

## Topical Olive Oil with Downregulation of Stress Factors Protects Mice Skin from Precarious 600 MHz Electromagnetic Radiation

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Recently, studies are concerned with electromagnetic radiation (EMR) as one of the most physical factors to which a biological body and hence skin are exposed. Research also demonstrates that topical olive oil can prevent skin damage.

**Aim of work:** This study aimed to examine the histological, biochemical, and immunohistochemical changes in the skin tissue of adult mice after exposure to 3600 MHz (for 2 weeks) electromagnetic waves as well as the protective role of topical olive oil on mice skin For this,

**Materials and Methods:** Thirty adult mice were categorized equally into six groups control; olive oil; EMR-exposed: mice exposed to 3600 MHz for 2 weeks; Pre, Post-EMR groups: mice painted with topical olive oil pre and post-exposure respectively for 2 weeks; recovery group: mice left 2 weeks after exposure without any treatment. Histopathological examination and biochemical analysis were performed.

**Results:** Mice exposed to EMR showed several histological changes as increased thickness and discontinuation of the epidermis, flat epidermal-dermal junction, dermal cell atypia, and hair follicle degeneration, disorganized and fragmented collagen and elastic fibers. Furthermore, reduced catalase activity, and increased malondialdehyde (MDA) content and inflammatory cytokines, Tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- $\alpha$  and interleukin (IL)-6. Also, up-regulation of tumor protein (P) 53, caspase 3, and HSP (heat shock proteins)-70 were observed in the skin of mice. These changes were improved by using topical olive oil that is more pronounced in Pre-EMR than Post-EMR with partial insensible effect in the recovery group.

**Conclusion:** The present work showed that olive oil protected mice's skin against EMR, especially when used before exposure through amelioration of oxidative, inflammatory, and heat shock stress factors. The absence of exposure leads to a partial return to the control state for further studies.

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### INTRODUCTION

Besides regular exposure to the emitting EMR from natural sources such as the sun and the earth. Today's people are exposed to EMR from advances in technology and expanded use of digital equipment<sup>[1]</sup>. The effect of electromagnetic radiation on the body depends on its frequency and power. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lower levels of exposures can induce symptoms and signs of ill health in 1–3% of the world's population who had EMF as sensitivity<sup>[2]</sup>.

The skin is the body's largest organ, accounting for more than 10 percent of body mass. It serves as a barrier to the absorption of the environmental serious material. Hence, it can serve as a target for many toxic factors<sup>[3]</sup>. Cutaneous repercussions of radiation vary considerably in severity, course and prognosis. When they do occur, cutaneous changes to radiation are commonly graded as

acute, consequential-late, or chronic<sup>[4]</sup>. By far the most common health hazard of radiation is sunburn, which causes over one million new skin cancers annually<sup>[5]</sup>. Other reports suggested that RF-EMR may lead to DNA damage and chromosomal instability<sup>[6]</sup>. Skin damage post-irradiation was detected in rats exposed to 900 MHz and there were many histological changes including inflammation and fibrosis in the skin tissue<sup>[7]</sup>.

Studies have reported that EMF of such intensity leads to irreversible oxidative damage in the lymphoid organs of rats<sup>[8]</sup>. It induces it through change enzyme activity and protein levels<sup>[2]</sup>. It occurs directly by damaging the molecular target or indirectly by generating free radicals attacking such a target<sup>[9]</sup>.

On the other hand, different inflammatory cytokines, induced by electromagnetic radiation, significantly contribute to the disorders associated with radiotherapy in many

tissues. Cytokines expression changes are a time- and tissue-specific<sup>[10]</sup>. Early response to radiation induces local inflammatory reaction by many cytokines that leads to irreversible tissue damage and loss of the protective barrier. Chronic radiation dermatitis is intricately related to the cytokines that regulate a protein that controls the proliferation and differentiation of many cell types especially fibroblasts<sup>[4]</sup>.

The olive tree, *Olea europaea*, produces olive fruit that is one of the vital components of the Mediterranean diet and the main lipid source of this diet. Olive is an inexpensive, safe substitute. Olive fruits, oil and leaves play a vital role in the management of various diseases as phenolic constituents of olive oil show both antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities through free radical scavenging and inhibition of TNF α, lipoxygenase, cyclooxygenase and nitric oxide (NO) synthase genes expression<sup>[11]</sup>. Olive oil packed with antioxidants protects human from developing cancer and helps to prevent premature aging<sup>[12]</sup>. Also, Oleuropein is reliable for most of olive oil's antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and disease-fighting characteristics<sup>[13]</sup>. Oleuropein inhibited different types of mice tumors within 9 to 12 days of its administration<sup>[14]</sup>. A report suggested the protective role of olive leaf extracts and oleuropein against chronic ultraviolet B (UVB)-induced skin damage<sup>[15]</sup>. So, we aim to investigate the effects of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation on skin of adult hairless mice and the possible protective role of topical olive oil.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Experimental animals

Thirty six adult male Wister mice ( $20 \pm 5$  g) were obtained from animal house of Theodore Blahars Research Institute. They were kept for about 15 days, before the onset of the experiment under observation to acclimatize the laboratory conditions. Mice were housed in several aplastic cages, kept under the standard conditions of light, ventilation, temperature and humidity and allowed the standard pellet diet and tap water. Skin of dorsum of mice was shaved before the onset of experiment. The experimental protocol was approved by the Ethical Committee for the care and use of laboratory animals at the National Center for Radiation Research and Technology and in accordance with the international guidelines for animal experimentation issued by the US National Institutes of Health.

