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A: As mentioned by Oli in his comment, you can use `JSON_decode()` to decode a string. `$decoded = json_decode($_POST['item']);` If your string is already encoded in JSON format, you can skip `JSON_decode()`. The `serialize` is used to encode an object to a json string. `$stored = serialize($decoded);` [Rapid diagnosis of visceral leishmaniasis in Moroccan hospitals: study of 35 cases by the immunofluorescence test]. Using the indirect immunofluorescence, we examined the sera of 35 children with visceral leishmaniasis for anti-leishmanial antibodies. An initial positive test was obtained in 22 cases. In 7 cases the test was negative. The positivity of the test was confirmed by the parasite culture which was positive in 21 cases, by the microscopic observation of amastigotes in Giemsa-stained smears of bone marrow aspirates in 3 cases, and by the demonstration of the parasite in skin biopsy in one case. The possibility of false-positive reactions is discussed.

Leptin concentrations in children with type 1 diabetes mellitus. To measure leptin concentrations in children with type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) to determine if the recently described association between leptin and body mass index in the general paediatric population exists in this population. Seven-to-10-year-old children (n=10) with recent (0-3 days) T1DM, 35 (n=10) healthy matched controls, and 11 (n=10) older healthy non-pregnant women of child-bearing age, aged 18-40 years, were studied in a university research centre. Fasting leptin concentrations, insulin resistance index (HOMA R), and body mass index were measured and compared between the groups. There was a significant difference in mean (S.E.) leptin concentrations between the T1DM patients, 19.1 (5.6), vs. the controls (P=0.034). The obese group had a mean (S.E.) leptin concentration of 30.4 (5.6) vs. the healthy controls, 5.8 (1.2) (P=0.012). There was a positive relationship between the

leptin concentrations and body mass index in the obese group ($r=0.619$,
 $P=0.002$) as well as a negative correlation with insulin

