

known experiments of Loeb, who employed KNC to prevent the disintegrative action of hypertonic sea water on sea urchin eggs. Second, hypertonic sugar solutions obliterate the differential susceptibility of the several regions of the embryo to cyanide disintegration. Observations on a possible similar action of strongly hypertonic Ringer's solution are incomplete.

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Effect on Blood Sugar of Direct Irradiation of Blood in Vivo.*

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In a paper previously published¹ one of us described a method of irradiating the blood of etherized dogs by allowing a beam from a special carbon arc to fall on a quartz tube inserted in the carotid artery. By this method a series of studies has been undertaken on the effects of this procedure on blood pressure,¹ on leucocytes,² on electrophoretic potential of erythrocytes,³ on blood uric acid,⁴ blood calcium,⁵ and CO₂ combining power.⁶

It is the purpose of this paper to report the results of this procedure on blood sugar, for the sake of a more complete picture of the effects of such a method of irradiation.

A control series was first run in which the dog was subject to ether anesthesia together with all the operative technic but without irradiation. The first sample of blood was drawn from the saphenous vein before anesthesia. Subsequent samples were drawn from the femoral vein at various intervals. All blood samples were heparinized either *in vitro* or *in vivo*. Determinations were made by the method of Tolin and Wu.⁷ The results of the control experiments are shown in Table I.

Another series was made in which irradiation was begun after

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TABLE I.
Blood sugar, mg. per 100 cc. Time from 1" blood sample. Ether anesthesia.

Minutes	3	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	70	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	120	150
1	—			95		138				143	154						160					190	210
2	87		105											154							154		
3	84							228						266	154				236				
4	60					146														153			
5	37		40												83						90		
6	93		107	136	187		102			100	113						122						
7	96		63	60	55	60		230				60					230	60					
8	—		107	136	187	60																	
9	87	100	125		133			174	150		154			222	180	222	210						
10	85		125		125									222	235	222	210						
11	74		99			148				80			130	80	90	88	143				181		166
12	74	76		79							166			200			214		230				
13	73				125																230	230	

TABLE II.
Blood sugar, mg. per 100 cc. ether anesthesia. Irradiation begun at *.

Minutes	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135
1	60				166						200							285						
2	83						*			160			181	222				296						
3	75	108		143		*	133			136			187		266				214		230			
4	120	183								147			125						143					
5	108		*			*			*	102			108						105		150			
6	130		104									166			171				158					230
7	117		142									136							105		150			130
8	120	130			130*		*	150					136		150	187								
9	115				122*							120		115					120	230				
10	97		142	*			166		230			120	142	131					136	111	115			
11	125			176*								120	250	250					272					

the second sample was drawn. The results of this series are shown in Table II.

Anesthesia usually produced a progressive rise in blood sugar values. Initial values in the two series ranged between 37 and 130 mg. per cc. In two instances (No. 8, Table I, No. 5, Table II) when the animals had not been fed for two days, the level remained practically constant throughout a period of 95 minutes of anesthesia. In all other cases the figures were distinctly higher within 5 to 10 minutes.

The initial figures are generally higher in the experimental series, for which no explanation is attempted, as the animals were selected at random from stock. Curves constructed from these tables, but not included in the paper, are so nearly identical that it can only be concluded in the basis of these experiments that irradiation with a special carbon arc emitting a high percentage of ultra-violet rays has no influence on blood sugar of etherized dogs.

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The Bacteriophagic Relationships Between *B. Coli*, *S. Fecalis* and *S. Lacticus*.

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The systematic relationships existing between *S. fecalis* and recognized streptococci of the hemolytic and viridans group, or with acid-forming organisms common to the intestinal tract, such as *B. coli*, *S. lacticus* (*B. acidi lactici*), *M. ovalis* or the "Enterococcus" of Thiercelin and others, have long been a subject of controversy. Andrews and Horder¹ attempted to establish the