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Impact of laser (Nd:YVO4 Crystals,532nm) radiation on white blood cells

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Abstract

Lasers have been flexible to utilization in multiple fields, one of these significant applicability in varied ranges in medicine for the advancement of health. Various models of lasers have been developed and efforts have been performed to incorporate it based on the precarious impressions they pose. The current study analyzed whether the low-level energy laser can be induced the leukocytes cell number count in human whole blood in vitro.

Hundred five ml samples of healthy and not-healthy blood obtained respectively, then the samples were additionally divided into four groups with 25 samples each, the four groups received different energy density. Each sample was then subdivided into 2 parts with 2.5 ml each ; was to labour as a control and the other as a test.

In examining the influence of the laser on the count numbers influenced by human leukocytes , the (Nd: YVO4 Crystals-diode-pumped, $\lambda=532\text{nm}$) laser was applied, in the first experimental group, the laser energy density was $0.5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 1Sec , $1.5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 3Sec, $3\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 6Sec and $5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 10Sec for the second, third and fourth experimental groups. The examinations were assessing specifically the counts of leukocytes were conducted in an automated hematology analyzer. The leukocytes count in all the experimental groups did not vary and almost remained unchanged even after irradiation of the blood samples with different exposure duration.

The laser radiation on the blood samples appeared to have no significant influence on the leucocytes count number. The finding showed that the effect of the irradiation on these cells was less, nonetheless, the statistical analysis of the mean of the leukocytes cell count number of all groups noted the increase wasn't significant ($p>0.05$) , this intimates the advantageous role of a laser on numerous varieties of leukocytes,

Laser irradiation (Nd: YVO4 crystals-diode-pumped, $\lambda=532\text{nm}$) significantly improved the rheological characteristic by the protection and safeguard of leucocytes count essentially, these outcomes confirmed that there was no changing in the hemolysis markers and serum bilirubin concentration, the immune cell element wasn't considerably influenced by this laser . This proposes the importance of low-energy laser's in its biomedical application for various conditions.

Key words: Laser, White Blood Cells, Hematology

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Introduction

Lasers have gained immense use due to the optimization of the wavelength for human tissue

interactions , (1–3) , other application of the laser irradiation include in aesthetic surgery for the repair of damaged or wrinkled skin through an effective and non-ablative therapy where intense pulsed laser is applied, wound healing and prevention of restenosis following coronary angioplasty, (4–6).

Biomedical & therapeutic administration of a laser is based on light - tissue interactions which, supervising to absorption by cellular elements such as a mitochondria cytochromes & endogenous chromospheres' which, give rise to the phenomena like a fluorescence, chemical reactions and thermal effects, (6–8). Among these interactions, thermal effects have proved to be the most versatile, (9). These laser therapies often involve red blood cells due to the high optical absorbance of hemoglobin, (10&11). Red blood cells (RBCs) are positioned in numerous organs in great concentrations. Consequently, the damaging influence of these radiations happens at the level of a cell pending the hemoglobin is placed in it. These physiological appearances arouse other rules in the cell-like enzyme inactivation , change of the metabolic rate & coagulation between other structural reforms in the cell, (6,12,13).

The low-level energy lasers in up-to-date have been adopted in the non-invasive therapy of musculoskeletal & cutaneous complications so have gained developed treatment in wound healing, nerve repair, and pain management amongst other clinical applications, (14–16). In diabetic conditions, where wound healing is compromised, (5,17), low-energy intensity lasers have shown beneficial effects of healing impaired wounds.

The extraordinarily indispensable in resisting disease progress are Leucocytes considering they serve as the fundamental immune system protection for the body by utilizing multiple tools such as lysis & phagocytosis, (18–20). There have been extensive studies by Stadler *et. Al.*, (21) , on the effects of laser irradiation on the peripheral blood lymphocytes and RBCs in vitro . The study used red light (660nm) and demonstrated a marked increase in the populations of lymphocytes irradiated in the whole blood, (21).

Laser effect on these immune cells have been postulated to occur via the electron transport chain which causes an increase in adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production with subsequent increases in the cell metabolism which causes the photo- bio stimulation effect associate with laser irradiation, (22).

