 | 36 | 88.9 | 1.8 |
| 28A | 19 | 36 | 91.7 | 1.9 |
| 4AC | 4 | 6 | 100 | 1.5 |
| 14AC | 5 | 9 | 100 | 1.8 |
| 28AC | 5 | 5 | 100 | 1.0 |
| | | | | |

Table III. <u>Schistosoma mansoni</u> schistosomula recovered from the peritoneal cavity of Control and Experimental mice.

Code:

C = Control (S. mansoni); M = T. musculi concurrent infection; A = Ablastin in immune rat serum; AC = Ablastin Control (normal rat serum).

DISCUSSION

The peak parasitemia levels of <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> were found to be between days 6 and 16. This agrees with findings by Taliaferro (1938) and Viens and Targett (1971). The <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infected mice were available on day 4 of infection and this was the earliest stage when <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> infection could be introduced. At this stage the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> are most probably developed to schistosomula in the lungs (Cheng, 1968, pg. 263).

On day 15 the worms are in the liver where they feed on portal blood and grow rapidly. By the twenty-third day young adults immigrate to the mesenteric veins where sexual maturation and pairing take place.

Thus, in the 4M group the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> are exposed to ablastin when they are in the lungs and later in the liver. In the 14M group ablastin is present when the worms are in the liver and later in the mesenteric veins. In the 28M group ablastin is present during sexual maturation and the early part of egg production. The results indicate that ablastin had no effect on the development of S. mansoni.

Schistosoma mansoni depend on the glycolytic pathway for carbohydrate metabolism (Bueding 1949, von Brand 1966, Cheng 1968). One of the known effects of ablastin on division forms of <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> is the reduction of enzyme levels in the glycolytic pathway. Ablastin causes

reduction of protein synthesis and almost complete cessation of nucleic acid synthesis in the trypanosomes (Taliaferro and Pizzi 1960). However, the results of this experiment seem to indicate that ablastin had no effect on the growth and development of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u>. No significant change was observed between the mean number of worms recovered from control mice or those with concurrent infections. This was the case with groups in which <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> infection was introduced on days 4, 14, and 28 of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infection. Morphologically, there was no observable difference between the worms recovered from the control and experimental mice.

Rigby and Chobotar (1966) found that \underline{T} . <u>lewisi</u> inhibited the growth of <u>H</u>. <u>diminuta</u> in concurrently infected rats, and proposed that such inhibition could be through an indirect immunological factor. Any such factor does not seem to be effective in this experiment. Whether this factor is ablastin, and whether a corresponding factor is produced by T. musculi is not known.

Patton (1975) reports that several lines of evidence have been found indicating that ablastin may act by affecting membrane function. The normal development of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> in the concurrent infection indicates that no such impairment of membrane function occurred in the schistosomes. However, it must be noted that the worms were not exposed to ablastin until about day 10 in this experiment since the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> infected mice were available to us on day 4 of the

infection. It would be of interest to start the infections on the same day, as well as infect with \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> about 10 days before \underline{S} . <u>mansoni</u> in order to have a high level of ablastin at the time the cercariae are injected. This would show if ablastin has any effect on cercarial penetration.

In the groups where immune rat serum was transferred into S. mansoni infected mice starting on days 14 and 28, a slight but statistically significant increase in the number of worms was found. When the normal rat serum controls were compared with these there was no significant difference. However, when the normal rat serum controls from each group were compared with the corresponding group with immune serum transferred, no significant difference was observed. This must be due to the small sample size (5 mice) of the normal rat serum controls. It must be concluded that there is a slight increase in worm burden in the mice given immune as well as normal rat serum. The foreign rat protein seems to be responsible by causing a condition resembling serum sickness (Davis et al 1973). In a pilot study performed in preparation for this project, S. mansoni infected mice were given 0.2 ml each of ablastic rat serum every third day. When the fifth injection was given (12 days after the first one) the mice died of anaphylactic shock within a few minutes. This was why the decision was made prior to this project to inject immune serum every other day and give only 3 injections in all to minimize the possibility of

anaphylaxis. However, the immune system must have been somewhat compromised even with the 3 injections, the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> encountering a lowered resistance as a result. Another possible explanation for the slight increase in the number of worms is that rat serum may supply some materials that might enhance the growth and development of the parasite. This could also explain the unusual finding of coupled pairs of worms in the intraperitoneal cavities of two of the mice that had received rat serum by intraperitoneal injections. Some nutrients in the rat serum may have enhanced the tendency toward maturation of the schistosomula.

Ablastin produced against <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> in concurrent infections as well as transferred in <u>T</u>. <u>lewisi</u> immune rat serum had no effect on the growth and development of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u>. As indicated above, this may be due to the fact that the ablastin was present at the earliest about 10 days after the cercaraie of <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> were injected into the mice, and therefore it is not known whether or not ablastin might have had an effect if the antibody would have been present prior to infection.

SUMMARY

Ablastin produced by \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> in a concurrent infection with <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> has no effect on the development of the blood fluke infection when the \underline{T} . <u>musculi</u> parasite is introduced on days 4, 14 and 28 after the <u>S</u>. <u>mansoni</u> cercariae are introduced in the mice. Since it takes from 8 to 10 days for ablastin to be produced in the mice, the schistosome infection was about 2 weeks established at the earliest trial time (4 days) before any effect might have been produced on the worms. Ablastin inhibits protein and nucleic acid synthesis in dividing forms of the trypanosomes. Some evidence also exists which suggests that ablastin might act by altering membrane function. However, in the concurrent infections no significant difference was found between the mean number of worms recovered from the mice and those from the controls.

In another test, ablastin was introduced into groups of \underline{S} . <u>mansoni</u> infected mice by transferring \underline{T} . <u>lewisi</u> immune rat serum into the mice starting on days 4, 14 and 28 (each mouse receiving a total of three 0.2 ml injections i.p.). No adverse effects were noted on the worms. The slight increase in the mean number of worms recovered in the mice receiving immune rat serum and those receiving normal rat serum must be attributed to a compromising of the immune system of the mice due to the repeated injections of large amounts of

foreign protein.

It is suggested that valuable information might be gained from a study in which the experimental mice would be given the <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> injections 10 and 5 days before, and at day zero of schistosome infections. Introducing <u>T</u>. <u>musculi</u> 10 days prior to the schistosome injection would ensure a high titre of ablastin when cercariae are introduced. It is possible that ablastin has an effect on the early stages of infection, including cercarial penetration.

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APPENDIX

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