### Electromagnetic wave exposure

Animals were housed collectively in plastic cages and exposed to 3600 MHz (EMF) at a specific absorption rate of 1W/kg for three hours per day during a period of 15 days. The electromagnetic exposure system was formed of an electromagnetic generator (HP 83712 B) with frequencies range between 0.01 and 20 GHz. HP 8592L spectrum analyzer which covers the range from 9 KHz to 22 GHz. Two horns antennas, one working as a transmitter and the other as a receiver. The process of irradiation was performed at the National Center for Radiation Research and Technology, Cairo, Egypt.

### Olive oil (*Olea europaea*)

Olive oil was obtained from a local market. The bottle contains 250 ml of 99% purity. Produced by Egyptian canning company Americana. 150 µl was applied topically on dorsum of hairless mice using a moist cotton swab for 15 days<sup>[12]</sup>.

### Experimental design

The experimental animals were shaved and randomly categorized into 6 groups (n=6) as follows:

1. Group 1: left without treatment and served as control
2. Group 2: mice painted with olive oil mice for 2 weeks
3. Group 3: mice exposed to 3600 MHz (3hrs/day) for 15 days (EMR-exposed);
4. Group 4: mice painted with olive oil 2 weeks before EMR exposure (Pre-EMR)
5. Group 5: mice painted with olive oil for 2 weeks after exposure to EMR (Post-EMR)
6. Group 6: mice kept 2 weeks without any intervention after EMR exposure (Recovery).

Skin tissues from the dorsal part were fixed in 10% neutral formalin solution then processed to obtain paraffin blocks. The paraffin sections (5µm) of the skin sections were used for staining with Harris' hematoxylin and eosin, Masson trichrome for collagen fibers, Orcein stain for elastic fibers as well as for immunohistochemistry studies. The prepared sections were investigated and photographed using a Canon digital camera (Canon, Japan) attached to IBM computer system.

### Immunohistochemical studies

Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue sections were deparaffinized, endogenous peroxidase activity was blocked with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in methanol and the sections were heated in 0.01 mol/l citrate buffer in a microwave pressure cooker for 20 min. The slides were allowed to cool to room temperature, and nonspecific binding was blocked with normal horse serum for 20 min at room temperature. The MIB-1 monoclonal antibody was used for detection of caspase-3 (Cat #MA1-16843, Lot #QG2055501, 1 : 500; Thermo Fisher, Fremont, California, USA); the

Mouse monoclonal, P53, tumor marker (Cat # ab1431, 1/100; abcam, Cambridge, UK) and Mouse monoclonal Anti-HSP70 antibody to detect stress (Cat # ab2787, 1/100, abcam, Cambridge, UK) monoclonal antibody. Counterstaining was performed with Mayer's haematoxylin (Cat. #94585; BioGenex, Menarini Diagnostics, Antony, France)<sup>[16]</sup>. For evaluation of each marker, the percentage of positively stained cells in the total number of cells was calculated under ×40 magnification.

### Biochemical studies

Skin tissues were quickly excised, weighed and homogenized in a saline solution (0.9%), centrifuged at 3000

rpm for 15 min, and the supernatants were kept at -20°C for biochemical assessment. Skin tissue was used for detection of the following parameters; oxidative stress biomarkers including MDA as an indicator of lipid peroxidation and catalase (CAT) activity and inflammatory mediators including IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$ . The content of MDA was determined according to the method described by Draper *et al*<sup>[17]</sup>, while CAT activity was measured according to the method of Hadwam<sup>[18]</sup>. Furthermore, IL-6 and TNF- $\alpha$  content in skin tissue were estimated using ELISA kits (EBioscience, Inc, San Diego, CA) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

### Morphometric studies

Epidermal and dermal measurements were done from five different fields from five serial stained sections of all animals of each group. This was done using the image analyzer Leica Q win V.3 program at the anatomy Department, Faculty of Medicine, Menoufia University. The computer was connected to a Leica DM2500 microscope (Wetzlar, Germany). Morphometric measurements included:

1. Total thickness of the epidermis in H&E-stained sections.
2. Area percentage of dermal collagen content in Masson's trichrome-stained sections.
3. Area percentage of dermal elastic fibers in orcein-stained sections.
4. Number of positive cells for P53 in immunohistochemically stained sections.
5. Number of positive cells for caspase-3 in immunohistochemically stained sections.
6. Number of positive cells for HSP70 in immunohistochemically stained sections.

### Statistical analyses

The results of the quantitative and morphometric analyses were calculated as the mean ( $\bar{x}$ )  $\pm$  standard deviation (SD). Statistical analyses were performed using Graph pad prism version 6.03 (San Diego, CA, U.S.A). Results were compared using the one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by post hoc test. Regarding the probability, the least significant level used was at *P value* less than 0.05.

## RESULTS

Both sham control and olive oil groups showed no significant differences in all parameters. Therefore, these two groups were pooled into a single group for subsequent analyses (i.e., the control group).

### Hematoxylin and Eosin stained sections

In the control group, showed normal skin layers i.e. thin keratinized epidermis (mean thickness: 7.73  $\mu$ m), connective tissue dermis with regularly distributed hair follicles and glands and fatty hypodermis. Epidermal-dermal junctions (EDJ) showed papillary configuration. In comparison with the control group, the skin of 3600 MHz EMR -

exposed group revealed: significant ( $p<0.001$ ) epidermal hypertrophy (increased 9 folded) discontinuity and necrotic cells with flat EDJ. The dermis showed clumped fragmented collagen bundles, distorted degenerated hair follicles, Loss of skin appendages and inflammatory and fibroblasts infiltration.

