

THE THERAPY OF OVARIAN CYSTS IN CATTLE AND THE CHANGES IN BLOOD COUNT DURING ITS COURSE

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Abstract

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Synthetic hypothalamic preparations of GnRH, produced locally, were administered in the cows of Czech Red and White breed and its crosses with Black and White cattle. There was no difference in the results after the use of DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa (5 ml and 10 ml, i. e. 200 µg and 400 µg of gonadorelin, respectively) and SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa (4 ml, i. e. 100 µg of the analogue with prolonged and stronger biological activity). The results were significantly worse with the use of lower dose of SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa (2 ml, i. e. 50 µg). Altogether 23.9% (26.9%) a smaller number of cows were treated successfully ($P < 0.01$). The average age of the whole group before the treatment was 4.2 years. The average age of the successfully and unsuccessfully treated cows was 3.63 years and 5.50 years, respectively ($P < 0.01$).

No statistically significant differences were found in the red blood counts before and after the treatment. Concerning the white blood count, a significant difference was found between the relative proportion of neutrophil granulocytes with segmented and non-segmented nucleus before and after the treatment ($P < 0.05$). A highly significant decrease ($P < 0.01$) in both absolute and relative numbers of lymphocytes occurred after the treatment. The successfully treated animals showed also a significant decrease of the relative percentage of monocytes ($P < 0.05$).

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The problem of ovarian cyst syndrome in cattle is being solved in veterinary medicine for decades. Therapy has been the main point for the research, with respect to the current knowledge of etiology and availability of suitable drugs. A characteristic feature in the development of the therapy is the gradual change from the methods of manual rupture of the cysts, evaluated by Roberts (1955) and Dawson (1969), to the substitution therapy, based on the production of sexual hormones.

Progesterone therapy (Grandschamp 1960; Gamčík 1967; Gruss 1975) was replaced by the use of hCG, frequently in combination with progesterone (Feustel 1974; Vrtěl and Kudláč 1976; Kudláč et al. 1977 and 1980). Recently, the therapy employs usually synthetic hypothalamic gonadotropin-releasing hormones and prostaglandin analogues, also in combination (Kittock et al. 1973; Grunert and Ahlers 1974; Bentele and Humke 1979; Bostedt et al. 1979; Bargai 1980; Stolla et al. 1980; Kudláč et al. 1978, 1983, 1984).

It has been demonstrated that the syndrome of ovarian cysts in cattle is influenced by hereditary factors (heritability $h^2 = 0.30$ to 0.35). Consequently, no bulls whose dams suffered repeatedly from cysts were approved for the use in artificial insemination. However, it can be concluded after twenty years of using this rule that the occurrence of ovarian cysts under our conditions has not decreased and remains at approximately the same level. Nevertheless, it is still necessary to include fertility in the selection criteria. High yielding dairy cows with very good fertility parameters should be preferred (Väll 1991).

Many publications on the evaluation of the efficiency of the therapy by various drugs and by

various therapeutic methods mentioned also the changes in genital organs and behaviour during the treatment. Recently, the study of the hormonal levels before, during and after the treatment was described by several authors (Bostedt et al. 1979; Kudláč 1988; Grunert 1991). The reliable information on the relationship between the syndrome of ovarian cysts and the blood count before and after the treatment was, however, still missing. The economical aspects of the treatment, concerning the optimum dosage and repeated administrations, are also very important. The present study deals with the above-mentioned two viewpoints of the problem.

Materials and Methods

The first part of the presented work deals with the effect of the therapeutical methods using synthetic GnRH, namely the locally produced commercial preparations DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa (control group), and SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa in the doses of 2 ml, and 4 ml im., respectively, altogether in 244 cows.

DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa contains synthetic hypothalamic hormone gonadorelin (LHRH, 40 µg in 1 ml). We have demonstrated previously (Kudláč et al. 1983; Kudláč and Píchová 1990) that after its administration a release of LH appears. A substantial increase of LH concentrations in blood can be detected by 30 minutes and lasts for 120 to 240 minutes.

SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa contains 25 µg of GnRH analogue in 1 ml. Compared to the previous preparation, the compound has a different structure of the synthetic decapeptide. Consequently, the biological effect was approximately two times stronger and was prolonged to the minimum of 240 minutes. Both preparations were administered im. to the cows of the Czech Red and White breed and its crosses with Black and White and Holstein-Friesian breeds. The age of the cows was 3 to 7 years (first to fifth lactation). The cows had clinically detected syndrome of ovarian cysts, found 60 to 90 days (exceptionally also by 120 days) after parturition. The cows were housed at the farms in the region of South Moravia, under comparable conditions of nutrition, housing, and husbandry. Their average yearly milk production was 4,000 to 5,000 kg. Altogether 50 cows were treated with DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa, and 194 cows with SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa (totally 244 animals). The therapeutical effect was evaluated after 10 to 14 days by a complete gynaecological examination. The fertility of the treated cows was evaluated according to the regular reproductive parameters (pregnancy rate after 1st insemination and all inseminations, insemination index, and the time period from the beginning of the treatment to the successful insemination). The results were evaluated statistically by Pearson's χ^2 test.

The second part of the presented work consists of the study of the red and white blood cell

Table 1

The efficiency of the therapy of ovarian cysts in cows with hypothalamic GnRH (DIRIGESTRAN and SUPERGESTRAN Spofa)

Way of treatment	Number of treated cows	Successfully treated after first administration		Suitable for further breeding		Pregnant after 1st insemination after treatment		Total pregnancy rate		Insemination index	Time from the treatment	
		number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%		to insemination	to successful insemination
Dirigestran 5-10 ml i.m.	50	45	90.00	40	80.00	20	50.00	33	82.50	1.80	27.95 7-71	39.76 7-114
Supergestran 2 ml i.m.	59	39	66.10	58	98.30	24	41.38	42	72.41	2.14	23.43 3-118	46.42 3-185
Supergestran 4 ml i.m.	135	125	92.59	118	87.41	56	47.45	96	81.35	2.02	23.85 3-85	46.43 3-185
Total	244	209	85.65	216	88.52	100	46.30	171	79.17	2.00	25.08 3-118	44.20 3-185

$\chi^2 = 24.4159$
highly significant

$\chi^2 = 0.8487$
not significant

$\chi^2 = 2.2160$
not significant

count in the cows suffering from the syndrome of ovarian cysts and the changes of these parameters after the treatment. The study was conducted in the group of 40 cows out of the conditions as mentioned above.

The diagnostics was again based on the complete gynaecological examination. In selected cases additional laboratory examinations were performed: physical examination of cervical mucus, metabolic tests, and progesterone determination.

The study was conducted in the cows with syndrome of ovarian cysts occurring 60 to 90 days (exceptionally also by 120 days) after the parturition.

Blood samples from the selected cows were collected from vena jugularis. The hormonal treatment was scheduled subsequently. During the following days the cows were monitored for the occurrence of heat. Then 21 to 25 days after the treatment the cows were again examined gynaecologically, and blood samples were again collected. Cows in heat were bred. The cows with negative palpatory finding in the ovaries, and pregnant after 1st or 2nd insemination, were considered as successfully treated.

Blood samples were collected from vena jugularis into two test tubes with natrium citrate. Red blood cell and white blood cell counts were determined with the use of Bürker's chamber.

The white blood cells were differentiated in the panoptically stained smear. Haemoglobin was determined colorimetrically by cyanhaemoglobin method with the use of Spekol photocolormeter (Germany). Hematocrit was evaluated after centrifugation (5 minutes at 15,250) in Wintrobe's capillaries. Sedimentation was examined in Westergreen's sedimentation instrument, adjustable to the angle of 60°. The other parameters of red blood cells were also calculated. Serum protein fractions were determined by electrophoresis. The results were statistically evaluated by Student's t-test.

Results and Discussion

The results of the treatment of ovarian cysts with synthetic hypothalamic GnRH preparations DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa and SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa are summarized in Table 1. It can be concluded that the administration of DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa in the doses of 5 or 10 ml resulted in more or less the same effect as after the administration of 4 ml of SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa. The results of therapy with 2 ml of SUPERGESTRAN are worse in all evaluated parameters, and significantly worse in the percentage of successfully treated animals.

