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# **Research Paper**

# Effect Of Sodium Fluoride Toxicity On Oxygen Consumption Rate In Freshwater Edible Fish, Rita Rita

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## ABSTRACT

In the present investigation effect of sodium fluoride toxicity on oxygen consumption rate of freshwater edible fish, Rita rita was studied. Freshwater fish Rita rita exposed to acute concentration of sodium fluoride. Sodium fluoride is act as protoplasmic poison. Freshwater fish Rita rita showed gradual decrease in oxygen consumption from the starting period of exposure to till the end of the experiment. Alterations in oxygen consumption may be due to respiratory disturbances. The effect is time and dose dependent.

# **KEYWORDS:**

sodium fluoride, oxygen consumption, Rita rita.

# **INTRODUCTION:**

Fish is a good indicator of aquatic contamination because its biochemical stress responses are quite similar to those found in mammals (Mishra and Shukla, 2003). Aquatic pollutants enters into the fish mainly through gills. The changes in the respiratory activity is an indicator response to environmental stress in fish. In aquatic body toxicants present above the normal level i.e., at lethal concentrations bring about mortality of fish and also increase the rate of oxygen consumption in survived fish (Tilak *et al.*, 2005). Depletion in oxygen content occurs in the medium when pesticides, chemicals, sewage and other effluents containing organic matter are discharged into water bodies.

Joshi and Kulkarni (2007) studied the effect of cypermethrin and fenvalerate on the changes in the oxygen consumption of freshwater fish, *Garra mullya*. Thathaji *et al.*, (2008) studied the feect of Butachlor and Mechete on oxygen consumption in fish, Channa punctatus. Fluoride ions acts as protoplasmic poison and living cells tolerate this in very low concentrations (Pack, 1971). Hence the present study was undertaken to evaluate the toxicity of sodium fluoride on freshwater fish, *Rita rita*.

# **MATERIALAND METHODS**

To study the effect of sodium fluoride on oxygen consumption rate in freshwater fish, *Rita rita* ( total length 10-12 cm, weight 20-30 g) were obtained from Bhima river, Solapur district, Maharashtra. Fishes were acclimated to the laboratory in large size glass aquarium for 10 days. The static bioassay test were perform by using analytical grade sodium fluoride to determine  $LC_0$ ,  $LC_{10}$ , and  $LC_{50}$  values for 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours. Experimental and control fishes were kept in separate air tight jars for one hour without any disturbance. Approximately 300 ml water was siphoned out from respiratory jars into stopper reagent bottle. Oxygen content from these jars was determined by the standard , Wrinkler's method. (Welsh and Smith, 1961). The oxygen consumption was determined at intervals of 24,48,72 and 96 hours. The difference between the oxygen content before experiment and after one hour was calculated as mg of oxygen consumption/hour/gram of body weight per liter. The changes in the rate of oxygen consumption from  $LC_0$ ,  $LC_{10}$ , and  $LC_{50}$  were compared with control group for percentage variation.

## **RESULTS**-

The oxygen consumption rate of freshwater fish, *Rita rita* after acute exposure to sodium fluoride is summarized in table no -1

Exposure time	Control	LC <sub>0</sub>	LC <sub>10</sub>	LC <sub>50</sub>
24	$0.105 \pm 0.008$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.090 \pm 0.002 \\ (14.28) \end{array}$	0.088 ± 0.004 (20)	$0.077 \pm 0.009$ (26)
48	0.101 ± 0.01	$\begin{array}{c} 0.073 \pm 0.011 \\ (27.72) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.058 \pm 0.013 \\ (42.57) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.060 \pm 0.11 \\ (40.59) \end{array}$
72	$0.116 \pm 0.003$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.050 \pm 0.006 \\ (56.89) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.040 \pm 0.011 \\ (58.62) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.033 \pm 0.009 \\ (71.55) \end{array}$
96	$0.088 \pm 0.0003$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.049 \pm 0.007 \\ (44.31) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.028 \pm 0.007 \\ (68.18) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.020 \pm 0.002 \\ (77.27) \end{array}$