In comparison with EMR exposed group, both Pre- EMR and Post-EMR, revealed significant ( $p<0.001$ ) decrease in epidermal thickness to 2.8 folded and 2.6 folded respectively. Painting olive oil 2 weeks prior to exposure in Pre- EMR group marked modulated the impact of EMR on all skin parameters examined with the exception of mild dermal inflammation and vacuolation. While Painting olive oil 2 weeks post-exposure Post-EMR moderate modulated the impact of EMR on the skin as moderate dermal inflammation and vacuolation and degenerated hair follicles were still present. On the other side, cessation of radiation for 2 weeks in recovery group induced insensible effect on the skin parameter except for significant ( $p<0.01$ ) decrease in epidermal thickness to 1.4 folded (Figures 1A-G).

### Histochemical stains

With Masson's trichrome-stain, the control skin revealed the collagen fibers as fine interlacing green bundles in the papillary dermis and thick, irregular green bundles in the reticular dermis. The collagen fibers became thin, fragmented and showed a significant decrease ( $p<0.001$ ) after exposure to EMR (EMR-exposed mice). The decrease was significantly protected in Pre-EMR and post-EMR groups ( $p<0.001$  and  $p<0.01$  respectively) and significant reincrease ( $p<0.05$ ) after cessation of EMR for two weeks (recovery mice) (Figures 2A-F).

With Orcein stain, the control skin elastic fibers appear in the dermis as a fine irregular network red in the papillary part and coarse condensed network in the reticular part. The elastic fibers appeared became few, thin, short, fragmented, disorganized and significant decrease ( $p<0.001$ ) after exposure to EMR (EMR-exposed mice). This decrease was significantly protected in Pre-EMR and post-EMR groups ( $p<0.01$  and  $p<0.05$  respectively) and significant reincrease ( $p<0.05$ ) after cessation of EMR for two weeks (recovery group) (Figures 3A-F).

### Immunostaining

#### P53 expression

With respect to control mice skin that showed negative expression to p53, EMR-exposed mice showed epidermal marked ( $p<0.001$ ) dark brown nuclear reaction. Painted the skin of the mice with olive oil either 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the EMR in Pre-EMR and post-EMR groups revealed significant ( $p<0.001$  respectively) reduction in number of positive cells for P53 as well as, after cessation of EMR for two weeks in recovery group ( $p<0.01$ ) (Figures 4A-F).

#### Caspase 3 expression

In the skin of control mice, few nucleo-cytoplasmic caspase reactions were detected in the epidermis. The

reaction was significantly increased ( $p<0.001$ ) in the EMR-exposed group. The increase was significantly ( $p<0.001$ ) decrease in the Pre-EMR and post-EMR groups as well as in the recovery group ( $p<0.01$ ) (Figures 5A-F).

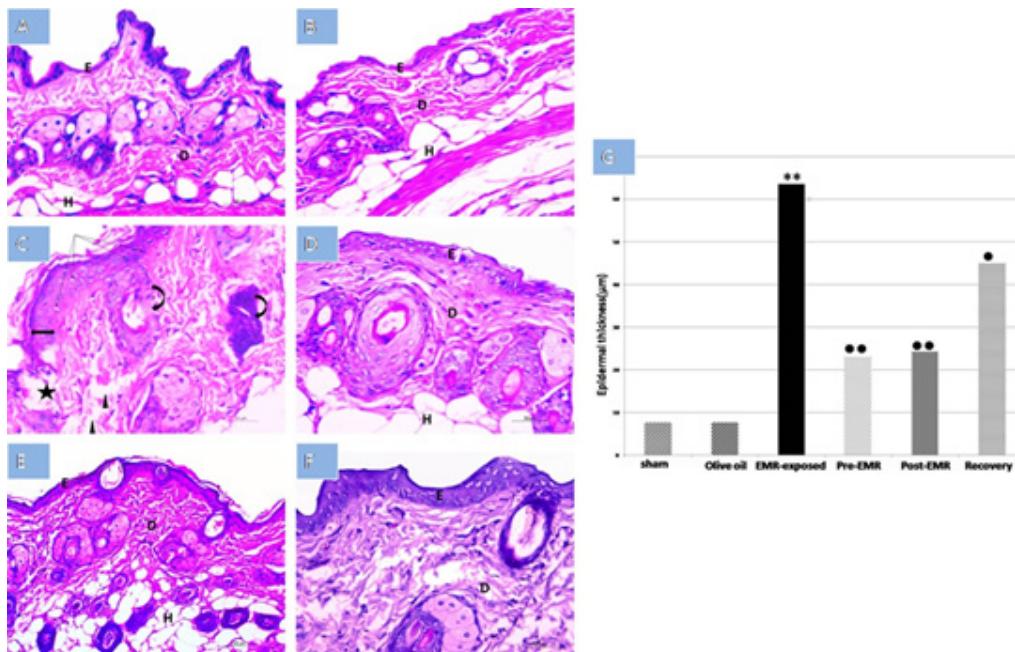
### HSP 70 expression

In comparison to the skin of control mice that exhibited no detection for HSP70 immunoreactivity, the EMR-exposed mice showed significant epidermal tense brown nuclear and cytoplasmic reactions. The reaction was significantly ( $p<0.001$ ) decrease when painting the skin with olive oil pre and post-radiation (Pre-EMR and post-EMR groups) or stoppage of EMR for two weeks (recovery group) ( $p<0.01$ ) (Figures 6A-F).