The number of animals, in which no ovarian cysts were found 10 to 15 days after the administration of 2 ml of SUPERGESTRAN, was lower by 23.9% in comparison to the group treated with 5 and 10 ml of DIRIGESTRAN, and by 26.9% in comparison to the group treated with 4 ml of SUPERGESTRAN. All differences were statistically significant ($\chi^2 = 24.4159$, $P < 0.01$).

Pregnancy rates after the 1st insemination were lower in the group of animals treated with 2 ml of SUPERGESTRAN in comparison to the groups treated with DIRIGESTRAN (5 or 10 ml) or SUPERGESTRAN (4 ml). The difference was 8.62% and 6.07%, respectively. This result was not statistically significant, however, it should be considered that the number of animals was low. Similar results were obtained in the evaluation of pregnancy rates after all inseminations. Lower pregnancy rates were obtained in the group treated with 2 ml of SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa but the differences were not statistically significant.

The time period from the first treatment until the insemination was practically the same in all groups, as well as the time period until the successful insemination. It can be concluded that the average time of 44.2 days required for getting the cow pregnant is economically feasible, and the described therapy schedule can be recommended.

Stolla et al. (1980) studies also the therapeutical effect with the use of different preparations. The authors achieved 60% pregnancy rate after the treatment of ovarian cysts with RECEPTAL Hoechst (dose of 10 µg GnRH), and 65% preg-

nancy rate with the dose of 20 μg . The differences were not statistically significant. Our results correspond with the findings of Bargai (1982), who obtained the following results in the animals treated with oil solution of LH and without the manual rupture of the cysts: 46.4 days from the treatment to the successful insemination, 65% of successfully treated animals, totally 47% pregnant animals). In our previous works (Kudláč 1984) we obtained with LUTAL Hoechst 70% success rate in the treatment of ovarian cysts and total pregnancy rate over 80% on average in 45 days after the treatment. The comparison demonstrates the similar results of therapy. Some differences in the results might originate from the different fertility of the experimental groups housed under various conditions.

We attempted to determine the relation between the age of the cows at the treatment and the resulting effect. The average age of the cows before the treatment was 4.2 years. We have found that the successful treatment was achieved in the group of animals of the average age of 3.63 years. The age of the animals that were treated unsuccessfully averaged 5.50 years. The difference was statistically significant ($P < 0.01$).

Similar results were obtained in the evaluation of the group of cows according to the number of previous calvings. The overall average in the group was 2.076 previous calvings, with the average of 1.630 in successfully treated and 3.083 in unsuccessfully treated animals. The differences were significant between the whole group and the successfully treated group ($P < 0.05$) and highly significant between the successfully and unsuccessfully treated group ($P < 0.01$; Student's *t*-test).

Many authors studied the age and the number of previous calvings in the cows suffering from the syndrome of ovarian cysts, with regard to the relation to the gradually increasing milk production with the peak between 4th and 7th year of age (2nd to 5th lactation). Kudláč et al. (1984) and Bargai (1982) mentioned that the syndrome of ovarian cysts occurred in 70% of the cases in the cows until 5 years of age. Bostedt et al. (1980) found that 33.6% of the cases of ovarian cysts occurred in cows at the age of 2 to 4 years. We have found no data in the available sources on the evaluation of the relation of the age of the cows suffering from ovarian cysts and the therapeutical effect. It can be therefore concluded from our results that the therapy with GnRH has better prognosis in the younger animals with better adaptation possibilities that have to be always considered under the conditions of large-scale farms.

Table 2

The efficiency of the therapy of ovarian cysts in cows with regard to age and number of previous calvings

Group	Number of animals	Age of cows in years		Number of previous calvings	
		Average-range	statistical evaluation by T test	average-range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	4.20 3-7	$t_{1,2} = 1.821\ 50$ not significant	2.076 1-5	$t_{1,2} = 0.754\ 18$ not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	3.63 3-6	$t_{1,2} = 2.730\ 75$ $P < 0.01$ highly significant	1.630 1-4	$t_{1,2} = 1.960\ 19$ $P < 0.05$ significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	5.50 3-7	$t_{1,2} = 4.848\ 06$ $P < 0.01$ highly significant	3.083 1-5	$t_{1,2} = 4.118\ 37$ $P < 0.01$ highly significant

