

## Evaluation of allicin for the treatment of experimentally induced subacute lead poisoning in sheep

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### Abstract

Garlic (*Allium sativum*) is known to reduce lead toxicity in some species of animals. The objective of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of allicin, one of the most active components of garlic, in the treatment of subacute lead intoxication in sheep. Nine female sheep weighing 20-29 kg orally received a daily dose of 80 mg/kg body weight of lead acetate for 9 days. The animals were then assigned into two groups. Group 1 did not receive any further treatment and was used as the control group and group 2 was treated orally by 20 mg/kg body weight of allicin twice daily for 7 days. Within one day following allicin treatment, group 2 blood lead levels were significantly lower than that in group 1 (mean of 116.9 µg/l and 290.02 µg/l, respectively;  $P < 0.05$ ). Also, allicin treatment significantly reduced kidney lead content and considerably reduced bone and ovary lead contents. These results suggest that allicin might have some therapeutic effects on lead poisoning. © 2008 Humana Press Inc.

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