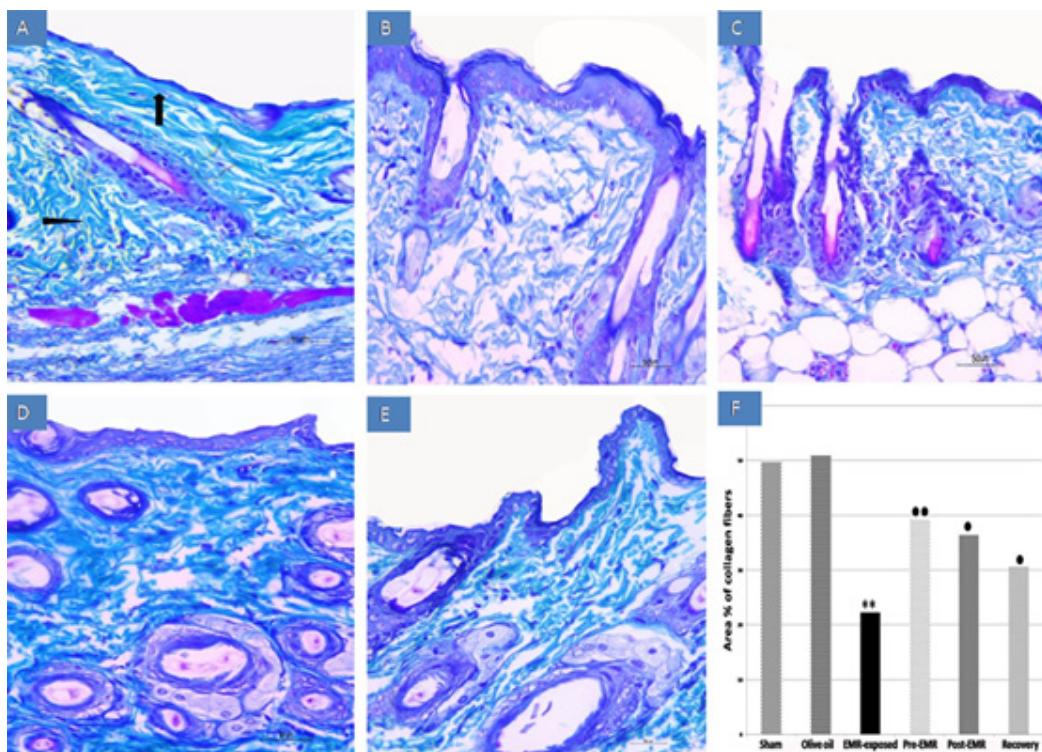
### Biochemical results

Compared to the control groups, EMR skin showed signs of increased oxidative stress as indicated by elevated MDA content and reduced CAT activity ( $p < 0.001$ ). The oxidative stress regressed in pre-EMR, post-EMR as well as recovery groups as evidenced by decreased MDA level and increased CAT activity ( $p<0.001$ ,  $p<0.01$  respectively).

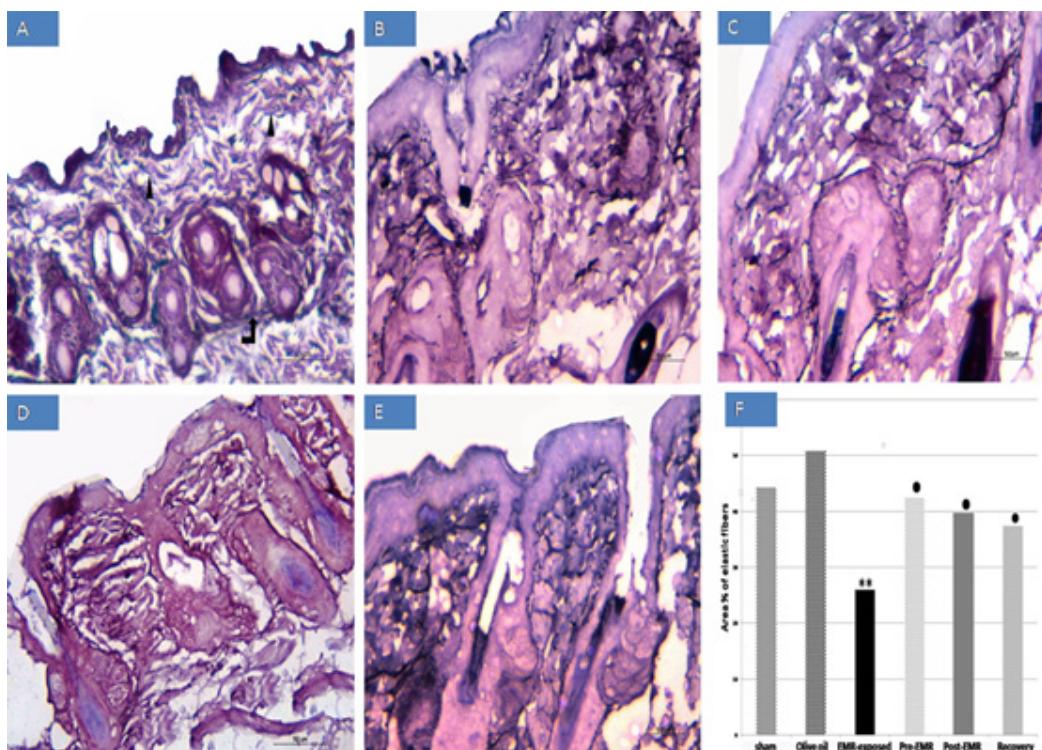
However, in the EMR group, the inflammatory cytokines showed a significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) increase in both TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6. Nevertheless, as compared with the mice skin of irradiated group, the levels of above two indices were significantly ( $p<0.001$ ,  $p<0.01$  respectively) decreased in the skin pre-EMR, post-EMR as well as recovery groups (Figures 7A-D).



