



ASSESSMENT OF LIVER MARKERS IN *CHANNA PUNCTATUS* UNDER STRESS OF TYPE II PYRETHROID CYPERMETHRIN

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Abstract

The frighteningly rapid accumulation of xenobiotics, such as insecticides, in aquatic organisms poses a risk to aquatic life because of the associated harm posed by this bioaccumulation. A wide variety of fish species demonstrate uptake and accumulation of numerous contaminants, such as pesticides, which have been discovered to be highly hazardous not just to fish, but also to the organisms that fish eat, posing a threat to the lives of fish. These contaminants include: Because fish are such an essential component of the diets of humans, it is critical that any newly introduced pesticides be tested for their potential to cause illness in fish. For this reason present study is to assess liver markers viz. bilirubin, SGOT, SGPT in freshwater fish *Channa punctatus* under stress of type II pyrethroid cypermethrin.

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Introduction

As a material absorbed through the skin or consumed orally, cypermethrin has a moderate toxicity level. Skin and eye discomfort are possible side effects. Numbness, tingling, itching, a burning sensation, involuntary urination, clumsiness, convulsions, and even death are all possible outcomes of dermal contact. The central nervous system may be negatively impacted by pyrethroids. In a dermal dosage study, human participants reported tingling and burning sensations in the area around their earlobes. A 10% cypermethrin concentration was used as cooking oil, resulting in the death of one man. After the dinner, the sufferer began to show symptoms of food poisoning, including nausea, vomiting, stomach discomfort, diarrhoea, and eventually convulsions, unconsciousness, and coma. The rest of the family members had less severe reactions and made full recoveries after receiving medical care in a hospital. Although cypermethrin is not an irritant to the skin or the eyes, it can trigger allergic reactions in certain people. If you're exposed to cypermethrin for a long time, your liver can start to change. Studies in rabbits showed that chronic exposure to cypermethrin caused pathological alterations in the thymus, liver, adrenal glands, lungs, and skin.

The Environmental Protection Agency has classed cypermethrin as a "weak potential human carcinogen" due to the fact that there is some evidence that it induced benign lung cancers in only one sex and one species (female mice), and then only at the highest dose studied. Central nervous system toxicity has been linked to pyrethroids. Liver and kidney weights increased and liver tissues were negatively altered in test animals that were fed for extended periods of

time. Metabolites of cypermethrin were completely eliminated from the human body 48 hours after the last of 5 daily doses of 1.5 mg. In rats, cypermethrin was found to be almost entirely broken down within hours through a process of hydroxylation and cleavage. Fat stores the remaining 1%. This fraction is removed gradually; the cis-isomer has a half-life of 18 days and the trans-isomer of 3.4 days. The pesticide cypermethrin is particularly poisonous to fish and other aquatic organisms. For rainbow trout, the 96-hour LC₅₀ of cypermethrin is 0.82 parts per billion, but for bluegill sunfish, it's 1.78 parts per billion. *Daphnia magna*, a tiny freshwater crustacean, has an acute LC₅₀ of 0.2 ppb. In a flow through investigation, the bioconcentration factor for cypermethrin in rainbow trout was 1200 times. The increased toxicity of cypermethrin in fish may be due to the compound's slower metabolism and elimination in fish compared to mammals and birds. With 96-hour LC₅₀ values typically sub 10 µg/l, pyrethroid pesticides are very poisonous to fish. The LD₅₀ values for mammals and birds are roughly hundreds to thousands of milligrammes per kilogramme. This suggests that the sluggish metabolism and clearance of pyrethroids in fish may contribute to their sensitivity to these chemicals. Several pyrethroids have elimination half-lives in trout that are more than 48 hours, whereas the corresponding values for birds and mammals are 6-12 hours. Cypermethrin is highly adsorbable to soil particles and is not water soluble. Therefore, it is quite improbable that groundwater would become contaminated.

The liver is an important organ found in vertebrates and other animals. Detoxification, protein synthesis, and the creation of

digestive biochemicals are only a few of its many roles. Liver dialysis can be used temporarily, but the liver is essential to living, and there is presently no means to replace liver function permanently.

Material and Methods

For this investigation, we collected live *Channa punctatus*, often known as soli, from ponds and the Agra fish market in the city's immediate area. The experimental fish *Channa punctatus* was chosen due to its accessibility, its resilience in the face of proposed pollutant treatments, and its potential to serve as a useful indicator of the persistence of toxic effects in soft tissues. Fish also has a high monetary value as a food source. In order to reliably compare the effects of different pesticide treatments, researchers utilised fish that were essentially of the same size and weight. Fish with cutaneous infections were rinsed in a 0.1% KMnO₄ solution. After that, they were rinsed with tap water and glued to aquariums. Synthetic pyrethroid pesticide cypermethrin 25% EC is effective against a wide range of pests.