Table 3a

Statistical significance of the differences in red blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Red blood cells $\times 10^4$		Haemoglobin (g %)		Haematocrit (%)	
		Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	7.34 6.13—8.7	$t_{1,2} = 0.310\ 82$ not significant	10.52 9.7—11.4	$t_{1,2} = 0.455\ 99$ not significant	38.12 29.1—48.1	$t_{1,2} = 0.384\ 15$ not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	7.40 5.7—8.6	$t_{1,3} = 0.958\ 26$ not significant	10.57 9.8—11.4	$t_{1,3} = 0.681\ 65$ not significant	38.42 33.5—47.8	$t_{1,3} = 0.114\ 90$ not significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	7.10 6.2—8.2	$t_{2,3} = 1.138\ 16$ not significant	10.41 9.6—10.9	$t_{2,3} = 1.085\ 08$ not significant	38.00 34.7—41.0	$t_{2,3} = 0.496\ 892$ not significant

Table 3b

Statistical significance of the differences in red blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Sedimentation after 1 hour		Sedimentation after 2 hours		Sedimentation after 24 hours	
		Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	1.012 0.5—3.0	$t_{1,2} = 0.424\ 76$ not significant	2.150 1.0—5.2	$t_{1,2} = 0.216\ 08$ not significant	7.325 2.0—9.0	$t_{1,2} = 1.151\ 82$ not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	1.071 0.5—3.0	$t_{1,3} = 0.375\ 15$ not significant	2.210 1.0—7.0	$t_{1,3} = 1.305\ 18$ not significant	7.750 2.0—10.0	$t_{1,3} = 0.388\ 29$ not significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	0.875 0.5—1.0	$t_{2,3} = 0.482\ 06$ not significant	1.750 1.0—3.0	$t_{2,3} = 1.644\ 62$ not significant	7.500 6.0—9.0	$t_{2,3} = 0.498\ 59$ not significant

Table 3c

Statistical significance of the differences in red blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Mean cellular volume of erythrocytes (MCV)		Mean cellular haemoglobin (MCH)		Mean cellular haemoglobin concentration (MCHC)	
		Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	52.615 45.4—75.3	$t_{1,2} = 0.086\ 60$ not significant	14.407 13.0—16.8	$t_{1,2} = 0.394\ 41$ not significant	27.150 20.7—30.3	$t_{1,2} = 0.125\ 16$ not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	52.464 45.5—73.5	$t_{1,3} = 0.578\ 94$ not significant	14.330 13.0—15.8	$t_{1,3} = 0.528\ 12$ not significant	27.207 20.8—30.1	$t_{1,3} = 0.411\ 02$ not significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	53.933 47.4—63.8	$t_{2,3} = 0.632\ 77$ not significant	14.740 13.04—16.9	$t_{2,3} = 0.694\ 45$ not significant	26.891 20.5—29.1	$t_{2,3} = 0.523\ 58$ not significant

Concerning red blood cell count there were no statistically significant differences (Tab. 3a to 3c) among the groups of animals before the treatment, successfully and unsuccessfully treated.

Concerning white blood cell count there were no statistically significant differences between the numbers of white blood cells in the animals before the treatment and the groups of animals treated both successfully and unsuccessfully (Tab. 4a).

The percentage of neutrophil granulocytes with segmented nucleus differed in the animals before the treatment and after the treatment, regardless to the result of the therapy. The difference between the animals before the treatment and the successfully treated animals was statistically significant (32.700 and 35.857; $P < 0.05$). The difference between the animals before the treatment and treated unsuccessfully (32.700 and 35.865) was not much distinct but not statistically significant, probably because of the small number in the group of unsuccessfully treated animals.

A similar pattern was found also in the case of neutrophil granulocytes with non-segmented nucleus. There was also an increase of the numbers of this type of white blood cells after the treatment, regardless to its result. The statistical evaluation was similar as previously, i. e. significant difference between the groups before the treatment and successfully treated (4,106 and 5,112; $P < 0.05$) and a similar but not significant difference between the groups before the treatment and unsuccessfully treated (4,106 and 5,016). It can be assumed that the low number of unsuccessfully treated animals should be taken into account also in this case.

