

## Different Types of Rays and Their Effects on the Testes

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**Abstract:** Radiation therapy (radiotherapy) is a type of cancer therapy in which specialists destroy cancer cells in a patient's body by exposing them to ionizing radiation such as X-rays, gamma rays, high-energy electrons or heavy particles. It is one of the most widely used cancer treatments. Approximately half of all cancer patients require radiation therapy at some point during the course of their illness. But the use of rays, while being useful, can also be harmful.

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Radiation therapy carried out in sick children with cancer also affects the reproductive system. But research results are contradictory. And the interpretation of the results of the latest study [8] does not support concerns about inherited genetic changes affecting the risk of stillbirth and neonatal death in the offspring of men exposed to gonadal irradiation. Another study revealed dysfunction of Leydig cells associated with radiation therapy (after 24 months) [4].

Regarding radiation during pregnancy, two doses of 0.8 g of radiation on days 10.5 and 11.5 of pregnancy increased the incidence of testicular germ cell tumors in the offspring from 45% to 100% [7]. This is evidence of the induction of testicular cancer by an environmental agent and suggests that the male fetus of women exposed to radiation at approximately 5–6 weeks of gestation may have an increased risk of developing testicular cancer. An experiment with medaka embryos confirms the connection between irradiation and gestational age [9]. Since, a lot of apoptotic cells were found in the tissues of the testes of fetuses after birth.

[5] used 3 biological indicators of importance for health risk, i.e. cell death, inflammation and global DNA methylation, to determine the late effects of low doses (0.05 or 0.1 g) of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$   $\gamma$  rays on testicles examined 6 months after irradiation. All tissues from mice exposed to 0.1 or 1.0 g showed significantly increased levels of cell death and inflammation, including significant loss of global 5-hydroxymethylcytosine. Also, the data showed not only no harm, but also hormesis in mice exposed to 0.05 g. However, the hormonal effect appears to be biologically and tissue dependent.

They came to a similar conclusion [1,2]. They examined the recovery of spermatogenesis 10 weeks after 5-g irradiation in seven species of rats. The percentage of tubules containing differentiated cells and the number of sperm in the testes showed that the Brown-Norway and Lewis species were the most sensitive to radiation. The rest are more resistant to radiation. Although, all rats had atrophic tubules without differentiated germ cells, which indicated a block in their differentiation. Thus, it was concluded that differences in radiation sensitivity of spermatogenesis restoration between rat species of different genetic backgrounds can be explained by differences in the degree of radiation-induced block of spermatogonial differentiation.

[6] studied in vivo changes occurring several weeks after irradiation and identified cell-specific features of testicular lipid classes. Finally, at week 30, the lipid and fatty acid profile reflected the radiation-induced permanent testicular involution and the importance of Sertoli cells in maintaining lipid homeostasis during normal spermatogenesis.

Spermatogonia are generally more radiosensitive and prone to apoptosis than somatic cells. Among spermatogonial subtypes, the DNA damage response is differentially modulated; undifferentiated spermatogonia, including spermatogonial stem cells (SSCs), are relatively radioresistant, whereas differentiating spermatogonia are very radiosensitive. For a clearer understanding of these mechanisms, a study was conducted to study the effect of ionizing radiation on these cells [10]. Undifferentiated stem cells showed greater regulation of p53 in response to radiation than differentiated stem cells. Higher levels of p53 protein in undifferentiated spermatogonia may preferentially induce cell cycle arrest, thereby giving these cells more time to repair the DNA damage caused and increase their radioresistance.

Sometimes radiation in another part of the body also affects the functioning of the testes. For example, when mice were given fractional irradiation to the right thorax, the ultrastructure of the blood-brain barrier was damaged along with the induction of apoptosis in the testes, and sperm count and viability were dramatically reduced such that both the fertility and survival of their offspring were reduced. This study demonstrates for the first time that thoracic irradiation induces structural and functional damage in the distal testes and subsequently causes decreased fertility in irradiated male mice.

Fractional irradiation at a total dose of 2.0 Gy in combination with anabolic drugs (example phenobolin at a dose of 2.5 mg/kg) led to a significant decrease in the relative weight of the testicles and, in particular, epididymis, as well as a decrease (3-5 times ) the number of mature germ cells in the epididymis.

The effect of ionizing radiation with iron ions (2 Gy) on the reproductive organs was studied. The indicators decreased (including sperm motility) day after day and were the lowest 2 weeks after irradiation. A similar experiment was carried out with carbon ion beams at a dosage of 0.5 Gy and 4 Gy.

Scientists studied the state of the reproductive function of male rats after irradiation at a dose of 2.0 Gy and stress (immobilization - 6 hours / day for 7 days) and their combined effects. On the 30th day after the combined exposure (37 days after irradiation), a decrease in testicular weight by almost 50% and lesions associated with the process of spermatogenesis are observed. In the long-term period - on the 60th day (67th after irradiation), the effect of irradiation and irradiation in combination with immobilization stress leads to a sharp drop in the number of sperm (up to 18% in relation to the reference group) and a decrease in their viability.

People analyzed iodine-containing and sex hormones in F1 rats. Their parents were in places with a high dose of radiation. And after puberty, the level of hormones not only of the thyroid gland, but also of sex hormones is disrupted. This entails serious hyper and hypofunctions of all body systems, including reproductive.

In addition, electromagnetic fields of different radio frequency ranges also have a negative effect. RF EMF with a frequency of 1890 MHz over a long period (30 days) has a pathogenic effect on animal organs. The central nervous system is inhibited, metabolism is disrupted, the osmotic resistance of testicular cells decreases, and the weight of the testes decreases throughout the experiment (500  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ ). With a decrease in the exposure dose, changes in the testes continued in a negative direction.

24-hour exposure to 1950 MHz 3 W/kg electromagnetic radiation also causes adverse effects on Leydig cell proliferation and testosterone secretion. Cell proliferation is clearly reduced, and cell cycle distribution, testosterone secretion capacity, and P450scc mRNA levels are reduced. The

level of cell apoptosis, ROS and steroidogenic acute regulatory protein mRNA did not change significantly.

Scientists provided results on the effect of EMF on the reproductive and nervous system of laboratory animals. Cumulation occurs, which disrupts the integrity of the sperm located in the epididymis.

The results of the influence of light desynchronosis are also very interesting. During one of them, the consequences were studied for 1 to 21 days. First, the number of spermatids decreases, by the 10th day the number of spermatogonia in the free lumen decreases, by the 21st day interstitial cells decrease (size and number).

Scientists have determined that exposure to a low dose of radiation attenuates the apoptotic death of testicular cells induced by type 2 diabetes. It has also been proven that radiation promotes immunological recognition of the tumor showed that low dose radiation (0.7 mGy/h) does not damage spermatogenesis and probably stimulates the restoration of damaged spermatogonial stem cells in male mice. It was found that irradiation of mice at 630 nm with a He-Ne laser increases the level of intracellular calcium and increases their ability to fertilize [3].

Despite numerous materials, the results still remain inconsistent, and this confirms the need for further research

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