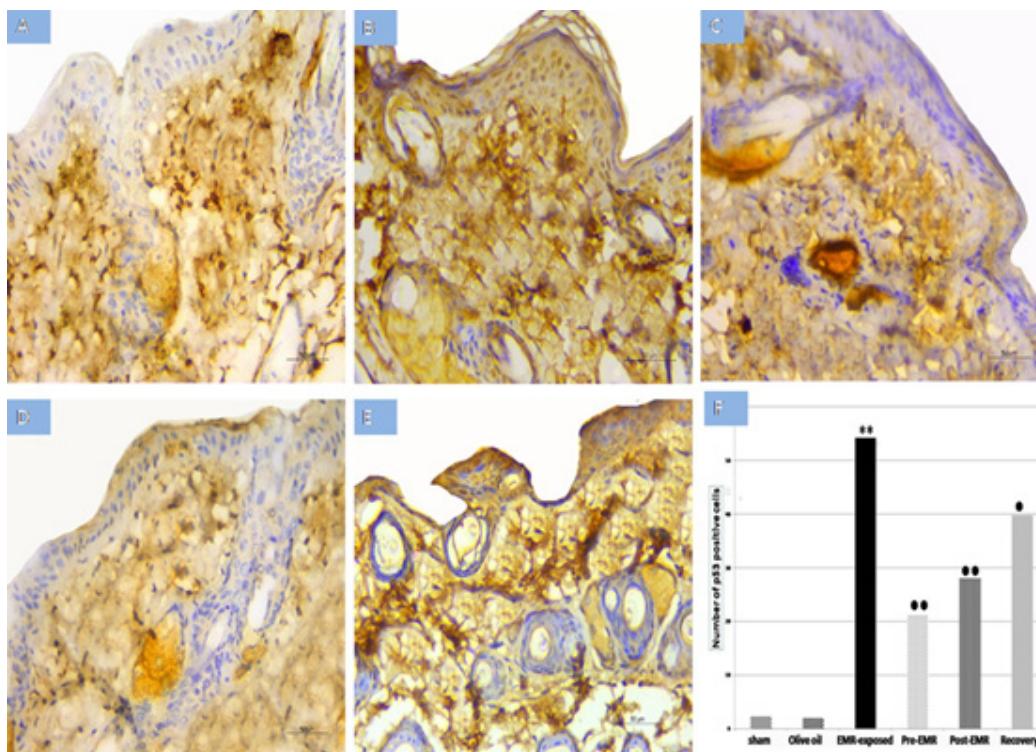
**Fig. 1:** H & E –stained skin sections of experimental groups shows:  
(A,B) sham control and olive oil painted mice with normal skin layers with less undulant surface and more in sebaceous glands in the latter. (C) EMR exposed mice with 3600 MHz reported epidermal thickness (thick arrow), discontinued with presence of apoptotic and vacuolated cells (thin arrows) and loss papillary layer (star). The dermis shows hyperplasia, vacuolation (arrow head) with inflammatory infiltrations degenerated hair follicle (curved arrow). (D &E) Pre-EMR and post-EMR olive oil painted mice show significant enhancement specially the 1<sup>st</sup> one (F) The recovery more or less like EMR- group. (G) Bars represented epidermal thickness, \*\* $P> 0.001$  compared with control; ●●  $P> 0.001$ , ●  $P> 0.01$  compared with EMR-exposed group. E, epidermis; D, dermis;  $\times 400$ .



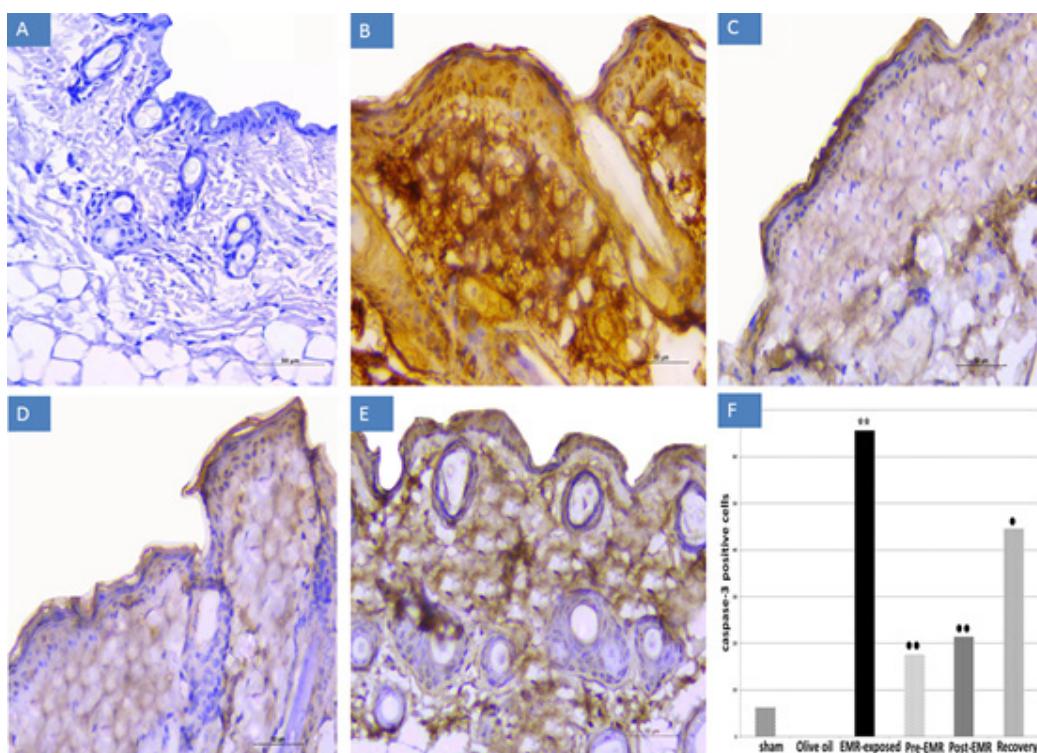
**Fig. 2:** Masson trichrome –stained skin sections of different groups (A-E) shows:  
Control skin mice dermal papillary layer with fine interlacing collagen bundles in the dermal papillary layer (Thick arrow) and coarse, wavy bundles with different directions in the dermal reticular layer (head arrow). The collagen fibers are loosely packed and markedly decrease in EMR group and increase in the other groups. F. Right bars: area % of collagen fibers \*\*  $p < 0.001$  compared with control group. ●●  $p < 0.001$  compared with EMR group. ●  $P < 0.01$  compared with EMR-exposed group, X 400.