The relative content of lymphocytes (Tab. 4b) changed markedly only in successfully treated cows (54,042 vs. 48,511). The decrease was statistically highly significant ($P < 0.01$). The difference between the groups of animals before the treatment and unsuccessfully treated (54,042 and 51,853) was statistically not significant. In the absolute numbers of lymphocytes the difference was 4,179 vs. 4,088 (before the treatment vs. unsuccessfully treated; the difference of more than 2% in the relative counts originated only from the calculation scheme).

Table 4a

Statistical significance of the differences in white blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Number of leukocytes $\times 10^3$ in mm		Neutrophil granulocytes with segmented nucleus (%)		Neutrophil granulocytes with non-segmented nucleus (%)	
		Average - range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average - range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average - range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	7.734	$t_{1,2} = 0.088\ 74$	32.700	$t_{1,2} = 2.172\ 59$	4.106	$t_{1,2} = 3.286\ 83$
		7.1-8.9	not significant	13.5-42.4	significant	2.1-6.5	highly significant
2. Successfully treated	28	7.724	$t_{1,2} = 0.912\ 70$	35.587	$P < 0.01$ $t_{1,2} = 1.552\ 51$	5.117	$P < 0.01$ $t_{1,2} = 2.333\ 07$
		6.2-8.6	not significant	22.6-46.6	not significant	1.6-8.5	significant $P < 0.05$
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	7.884	$t_{2,2} = 0.917\ 74$	35.865	$t_{2,2} = 0.003\ 91$	5.016	$t_{2,2} = 0.202\ 38$
		7.2-8.89	not significant	24.5-43.5	not significant	1.5-6.6	not significant

Table 4b

Statistical significance of the differences in white blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Lymphocytes (large and small) in %		Monocytes in %		Basophil granulocytes in %	
		Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	54.042	$t_{1,2} = 3.187\ 26$	4.589	$t_{1,2} = 2.249\ 80$	0.243	$t_{1,2} = 0.415\ 20$
		40.1—72.0	highly significant $P < 0.01$	2.1—7.8	significant $P < 0.05$	0.1—0.6	not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	48.511	$t_{1,2} = 0.837\ 38$	4.024	$t_{1,2} = 1.009\ 69$	0.256	$t_{1,2} = 0.310\ 98$
		40.1—62.4	not significant	2.8—5.7	not significant	0.1—0.5	not significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	51.853	$t_{2,3} = 1.525\ 10$	4.203	$t_{2,3} = 0.579\ 02$	0.260	$t_{2,3} = 0.053\ 33$
		38.6—62.4	not significant	2.1—6.2	not significant	0.1—0.6	not significant

Table 4c

Statistical significance of the differences in white blood cell count in cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment

Group	Number of animals	Eosinophil granulocytes in %		Albumin/globulin ratio	
		Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test	Average — range	statistical evaluation by T test
1. Before treatment	40	4.965	$t_{1,2} = 1.888\ 81$	0.627	$t_{1,2} = 0.523\ 94$
		1.5—9.1	not significant	0.58—0.69	not significant
2. Successfully treated	28	4.241	$t_{1,2} = 1.588\ 85$	0.630	$t_{1,2} = 0.556\ 03$
		1.3—6.6	not significant	0.61—0.68	not significant
3. Unsuccessfully treated	12	4.104	$t_{2,3} = 0.302\ 84$	0.632	$t_{2,3} = 0.248\ 33$
		1.3—5.7	not significant	0.59—0.68	not significant

The absolute lymphocyte count in successfully treated cows was 3,747, i. e. markedly lower than before the treatment.

Another statistically significant decrease was found in the case of the relative content of monocytes (before and after the treatment — 4,589 vs. 4,024; $P < 0.05$). The difference between the cows before the treatment and unsuccessfully treated (4,589 and 4,203) was not statistically significant.

There were no statistically significant differences in the relative content of basophil granulocytes and eosinophil granulocytes (Tab. 4c). The albumin/globulin ratio in blood serum has not changed significantly as well.

