

The toxicity effect of pesticide Monocrotophos 36% E.C on the enzyme activity changes in liver and muscles of *Labeo rohita* (Hamilton, 1882)

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Abstract

This study was undertaken to find out the *Labeo rohita* fresh water fish enzyme changes in the fish muscles and liver. Toxicity was calculated probit analysis. The results Organophosphates are most preferred insecticides in agriculture due to their effectiveness, less persistent life and easy detoxification in animal tissues which directly inhibit AchE (acetylcholinesterase) activity alkaline phosphate and acid phosphate were both cell were gradually decreased observed by in fish and other aquatic organism. The Monocrotophos affects not only fishes but also organisms in the food chain through the procedure of expenditure of one by the other those human begins affected various genetic disorders absolutely insecticides.

Key words: Monocrotophos, *Labeo rohita*, alkaline phosphate, Acid phosphates

Introduction

Water is one of the most essential needs for the survival of life on earth. Water covers 71% of the earth's surface.¹ Adversely human activities are directly or indirectly affect the environment. Developed and developing countries which are progressing rapidly in the field of agriculture, technology and industries are continuously releasing various kinds of harmful substances into the biosphere and thereby causing a severe threat to the environment.²⁻³ Any alteration in the chemical composition of natural aquatic environment usually induces changes in the biochemical aspects of the inhabitants particularly fishes⁴. The major sources of water pollution are domestic, agricultural and industrial wastes which are discharged into natural water bodies⁵. Pesticides that are commonly used are categorized into three groups, inorganic, Natural organic and Synthetic Organic²⁵. The inorganic pesticides include borates fluorides and mercurial Natural organic compounds including pyrethrum, rotenone and nicotine⁶ and the synthetic organic compounds includes chlorinated hydrocarbon, organophosphates and cremates. The digestion in vertebrates is carried out by the intestinal enterocytes expressing brush border enzymes such as disaccharidases, alkaline phosphatase and transpeptidase⁷⁻⁸ and⁹. The accumulation of pesticides produces some physiological, biochemical and as well as morphological responses in the freshwater fauna by influencing several activities of metabolites and enzymes reported by¹⁰. Organophosphates are most preferred insecticides in agriculture due to their effectiveness, less persistent life and easy detoxification in animal tissues which directly inhibit AchE (acetylcholinesterase) activity observed by¹¹ in fish and other aquatic organisms

Materials and Methods

Collection and Maintenance of fish

The fish abundant, inhabiting and tidal parts of rivers, and adjacent cultivate ponds¹². Live specimen was caught from natural habitats cultural ponds. Later the collection fish were acclimatized to the laboratory condition.

For the experimental fishes with 9 – 10cms lengths were selected because the minimum length of the mature fish is 8 cm.

Enzyme Assay

Determination of the Activity of GPT

About One ml of the substrate was pipette out in the two test tubes marked as test and control. The test tubes were kept in the water bath at 37⁰C for minutes. In one tube (Test) 0.2ml of sample was added. Both the tubes were incubated for 30 minutes at 37⁰C. After incubation 0.2ml of sample was added to second tube (Control). For stranded graph, into a series of test tubes, standard pyruvate solution (0.1-0.5) was pipette out and made upto 0.1ml with phosphate buffer was taken. To all the tubes, two drops alanine citrate and 0.1ml of colour reagent were added. The tubes were incubated for 20 minutes at 37⁰C. Then 10ml of 4N sodium hydroxide was added and incubated for 10 minutes at 37⁰C. The colour developed was read at 520nm. The activity of enzyme is expressed as IU/L²⁶.

Determination of the Activity of GOT

To the tube mixed as test 1.0ml of buffered substrate and 0.2ml of sample was added. The control 1.0ml buffer substrate was added. Both were incubated at 37⁰C for one hour. After incubation period, to the control tube 0.2ml of sample was added. Standard pyruvate and made up to 1.0ml with phosphate buffer. 0.1ml buffer was taken as blank. To all the tubes two drops of aniline citrate reagent was added, mixed, followed by 1.0ml of 2,4- dinitro phenyl hydrazine and incubated at 37⁰ C for 20 minutes. Then 10ml of 0.4N sodium hydroxide was added and kept for 10 minutes at 37⁰C. The brown colour developed was read at 520nm. The activity of the enzyme is expressed as UI/L²⁶. s

Estimation of Alkaline Phosphatase of ALP

0.5ml borate buffer, 0.5ml of substance and 0.1ml supernatant were mixed, and incubated at room temperature for one hour. After incubation the enzyme reaction was arrested using 5.9ml of 0.05N NaOH and mixed well. The colour intensity was measured at 650nm. The mixture contain above all the sample was used as a blank. The Tyrosine was used as the standard²⁶.