Table No -1

#### Bracket values indicate percent change when compared with control.

The rate of oxygen consumption showed by control group at 24 hour it was  $0.105\pm0.005$ , mg/l/hr/gm, at 48 hour it was  $0.101\pm0.01$  mg/l/hr/gm, at 72 hours it was  $0.116\pm0.003$  and at 96 hours it was  $0.088\pm0.003$  mg/l/hr/gm. Upon exposure to LC<sub>0</sub> concentration of sodium fluoride the rate of oxygen consumption at 24 hour it was  $0.090\pm0.002$ , at 48 hour it was  $0.073\pm0.011$  mg/l/hr/gm, at 72 hours it was  $0.050\pm0.006$  and at 96 hours it was  $0.049\pm0.007$  mg/l/hr/gm. Upon exposure to LC<sub>10</sub> concentration of sodium fluoride the rate of oxygen consumption at 24 hour it was  $0.088\pm0.003$  mg/l/hr/gm. Upon exposure to LC<sub>10</sub> concentration of sodium fluoride the rate of oxygen consumption at 24 hour it was  $0.088\pm0.004$ , at 48 hour it was  $0.058\pm0.013$  mg/l/hr/gm, at 72 hours it was  $0.040\pm0.011$  and at 96 hours it was  $0.028\pm0.007$  mg/l/hr/gm. Upon exposure to LC<sub>50</sub> concentration of sodium fluoride the rate of oxygen consumption at 24 hour it was  $0.077\pm0.009$ , at 48 hour it was  $0.060\pm0.011$  mg/l/hr/gm, at 72 hours it was  $0.033\pm0.009$  and at 96 hours it was  $0.028\pm0.007$  mg/l/hr/gm. Upon exposure to LC<sub>50</sub> concentration of sodium fluoride the rate of oxygen consumption at 24 hour it was  $0.077\pm0.009$ , at 48 hour it was  $0.060\pm0.011$  mg/l/hr/gm, at 72 hours it was  $0.033\pm0.009$  and at 96 hours it was  $0.020\pm0.002$  mg/l/hr/gm.

When compared with control values after 24 hour exposure of sodium fluoride there was significant decrease in oxygen consumption rate in LC<sub>0</sub> which was 14.28%, in LC<sub>0</sub> which was 20 % and in LC<sub>50</sub> which was 26%. When compared with control values after 48 hour exposure of sodium fluoride there was significant decrease in oxygen consumption rate in LC<sub>0</sub> which was 27.72%, in LC<sub>10</sub> which was 42.57% and in LC<sub>50</sub> which was 40.59%. When compared with control values after 72 hour exposure of sodium fluoride there was significant decrease in oxygen consumption rate in LC<sub>0</sub> which was 56.89%, in LC<sub>0</sub> which was 58.62% and in LC<sup>50</sup> which was 71.55%. When compared with control values after 96 hour exposure of sodium fluoride there was significant decrease in oxygen consumption rate in LC<sup>0</sup> which was 68.18% and in LC<sub>50</sub> which was 72.27%.

#### **DISCUSSION-**

In the present investigation experiments were conducted to study the variations in the oxygen consumption due to acute toxicity effect of sodium fluoride to freshwater fish, *Rita rita* observed overall decrease in the rate of oxygen consumption from all experimental groups when compared with control group. Exposure to sodium fluoride results in decrease in respiratory activity of the gill. Marge and Patil (2000) observed dereased rate of oxygen consumption due to endosulfan toxicity to the fish, *Puntitus ticto*. Mishra *et al.*, (2006) observed decline in oxygen consumption of air breathing fish, *Channa punnctatus*. Joshi and Kulkarni (2007) observed decreased oxygen uptake of a fish, *Garra mullaya* after exposing to after exposing to cypermethrin and fenvelarate and stated that due to adverse effects on gills might be responsible of disruption of oxygen uptake. Similar might be the reason in the present investigation where there is considerable reduction in oxygen consumption from the fish, *Rita rita* after exposing to sodium fluoride.

Gayatri and Sultana (2010) studied the impact of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in oxygen consumption of freshwater fish, *Tilapia mossambica* and observed variations in oxygen consumption and stated that even low concentrations of hydrocarbons creates respiratory disturbance which ultimately leads to the deterioration of health of fish. From the above discussion it can be concluded that decline in respiratory rate of fish might be due to poisoning of sodium fluoride.

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