

# hepatic microsomal protein and cytochrome P-450 in BALB/c mice infected with Leishmania

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## **Abstract:**

The effects of infection of mice with *Leishmania major* on liver microsomal protein and cytochrome P-450 were examined. The levels of hepatic microsomal protein and cytochrome P-450 were monitored at 6, 7, 9 and 12 weeks post-infection. The results indicated that the amount of hepatic microsomal protein and cytochrome P-450 were unchanged throughout the course of infection with *L. major*, despite the high degree of parasite proliferation in Kupffer cells and marked reduction in phagocytosis. The current results clearly indicate that *Leishmania*-induced macrophage suppression has no inhibitory effect on hepatic microsomal protein and cytochrome P-450