Estimation of Acid Phosphatase of ACP

0.5ml sodium citrate buffer, 0.5ml of substance and 0.1ml supernatant were mixed, and incubated at room temperature for one hour. After incubation the enzyme reaction was arrested using 5.9ml of 0.05N NaOH and mixed well. The colour intensity was measured at 650nm. The mixture contain above all the sample was used as a blank. The Tyrosine was used as the standard²⁷.

Results

Aquatic toxicology is the study of effects of environmental contamination on aquatic organisms, such as the effect of pollution on the health fish or other aquatic organisms, Pesticide is pollutant. The pesticides capacity to harm fish and aquatic animals is largely a function of its toxicity, exposure time, dose rate and persistence in the environment. The Aspartame amino acid transferase and Alanine transferase activity in the muscle of the control fish were GOT (15.21, 13.54, and 12.23) and GPT (1.93, 1.86 and 1.79mg/protein) for 10, 20 and 30 days respectively. In the experimental fishes, they GOT Table : 5 and GPT Table : 6 activity in the lower sublethal concentration and for higher sublethal concentration level was decreased for 10, 20, 30 day exposure periods, The decreased in enzyme activity of the muscles calculated was found to be statically insignificant and both concentrations of both experimental periods. In the liver control *Labeo rohita* GOT Table: 7 and GPT Table:8 activity (GOT 19.45, 18.23, 17.69 and 9.52, 7.23, 6.43 mg/protein) Table:1 for 10, 20 and 30 day's exposure periods.

In the experimental fishes, the enzyme activity of the lower sublethal concentration and the fishes treated with higher sublethal concentration decreased for 10, 20 and 30 days of treated. The maximum decreased in the enzyme activity was found in the 30 days of treatment period in both the sublethal concentration of pesticide and the analyzed values were found to be statically insignificant in both the sublethal the acid phosphatase Table: 3 (ACP) Table: 3 activity in the muscle of the control fish was 0.20, 0.17 and 0.13 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days of the treatment respectively. In the experimental fish, the ACP activity in the lower sublethal concentration 0.18, 0.14 and 0.11 mg/protein and higher concentration it was found 0.11, 0.06 and 0.03 mg/protein for 10,20 and 30 days exposure. The decreased in the enzyme activity muscles were statically significant in 30 days of experimental

periods. The ACP activity in the liver of the control fish was analyzed as 0.27, 0.21, and 0.16 mg/protein and in higher sublethal concentration, it was found to be 0.16, 0.10 and 0.06 mg/protein for days of experimental periods. The ACP activity was found to be statically insignificant in the 10 days of exposure period and statically significant in the 30 days of the exposure period in both the sublethal concentrations of pesticide.

The alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity in the muscles Table: 5 of the control fish were 0.42, 0.39 and 0.36 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days respectively. The ALP of muscle in the lower sublethal concentration was 0.41, 0.37 and 0.34 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days of exposure periods and in the higher sublethal concentration was 0.35, 0.32 and 0.30 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days of exposure periods. The decrease ALP activity in the muscle was statically significant in 10, 20 and 30 days of exposure periods. The liver of fishes exposed to lower sublethal concentration 0.73, 0.68 and 0.1 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days of treatment periods. When the fish treated with higher sublethal concentration, it was 0.65, 0.58 and 0.54 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days of exposure periods. In the control fishes, the enzyme activity was found to be 0.76, 0.72 and 0.69 mg/protein for 10, 20 and 30 days exposure periods. The values were found to be statically significant on 10, 20 and 30 days of exposure period in both the lower and higher sublethal concentration Monocrotophos.