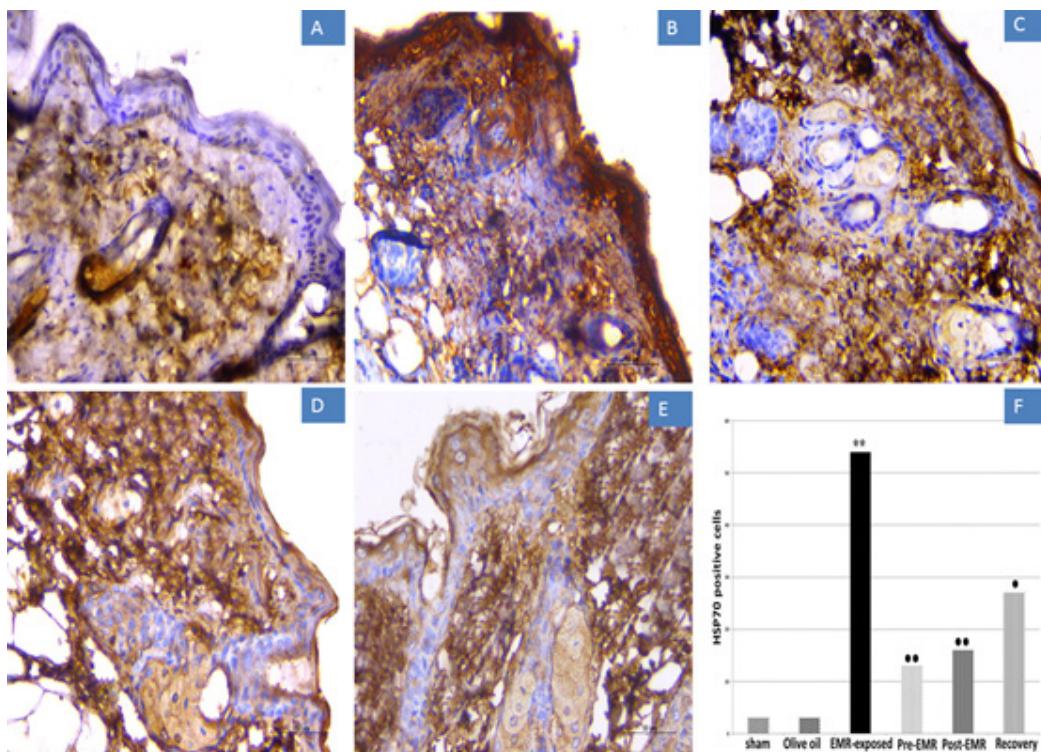
**Fig. 3:** Orcin –stained skin sections in mice of different groups (A-E):  
Control skin mice shows the elastic fibers appearing as network of thin branched fibers in the papillary dermis (head arrow). However, they appear thicker in the reticular dermis (bent-up arrow). The elastic fibers are shortened and fragmented and markedly decrease in EMR group and increase in the other groups. F. Right bars: area % of elastic fibers \*\*  $p < 0.001$  compared with control group. ●  $P < 0.01$ , P < 0.05 accompanied with a EMR-exposed group. X 400



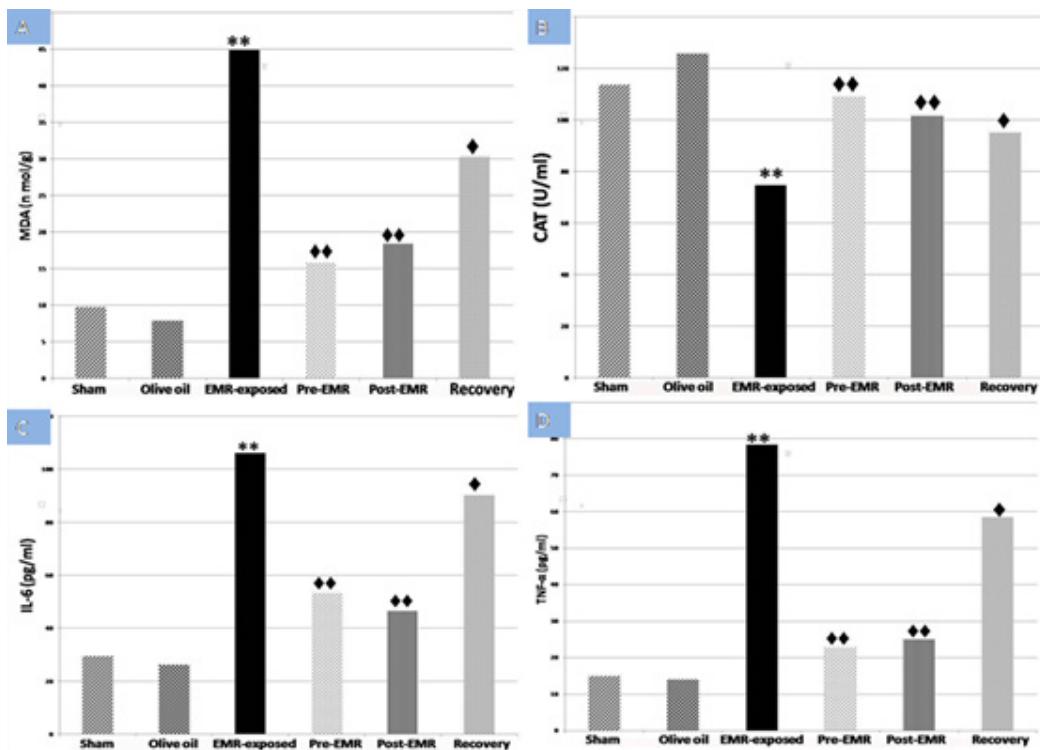
**Fig. 4:** Representative P53 immunostaining in mice skin of different groups (A-E):  
The immunoreactivity is dramatically increased in EMR group and decrease in the other groups F) Right bars: number of P53 positive cells. \*\* $P > 0.001$  compared with control; ••  $p < 0.001$  compared with EMR group. •  $P < 0.01$  compared with EMR-exposed group.  
X 400