The (Nd: YVO4 Crystals-diode-pumped, $\lambda=532\text{nm}$ laser being used in this study falls under the class IIIb laser with a power output of 100 mW. Class IIIb lasers are usually low power diode laser used for biostimulation. The low-energy laser has been advanced as an efficient instrument in the therapy of the host of neurological, vascular and soft tissue diseases, (9,23).

Lasers utilising photochemical influences, which don't destroy or break up tissue, (24). Photochemical -tissue interactions are substantial in therapy medications, alike photodynamic therapy, (21,25). Nevertheless, there has been an insufficient insight into the beneficial & damaging threshold levels of laser's radiations on leukocytes. Moreover, the safe limits of radiation and exposure duration have not been clearly ascertained. This study was to investigate whether the low laser energy density induces the WBCs number count in the whole human blood (in vitro).

Materials and Methods

In achieving our objectives, we subjected human blood cells to different lasers doses at different durations and determined the laser dose effects by comparing to set non-irradiated control blood samples. A study was organized following the guidelines of (National Medical Research) in Pulau Pinang General Hospital & sustained by (National Institute of Health) in Malaysia & Committee of Medical Research and Ethics. The collection of a hundred samples

of blood, 5 ml each, was done from healthy & non-healthy adults both female & male. The samples were handled with an anti-coagulant (EDTA), and then the samples were further subdivided into four tubes for laser irradiation. Each one of the samples was halved so that, one of the 2.5 ml samples was to labour as the control & the other as a test.

In guaranteeing the validity of the data, data was collected from 100 samples from patients of different races (Malaysians, Chinese, and Indians) sexes, age and of different health status. Most of the data collected from this study was from non-healthy samples since data was collected from a pathological laboratory. This was intended at realizing the objectives, which were to evaluate the influences of Nd: YVO4 crystals-diode-pumped, $\lambda=532\text{nm}$ on the change of the rheological qualities of blood. Reliability of the data was assured by the size of each experimental group ($n = 25$) that was subjected to different laser doses.

Before the counting was produced, samples were left for 30 minutes at room temperature. Nd: YVO4 Crystals-diode-pumped, $\lambda=532\text{nm}$ laser has been used as a radiation device with a power of 100mW. It comprises a powerful 808nm diode laser that pumps an Nd: YVO4 laser crystal, which in change outputs 1064nm. This quickly is doubled inside a non-linear KTP crystal, appearing in green light at the half-wavelength of 532nm. At the aperture, the diameter of the laser beam was (1.5mm) with a divergence ($<1.5\text{mRad}$), and the spot-size was (0.2cm^2).

The laser doses and their durations in seconds are as shown in Table1. In the 100 samples, they were clustered in four experimental groups that were to receive different lasers doses. In the first experimental group, the laser fluence was $0.5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 1 Sec followed by $1.5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at an exposure duration of 3Sec for the second group, $3\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at an exposure duration of 6 Sec and $5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ at exposure duration of 10 Sec, for the third & fourth experimental groups.

An Automated Hematology analyzer (Sysmex XE -2100TM) machine was applied to measure values of irradiated and non-irradiated (control) blood samples. This machine employs four methods in its hematological analysis. The RF/DC detection method is able to spot alteration in the sizes and densities of blood cells through detection of direct-current resistance and radio-frequency resistance respectively. The hydrodynamic focusing also referred as DC detection assists in ameliorating the accuracy of blood count and consequently its reproducibility. Physiological and chemical features of the cells are captured by the flow cytometry method, which employs the semiconductor laser.

Table1 : Laser doses used in the experiment

Fluence (J/Cm^2)	Exposure Time (Seconds)
0.5	1
1.5	3
3.0	6
5.0	10

Data Analysis

Means and standard deviations of the different experimental groups were done in the SPSS statistical software. The Significant differences accepted if the P value was less than (0.05) and rejected if the value was exceeded.

