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Rotavirus is the main infective agent of acute gastroenteritis (AGE) in children under the age of two years causing significant morbidity as well as mortality throughout the world. The purpose of this study is to determine the frequency of the one of the most important enteric viruses (Rotavirus) in stool specimens of children less than 2 years, and the study of the relationship between Rotavirus and the levels of interleukin-8 in infants serum during infection as well as the association between the rate of infection and IL-8 polymorphism gene. The age, sex distribution, type of feeding and the area of residence were noted. A total of 100 fecal, blood and serum (50 healthy control) and 50 patients specimens (including 28 males and 22 females) were collected from infants under 2 years of age in Al\_ Muthanna Governorate in South of Iraq during four months (from November 2021 to March 2022). The samples were classified into four groups according to the age of the children:  $\leq 5$  months, 6-10 months, 11-15 months and 16-20 months. Rotavirus was detected by using RT-PCR technology, while the levels of IL-8 were determined by ELISA. On the other hand, polymorphism of IL-8 were identified by PCR.

The results of this study revealed that Rotavirus were the main cause of diarrhea for children which about 76% of total patients. The results showed that the number of male infants diarrhea patients (22) was more than their female (16). The number of infants infected with diarrhea, caused by Rotavirus was high (16) in age group  $\leq 5$  months. The infected infants with Rotavirus were classified according to their feeding; natural, mixed and artificial feeding. The number and ratio of infected infants with Rotavirus were 2 (5.3%), 17 (44.7%) and 19 (50%) respectively. There was a significant increase in the levels of IL-8 in infected infants, amounting to (296 pg/ml) compared to the control group (94.1 pg /ml). As for the gene polymorphism of IL-8

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for patients infants, the cases were 15,78 out of the total positive samples, with six cases, 4 males and 2 females , while the age group between the first month to one year was the highest with four cases than in the other group from 13 to 24 months two cases. It is concluded from this study that human Rotavirus is the main causative of acute gastroenteritis in infants under 2 years old in Al-.Muthanna Governorate and has a positive relationship with an increase in IL-8 levels in the serum of the infected infants. The study showed a slight relationship between IL-8 polymorphism genetic variation and Rotavirus infection. It may cause sporadic infection in closely groups of children and this should be considered while treating acute gastroenteritis patients.

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### List of Abbreviation

Abbreviation	Meaning
AGEI	Acute gastroenteritis Infection
AGE	Acute gastroenteritis
ROV	Rotavirus
DsRNA	Double strands RNA
IL-8	Interleukin-8
CXC	Cysteine –X-Cysteine
NK	Natural killer cells
cDNA	Complementary DNA
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
RT-PCR	Real-Time-PCR
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
NSP	Non-structural protein
ICTV	International Committee for virus Taxonomy
DLPs	Double layered particles
RVGE	Rotavirus gastroenteritis
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
Nis	Nosocomial infection
EM	Electron microscopy
ELISA	Enzyme link immunosorbent assay
IFNs	Interferons
NIPs	National immunization program
WHO	World Health Organization
CXCR1	Cystine-X-Cysteine Receptor 1
CXCR2	Cysteine-X-Cysteine Receptor 1
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
UC	Ulcerative colitis

PMNs	Polymophonuclear cell
VTM	Viral transport media
EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
Cdna	Complementary DNA