**Fig. 5:** Representative Caspase3 immunostaining in mice skin of different groups (A-E):  
The immunoreactivity is dramatically increase in EMR group and decrease in the other groups F) Right bars: caspase 3area %. \*\* $P > 0.001$  compared with control; ••  $p < 0.001$  compared with EMR group. •  $P < 0.01$  compared with EMR-exposed group. X 400



**Fig. 6:** Representative HSP70 immunostaining in mice skin of different groups (A-E):  
The immunoreactivity is dramatically increase in EMR group and decrease in the other groups. Right bars: Right bars: area % of HSP70. \*\* $P > 0.001$  compared with control; ••  $p < 0.001$  compared with EMR group. •  $p < 0.01$  compared with EMR-exposed group. X 400



**Fig. 7:** Representative biochemical studies of different groups  
A) Mean MDA level (nmol/gram). B) Mean CAT level (unit/ml). C) IL-6 level (pg/ml). D) TNF- $\alpha$  level (pg/ml). \*\*  $p < 0.001$  compared with control group. ♦♦  $p < 0.001$  significant compared with EMR-exposed group. ♦  $p < 0.01$  significant compared with EMR-exposed group. X 400

## DISCUSSION

Skin is the human body's largest organ that serves as a primary barrier to the environment. Thus, skin is always exposed to radiation including EMR, one of the most physical stress factors. Skin photoaging and damage are the main structural changes induced through EMR exposure<sup>[5]</sup>. Oxidative damage, inflammation and heat shock are suggested to be stress factors on exposure to EMR<sup>[19]</sup>. Olive oil packed with antioxidants and anti-inflammatory protects humans from developing cancer and helps to prevent premature aging<sup>[13]</sup>. The aim of this work was thus to detect whether topical application olive oil preand post-exposure to 3600 MHZ EMR could prevent radiation-related photoaging and whether these effects would be mediated by the elimination of inflammatory/ oxidative/heat shock, apoptotic and malignant insult induced by radiation detected in this study.

Similar to many other researcher's findings<sup>[7,20,21]</sup> we observed pathological changes of photoaging skin damage in the EMR-exposed group in this study. The photoaging detected characteristic by increased in thickness, detachment of the stratum corneum, discontinuation of epidermal cells, and flat epidermal-dermal junction (EDJ), disorganization of the collagen fibers with thinning of the bundles as in accordance with others<sup>[22]</sup>. Also, characteristic by increased interfiber space, accumulated abnormal elastic fibers (solar elastosis)<sup>[23]</sup>, dermal cell swelling, degenerated hair/follicle epithelial cells increased infiltration of inflammatory cells in dermal tissue and disorganized papillary layer and precancerous lesion as following others<sup>[24,25]</sup>. Some researchers<sup>[26,27]</sup> attributed the collagen and elastic fibers abnormalities as a source of laxity and wrinkling in skin photoaging.

Inversely and similarly to others<sup>[28]</sup>, we found that topical olive oil application both Pre and Post-EMR groups produce fewer wrinkles, decrease the epidermal thickness and pronounced skin structural protection. This might come through the cellular protection effect of olive oil against excessive apoptosis, detected through the marked decrease caspase-3 expression<sup>[29]</sup> as well as P53 protein. This agreed with Potocnjak *et al.*<sup>[30]</sup> who documented that oleuropein, a main olive oil phenolic compound, exerted protective effects against cisplatin-induced apoptosis through attenuation of P53, Bax and caspase-3 expression in kidney. Although p53 prevents noxious cells from progressing to malignancy through apoptosis<sup>[31]</sup>. The concomitant significant decrease in its level p53, in both Pre and Post-EMR groups, and the absence of atypia sign is not surprising as Rivlin *et al.*<sup>[32]</sup> proved that monitoring of tumor relapse is detected through p53 antibodies and mutant p53 DNA only.

Also, the marked increase in collagen and elastic fibers detected in Pre and Post-EMR groups might prove the protective effect of olive oil against skin photoaging. These were in accordance with others<sup>[28,33]</sup> who found that there was an increase in the percentage of collagen and elastic

fibers in the skin after using olive oil. The increase in collagen fibers might be due to the inhibitory effect of olive oil on matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) in the papillary dermis that reduced collagenolytic activity and increased collagen synthesis<sup>[33]</sup>. While the increase in organized elastic fiber might be related to the phenolic content of olive oil<sup>[34]</sup>.

In irradiated mice skin of this study, the increase in oxidative stress, in the form of up-regulation of malondialdehyde (MDA) and down-regulation of catalase (CAT), comes in accordance with many other researchers<sup>[35,36,37]</sup>. This might be responsible for a concomitant increase in inflammatory stress factor, up-regulation of TNF-α and IL-6, which come in agreement with others<sup>[38]</sup>. The generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) after irradiation results in cyclic and long-lasting upregulation of inflammatory cytokines. It leads to the recruitment of inflammatory cells such as neutrophils and macrophages<sup>[39]</sup>. It has been previously reported that radiation increases in inflammatory and oxidative stress in the skin contributed to the pathology of photoaging in a mouse model<sup>[8,10]</sup>.