Discussion

Pesticides destroy, prevent or repel pests such as insects, weeds and rodents but may cause a range of harmful health effects in humans, including cancer, short and long term injury to the nervous system, lung damage reproductive dysfunction and possible dysfunction of the endocrine (hormone) and immune system²⁸. The ACP activity was found to be statistically insignificant in the 10 days of exposure period and statically significant in the 30 days of exposure period in both the sublethal concentration of pesticide. The intracellular distribution patterns of enzymes in liver tissues and reported that generally the enzyme, which was kept in latent state inside the membrane of lysosomes¹³. The effect of manganese in the cerebellum of fish increased the acid phosphates activity. The increased acid phosphatase activity *Caviaprocellus* was because of the pesticide chloropyrififose exposure¹⁴. In the present study, the decreased acid phosphates (ACP) activity was observed in both the lower and higher sublethal concentration of pesticides in the 10, 20 and 30 days of treatment. The effect of the pollutants in aquatic animals and stated that alkaline phosphatase (ALP) is a brush border enzymes, which splits various phosphorous esters at an alkaline pH and mediated transport¹⁵. The involvement of alkaline phosphatase in active transport¹⁶, glycogen metabolism¹⁷, protein synthesis and the synthesis of some enzymes and secretary activity were reported by¹⁸. Thus any alteration in the activity of alkaline phosphatase affects the organisms. In the present investigation, the activity of alkaline phosphatase (ALP) was found to decrease in the tissues of the test fishes when compared with control fishes. The maximum decrease was seen in higher sublethal concentration of pesticide for 30 days.

The inhibition of enzymes in the fish, *Tilapia mossambica* due to the exposure of the pesticide sevin was reported by¹⁹. Decrease in GPT activity in the tissues of the same fish during methyl parathion exposure was reported by²⁰. The reduction of GOT activity in the fish, *Sacobranchus fossilis* in response to thimidon toxicity was reported²¹. The decrease in tranminase enzymes activity has been reported²² in the fish *Channapunctatus* treated with pesticides, Quinalphos, Dichlorvos and suquin. The sublethal effects of the pesticide cypermethrin on enzyme activities in the freshwater fish *Cyprinus carpio* and observed that the lactate dehydrogenase activity increased after 8, 12 days of treatment²³. In the present study the elevation in the GPT and GOT activity of the fish treated with pesticide might have been increased depending on anerobic carbohydrate metabolism cumulative effect or possibly to meet the increased energy demands under sustained and prolonged toxic stress²⁴ of pesticide monocrotophos.

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Table: 1 The GOT content of liver of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	19.45 \pm 0.1201
	20	18.23 \pm 0.2105
	30	17.69 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.02 ppm	10	19.31 \pm 0.1150
	20	18.15 \pm 0.1124
	30	17.56 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.04 ppm	10	19.23 \pm 0.2533
	20	18.02 \pm 0.1325
	30	17.41 \pm 0.1872
Control 0.08 ppm	10	19.01 \pm 0.1314
	20	17.91 \pm 0.2740
	30	17.20 \pm 0.5543
Control 0.10 ppm	10	18.81 \pm 0.1314
	20	17.61 \pm 0.2740
	30	16.20 \pm 0.5543

Table: 2 The GPT content of liver of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	9.52 \pm 0.1201
	20	7.23 \pm 0.2105
	30	6.45 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.02 ppm	10	9.35 \pm 0.1150
	20	7.01 \pm 0.1124
	30	6.21 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.04 ppm	10	9.11 \pm 0.2533
	20	6.95 \pm 0.1325
	30	5.85 \pm 0.1872
Control 0.08 ppm	10	8.94 \pm 0.1314
	20	6.75 \pm 0.2740
	30	5.41 \pm 0.5543
Control 0.10 ppm	10	8.71 \pm 0.1314
	20	6.35 \pm 0.2740
	30	5.12 \pm 0.5543

Table: 3 The ACP content of liver of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	0.27 \pm 0.1011
	20	0.21 \pm 0.2325
	30	0.16 \pm 0.2105
Control 0.02 ppm	10	0.25 \pm 0.1754
	20	0.19 \pm 0.1625
	30	0.15 \pm 0.1741
Control 0.04 ppm	10	0.20 \pm 0.2424
	20	0.16 \pm 0.1125
	30	0.12 \pm 0.1742
Control 0.08 ppm	10	0.18 \pm 0.1254
	20	0.12 \pm 0.2740
	30	0.08 \pm 0.5453
Control 0.10 ppm	10	0.16 \pm 0.1756
	20	0.10 \pm 0.2142
	30	0.06 \pm 0.1414

