

STUDY OF ANTIMUTAGENIC AND ANTITOXIC EFFECTS OF  $\alpha$ -TOCOFEROL  
IN CASE OF MUTATIONS INDUCED BY ARNOLD'S BASE

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The antimutagenic and antitoxic effects of  $\alpha$  – tocoferol was studied on the laboratory mice in case of mutations induced by Arnold's base.

The cytogenetic and toxicological methods of investigation were used in our research. Arnold's base is characterized by mutagenic, cytotoxic and consequently general toxic action. Introduction of Arnold's base (dose 1/5 LD<sub>50</sub>) per oral to animals induced strong increasing ( $P < 0,001$ ) of chromosomal aberrations (multiple fragmentation, lyses), a genomic mutations (triploidy, tetraploidy), Pathological mitosis (K-mitosis, hollow metaphase, adhesion of chromosomes) and destruction of interphase nucleuses (hollow nucleus).  $\alpha$  – tocoferol is characterized with greatly expressed antimutagenic and anticytotoxic effect and statistically reliable reduces mutagenic and cytotoxic effect of Arnold's base. At separate effect of Arnold's base (dose 1/5 LD<sub>50</sub>) the frequency of chromosomal anomalies was 8,8 %, pathologic mitosis – 21,4 %, interphase nucleus destruction – 4,5%. After addition of  $\alpha$  - tocoferol in diet, these indexes decreases accordingly to 3,0 %; 8,6 % und 1,5 % ( $p < 0,001$ ).

On the base of conducted experiments application of  $\alpha$  - tocoferol for medical purpose is prospective, especially for people who are in contact with harmful mutagenic substances, also for the individuals poisoned with cancerogen.