Inversely and as proved with others<sup>[40,41]</sup>, the concomitant preservation of skin structures in both pre-EMR and post-EMR groups with reduced oxidative/inflammatory stress highlighting the latter's as the protective responsible effect of olive oil application. Nakbi *et al.*<sup>[42]</sup> attributed the antioxidant and free radical scavenging capabilities of the polyphenolic nature of olive oil. While Ciccarelli *et al.*<sup>[43]</sup> clarified attributed the anti-inflammatory effect of olive oil to its rich phenolics like oleocanthal and oleuropein glycosides that abrupt the vicious circle in decreasing reactive oxygen species (ROS) production and free-radical scavenging effects and hence promoting dermal reconstruction. Yahfoufi *et al.*<sup>[44]</sup> attributed the anti-inflammatory effect of olive oil to reduce the activation of nuclear factor-kappa B.

The marked upregulation of Hsp70 detected in an irradiated group in this study might come through the irradiation skin trauma that triggers the expression of protective HSPs<sup>[45]</sup>. However, Hsp70 was proved involved in cancer development<sup>[46]</sup>. So, the marked downregulation of Hsp70 detected in both pre-EMR and post-EMR groups might prove the marvelous protective role of olive oil against malignancy agents with additional removing harmful oxidants that might come through its high contents of Oleocanthal, a phenolic compound. The unclear pivotal role of Hsp70 in protection and induced malignancy in the irradiated group has been considered as a limitation of this work for further study.

Taken together, these results manifested that topical application of olive oil contributed to the prevention of EMR-induced photoaging by increasing activities of antioxidant enzymes and suppressing the productions of pro inflammatory cytokines which presumably worked in concert to inhibit the excessive degradation of collagen & elastic fibers, decrease apoptosis, regulate cell proliferation and downregulation of HSP-70 expression.

Lastly, the unexpected partial improvement of skin histological structure in the recovery group, in our study, is in agreement with Abo-Neima *et al.*<sup>[47]</sup> who observed improvement of histological changes of the kidney structure after 2 weeks of stopping exposure to a 50Hz, 3KV/m electric field (EF) and attributed this to increase in the release of the growth factor and anti-inflammatory cytokine transforming growth factor-β1 (TGF-β1). Moreover, we attributed this improvement to a moderate increase in the amount of collagen fibers synthesis which might induce proliferation of fibroblasts and collagen<sup>[48]</sup>.

In conclusion, olive oil has EMR protective effects on mice skin, especially when used before exposure through amelioration of stress factors while cessation of exposure helps to partially return to the original control state. So, olive oil may serve as a promising protective agent of skin from the harmful effects of EMR. Also, it could be an important component of topical formulations for the treatment of EMR induced dermatitis for further studies.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

There are no conflicts of interest.

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## الملخص العربي

# يحمي زيت الزيتون الموضعي مع تقليل عوامل الإجهاد جلد الفئران من الإشعاع الكهرومغناطيسي غير المستقر ٣٦٠٠ ميجا هرتز

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**الخلفية:** في الآونة الأخيرة، تهتم الدراسات بالإشعاع الكهرومغناطيسي باعتباره أحد أكثر العوامل المادية التي يتعرض لها الجسم البيولوجي وبالتالي يتعرض الجلد. وتوضح الأبحاث أيضًا أن زيت الزيتون الموضعي يمكن أن يمنع تلف البشرة.

**الهدف من الدراسة:** هدفت هذه الدراسة إلى دراسة تأثير التعرض للإشعاع الكهرومغناطيسي ٣٦٠٠ ميجا هرتز لمدة أسبوعين على جلد الفئران ، وكذلك تمت دراسة الدور الوقائي لزيت الزيتون الموضعي على جلد الفئران. لهذا ، تم تصنيف الفئران إلى مجموعات : المجموعة الضابطة وزيت الزيتون و المترضة للإشعاع وما قبل التعرض للإشعاع وما بعد التعرض للإشعاع ومجموعة التعافي.

**المواد والطرق:** وأظهرت الفئران المترضة للإشعاع العديد من التغييرات النسيجية مثل زيادة سمك وتقاطع البشرة ، سطح ما بين البشرة والأدمة ، خلايا أدمة الجلد أصبحت لا نمطية وبصيلات الشعر تدمّرت وأصبح هناك تكسير وعدم انتظام للكولاجين والألياف المرنة.

وعلاوة على ذلك، لوحظ انخفاض نشاط الكاتلаз وزيادة محتوى مالونديالدهيد والسيتوكينات الالتئابية؛ عامل نخر الورم ألفا وانترلوكين ٦. أيضًا لوحظ زيادة تنظيم البروتين الورمي ب (٥٣p٥٣) ، كاسپاس ٣ (caspase ٣) و بروتين الصدمة الحرارية -٧٠ (HSP70) في جلد الفئران.

هذه التغييرات تم تحسينها باستخدام زيت الزيتون الموضعي الذي كان أكثر وضوحاً في مرحلة ما قبل الإشعاع عن مرحلة ما بعد الإشعاع مع تأثير غير محسوس وجزئي في مجموعة التعافي.

**الخلاصة:** في الختام ، زيت الزيتون يحمي جلد الفئران ضد الإشعاع الكهرومغناطيسي خاصّة عندما يستخدم قبل التعرض من خلال تحسين عوامل الإجهاد التأكسدي والعوامل الالتئابية وعوامل الصدمة الحرارية لمزيد من الدراسات.