Table: 4 The ALP content of liver of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	0.76 \pm 0.1201
	20	0.72 \pm 0.2105
	30	0.69 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.02 ppm	10	0.25 \pm 0.1754
	20	0.19 \pm 0.1625
	30	0.15 \pm 0.1741
Control 0.04 ppm	10	0.73 \pm 0.1150
	20	0.68 \pm 0.1124
	30	0.65 \pm 0.1105
Control 0.08 ppm	10	0.69 \pm 0.2533
	20	0.64 \pm 0.1325
	30	0.59 \pm 0.5553
Control 0.10 ppm	10	0.65 \pm 0.1786
	20	0.58 \pm 0.2542
	30	0.54 \pm 0.1504

Table: 5 The GOT content of Muscle of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	15.21 \pm 0.1325
	20	13.54 \pm 0.1452
	30	12.23 \pm 0.4210
Control 0.02 ppm	10	15.01 \pm 0.2154
	20	13.34 \pm 0.3521
	30	12.13 \pm 0.2145
Control 0.04 ppm	10	14.93 \pm 0.3562
	20	13.12 \pm 0.2415
	30	11.96 \pm 0.3562
Control 0.08 ppm	10	14.61 \pm 0.145
	20	13.01 \pm 0.3562
	30	11.81 \pm 0.4852
Control 0.10 ppm	10	14.48 \pm 0.2150
	20	12.97 \pm 0.3692
	30	11.62 \pm 0.2415

Table: 6 The GPT content of Muscle of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	1.93 \pm 0.2150
	20	1.86 \pm 0.1240
	30	1.79 \pm 0.2130
Control 0.02 ppm	10	1.89 \pm 0.2140
	20	1.81 \pm 0.2150
	30	1.68 \pm 0.2514
Control 0.04 ppm	10	1.72 \pm 0.1208
	20	1.75 \pm 0.1542
	30	1.51 \pm 0.2415
Control 0.08 ppm	10	1.63 \pm 0.2451
	20	1.61 \pm 0.3562
	30	1.45 \pm 0.4752
Control 0.10 ppm	10	1.55 \pm 0.2451
	20	1.46 \pm 0.3562
	30	1.31 \pm 0.2581

Table: 7 The ACP content of Muscle of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	0.20 \pm 0.1421
	20	0.17 \pm 0.1452
	30	0.13 \pm 0.1425
Control 0.02 ppm	10	0.18 \pm 0.2150
	20	0.14 \pm 0.2105
	30	0.11 \pm 0.3561
Control 0.04 ppm	10	0.16 \pm 0.3614
	20	0.12 \pm 0.4752
	30	0.09 \pm 0.2150
Control 0.08 ppm	10	0.13 \pm 0.3624
	20	0.09 \pm 0.2361
	30	0.06 \pm 0.4712
Control 0.10 ppm	10	0.11 \pm 0.2415
	20	0.06 \pm 0.1425
	30	0.03 \pm 0.1356

Table: 8 The ALP content of Muscle of *Labeo rohita* exposed to pesticide monocrotophos.

Concentration Monocrotophos	Exposure period(Days)	Amount of GOT content (μ mole pyruvate/mg/Protein)
Control 0 ppm	10	0.42 \pm 0.3521
	20	0.39 \pm 0.3214
	30	0.36 \pm 0.1205
Control 0.02 ppm	10	0.41 \pm 0.2153
	20	0.37 \pm 0.1321
	30	0.34 \pm 0.1324
Control 0.04 ppm	10	0.39 \pm 0.2632
	20	0.36 \pm 0.1254
	30	0.33 \pm 0.1785
Control 0.08 ppm	10	0.38 \pm 0.1321
	20	0.34 \pm 0.1452
	30	0.31 \pm 0.4125
Control 0.10 ppm	10	0.35 \pm 0.2416
	20	0.32 \pm 0.3652
	30	0.30 \pm 0.2351