
biological studies on blood of some fishes under herbicidal stress conditions

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The effect of herbicide • oxadiazon • as a one sort of pollution on the most available and adaptable (Clarias lazera and Cyprinus carpio) were the subject of this investigation. The fishes were sorted into three groups, the first group served as control, the second and the third groups were subjected to the concentration of 2 ppm and 4 ppm oxadiazon respectively. The fishes were subjected to the herbicide for two successive weeks and the samples were taken after 3, 7 and 14 day, then they were transported to water free from any toxicant and the samples were taken after 3 and 7 day. The results of the fishes to the oxadiazon in the present work were studied by examining the leucocyte enzyme cytochemistry, hormones, and biochemical parameters. The obtained results are summarized as follows: Signs of intoxication of Clarias lazera and Cyprinus carpio were symptomized by excitability, rapid followed by disorientation and swimming activity, marked reduction of feeding activity. These symptoms became pronounced post exposure to the following: 1. The fishes exhibited reported muscular spasms especially after 7 day of treatment where the skin of treated fish became pale in colour and covered with mucous secretion. 2. In case of fishes which had been transported to fresh water, noted after the most of treatment the above symptoms which were periodic, disappeared and the fishes started to behave normally. When the fishes were subjected to oxadiazon for long period, some granulocytes were hypertrophied with cytoplasmic vacuoles and inclusions at the periphery of the cell with densely staining nuclei, some cells were hypergranulated various stages of observed. 3. Degranulated, degeneration and dead cells of pyknosis were observed. 4. The leucocyte of fishes were stained for periodic acid schiff (PAS), peroxidase, sudan black - B, non-specific phosphatase and acid were identified viz: specific esterase phosphatase. Four alkaline cell types lymphocytes, thrombocytes, monocytes and granulocytes neutrophil, eosinophil and basophil. All leucocytes, cytoplasm were positive PAS reaction. After oxadiazon exposure, the reaction increased according to the treatment duration of exposure. The reaction post 4 ppm was higher than that of 2 ppm oxadiazon. The reaction of peroxidase in normal fishes is strong in granulocytic lymphocyte, thrombocytes series and dead monocyte, negative in the reaction became stronger and the cells were hypertrophied after 14 day of exposure to oxadiazon. The sudan black B staining was observed only in the neutrophil, the reaction increased in its intensity with the long duration of treatment and some cells were hypertrophied while others had disturbed contour after transportation of fish to

fresh water. In both the control and treated fish a very reaction was observed for alkaline phosphatase weak in neutrophils and for non specific esterase in lymphocyte, thrombocyte, monocyte and granulocyte. Acid phosphatase reaction detected as weak reaction in lymphocyte and monocyte, moderate to strong in neutrophils and eosinophils. The activity decrease post exposure to oxadiazon and the granulocyte appear had moderate reaction. The plasma hormone level showed high significant increase in the fish group exposed to 2 ppm oxadiazon and further increase post 4 ppm treatment. When the fishes were transported to fresh water, the hormone level decreased significantly but the value still higher than normal. There was a significant decrease in the plasma insulin level during exposure to oxadiazon. The recovery in hormone level of fishes to fresh water appeared after transportation. There was a significant increase in the plasma glucagon level which become high concentration of oxadiazon, level after 7 day in fresh water. highly significant with and restored the normal. Significant increase of cortisol level in plasma was observed after treatment of fishes with both 2 and 4 ppm oxadiazon. Post fresh water transportation, the levels were returned to that of the control values. The significant increase of plasma ACTH hormone level was correlated to the concentration of oxadiazon. The highest value of this hormone was observed after 7 day of 4 ppm exposure, while there was no significant change after the fishes were transported to fresh water. (effect on the biochemical parameters) The plasma sodium level was highly significant after oxadiazon exposure, and the increase was directly correlated with the time and concentration of oxadiazon, plasma sodium level returned to about the control value after transportation of fishes to fresh water. The increase of potassium level in plasma of the oxadiazon exposed fishes was not significant. After transportation there was a gradual decrease in potassium. Hyperglycemia observed in the fishes subjected to oxadiazon and reached the maximum level after 7 days, then decreased gradually with time, and restored the normal level when the fishes transported to fresh water. The plasma lactate level increased significantly post oxadiazon exposure, but the level decreased after that till it reached the normal value.