The authors that had studied the changes of white blood cell count during the postparturient period (Moberg 1956; Kudláč and Benýšek 1971; Stodola et al. 1984) mentioned the decrease of the absolute leukocyte count in the early phase, i. e. until 14 days post partum. The changes are apparently connected with the involution of the uterus and the recovery of the organism after

the pregnancy. We mentioned in our previous works a possible connection between the changes of white blood cell count and primary disorders of genital organs, and the changes in hormone levels. In this work we attempted to study the relation between the syndrome of ovarian cysts and blood cell counts. We recorded the increase of the relative number of neutrophil granulocytes with segmented and non-segmented nucleus in treated animals. However, no clear relation to the result of the treatment was established. Although we did not determine the levels of gonadal hormones in blood, it can be supposed that in successfully treated cows the influence of progesterone prevailed. It seems that the hormonal imbalance has no reflection in white blood cell count, namely in the relative proportion of separate types of leukocytes. The influence of other environmental factors, or stress situations at blood sampling, cannot be completely ruled out.

A significant decrease of lymphocyte numbers occurred in treated cows, both in relative and absolute numbers. The difference is clear when the group of animals before the treatment was compared also to the unsuccessfully treated cows. This finding corresponds to undoubtedly decreased level of oestrogens in blood that appears after the ovarian cysts have disappeared.

It was impossible to compare our results to the results of other authors, as we have not found similar studies. It is desirable to continue in similar studies with the determination of hormone levels of the cows with ovarian cysts before and after the treatment with regard to its results.

Léčba ovariálních cyst u skotu a morfologické změny krevního obrazu v jejím průběhu

U krav českého červenostrakatého plemene a jeho kříženek s černostrakatým nížinným byly aplikovány syntetické hypotalamické GnRH v preparátech česko-slovenské provenience. Při aplikaci přípravku DIRIGESTRAN inj. Spofa v dávce 5 a 10 ml, tj. 200 a 400 μg gonadorelinu a SUPERGESTRAN inj. Spofa v dávce 4 ml, tj. 40 μg analogu s protražovanou a vyšší biologickou účinností se výsledky nelišily. Při aplikaci SUPERGESTRANU inj. Spofa v dávce 2 ml byly výsledky průkazně horší, bylo vyléčeno o 23,9 %, resp. 26,9 % krav méně ($P < 0,01$). Průměrný věk celého souboru před léčbou byl 4,2 roku, vyléčených 3,63 roku, nevléčených 5,50 roku ($P < 0,01$).

Nebyly zjištěny statisticky významné rozdíly mezi hodnotami červeného krevního obrazu krav před zahájením a po skončení léčby. V bílém krevním obraze se zjistil statisticky významný rozdíl mezi relativním podílem neutrofilních granulocytů se segmentovaným a tyčkovitým jádrem před léčbou a po léčbě ($P < 0,05$). U lymfocytů došlo po léčbě k statisticky vysoce významnému poklesu relativního i absolutního počtu ($P < 0,01$). U vyléčených zvířat došlo též k statisticky významnému poklesu relativního podílu monocytů ($P < 0,05$).

Лечение овариальных кист крупного рогатого скота и морфологические изменения картины крови в ходе их протекания

У коров чешской красно-пестрой породы и ее помесями с черно-пестрой низменной породой применяли синтетические гипоталамические GnRH в препаратах чехословацкого происхождения. При при-

менении препарата ДИРИГЕСТРАН в уколах Спофа дозой 5 и 10 мл, следовательно, 200 и 400 мкг гонадерелина и препарата СУПЕРГЕСТРАН в уколах Спофа дозой 4 мл, т. е. 40 мкг аналога с протрагированным и более эффективным воздействием, результаты не расходились. При применении СУПЕРГЕСТРАНА в уколах Спофа дозой 2 мл результаты получались явно хуже. Исцелили на 23,9 % или 26,9 процента коров меньше ($P < 0,01$). Средний возраст комплекса в целом до лечения достигал 4,2 года, излеченных - 3,63 года, неизлеченных - 5,50 года ($P < 0,01$).

Не была выявлена статистически значимая разница между величинами картин красной крови до начала и по окончании лечения. В картине белой крови была установлена статистически значимая разница между относительной долей нейтрофильных гранулоцитов с сегментированными и палочным ядром до и после лечения ($P < 0,05$). У лимфоцитов после лечения установили статистически весьма значимое понижение относительной и абсолютной численности ($P < 0,01$). У исцеленных животных было установлено также статистически значимое понижение относительной доли моноцитов ($P < 0,05$).

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