Results

In the irradiated groups, a small rapid systemic increase in WBCs counts during the Exposure Time of 3Sec & 10Sec. In the control group, the count number of the WBCs settled approximately constant, as pointed in figure 1, the levels of these WBCs didn't change and almost settled unchanged alike after

radiation with a different laser dose

The laser irradiation on blood samples seemed to have no significant effect on the leucocytes count. However statistical analysis of the mean number of WBCs of the groups showed the increase was not significant ($p > 0.05$), as shown in the Table 2 below .This indicates to the beneficial role of 532nm solid state laser on various types of white blood cells in preserve and protect the cell from death or dissolution.

Table 2: Effects of laser ($\lambda=532\text{nm}$) irradiation on WBCs

Exposure Time	Energy Density (J/cm^2)	Mean Number of WBCs ($10^3/\mu\text{L}$)		p value $n^* = 25$
		Control Groups	Irradiated Groups	
1	0.5	11.99 ± 5.63	11.62 ± 5.47	> 0.05
3	1.5	10.69 ± 7.33	11.30 ± 7.14	> 0.05
6	3.0	10.44 ± 5.31	10.37 ± 5.23	> 0.05
10	5.0	9.83 ± 4.51	10.07 ± 4.24	> 0.05

*n = number of blood samples

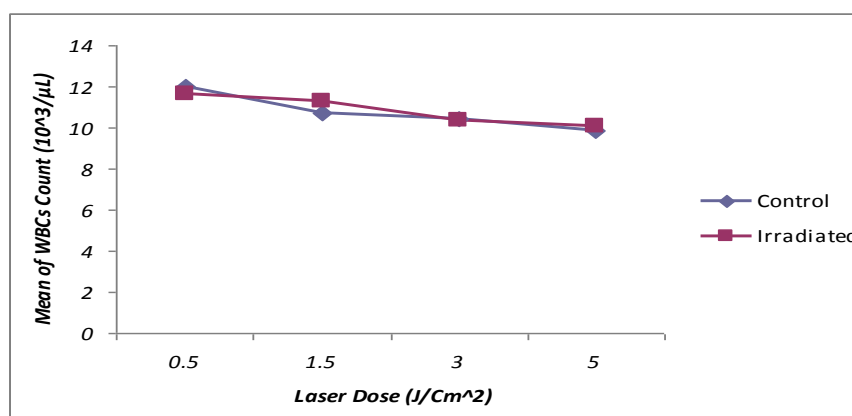


Figure 1: Graph showing the effects of laser ($\lambda=532\text{nm}$) irradiation on WBCs count.

Discussion

The laser effect on these immune cells has been postulated to occur via the electron transport chain which causes an increase in adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production with subsequent increases in the cell metabolism which causes the photo- bio stimulation influence connected with laser radiation, (26).

A shorter duration of the laser beam is a signed increase in optical absorbance of the Hgb, which decreases induced heating, (23). This is because of the aggregation of Hgb (Hgb coagulation) which increases the density of Hgb and consequently its optical absorbance, (27,28). This may suggest that the 532nm laser irradiation was not able to cause hemolysis and hence a subsequent reduction in the populations of WBCs.

Cell lysis events in the dispersion of the hemoglobin, which is an influential laser absorbing element of RBCs & a succeeding decrease in the absorption efficacy of the blood ,(29).

Biological temperature for the denaturation of Oxy-Hgb complex is in most cases followed by haemoglobin denaturation, (30). These outcomes were faithful with the exception in hemolysis markers and serum bilirubin concentration, (25).

Conclusions

The short wavelength such as, high-energy ionizing irradiation causes the ionization of molecules in an indiscriminate manner with the far-infrared heating biological tissues, hence, only the near-infrared

& visible wavelengths which, in range of (400-10,600nm) are agreeable to the clinical utilization due to their discriminate characteristics.

When the laser dose time is increased there is no further change which is observed in WBCs. The explanation for this observation may be because at a longer time of laser dose exposure, there is the loss of the thermal loss in the irradiated blood samples. Also at laser dose for shorter duration, there is a marked increase in the optical absorbance of the Hgb, which minimizes laser-induced heating.

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