For each concentration tested, a duplicate was also run as a control. On the other hand, the cypermethrin concentration was kept constant by replacing the water every other day. To eliminate the potential for excretory materials to alter the toxicity of the chemical, the fish were fasted for 24 hours before to the testing. The LC₅₀ value was used to determine the sub-lethal concentrations. One tenth of the LC₅₀ was chosen for short-term (4-day) administration, one twentieth was chosen for sub-lethal (20-day) administration, and one-quarter was chosen for long-term (45-day) administration. In addition, 45-day recovery studies were conducted.

Results and Discussion

Acute (4 days), sub-acute (20 days), and chronic (45 days) treatment with doses of 8.124, 1.624, and 0.722g/l of cypermethrin resulted in a considerable increase in bilirubin in *Channa punctatus*, according to the current study. Treatment of *Channa punctatus* with 8.124, 1.624, and 0.722 g/l of cypermethrin for 4 days, 20 days, and 45 days, respectively, resulted in a substantial rise in SGOT and SGPT. Myocardial injury frequently causes a dramatic elevation in SGOT (Varley, 1976). Changes in SGOT levels reflect cypermethrin's effect on the experimental fish's metabolism, which may have been disrupted by liver malfunction or cellular damage in various organs. Results obtained here are consistent with those obtained by Goel and Maya (1986) in *Clarias batrachus* exposed to roger as a

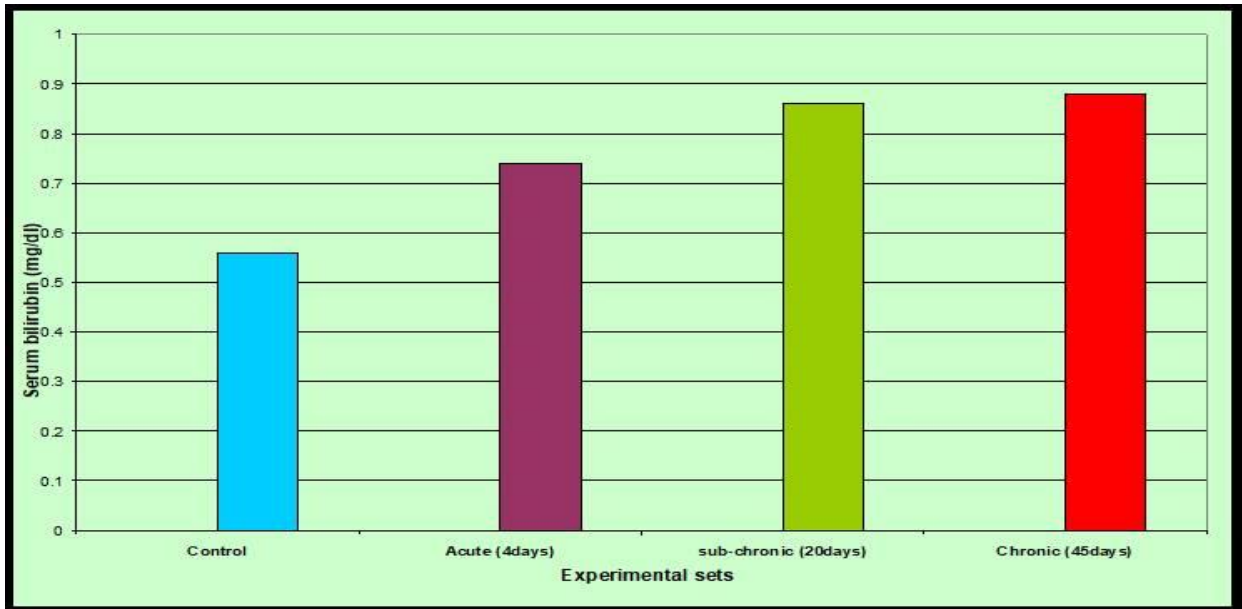
pesticide. Similar SGOT elevation patterns were also found in Verma *et al.* (1981) in *Mystus vittatus* following pesticide treatment.

Maximum levels of serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT) are found in the heart, followed by the liver, the skeletal muscles, and the kidneys. Myocardial infarction, liver illness (such cirrhosis or viral hepatitis or liver necrosis), and skeletal muscle disease all result in elevated SGOT levels. Mathur *et al.* (1965) cite a similar trend, stating that pesticides harm fish livers. Tissue injury and an increase in SGOT activity could result from the former (Verma *et al.* 1981). In *S. mossambicus*, Revathi *et al.* (2003) found an increase in SGOT expression after tissue injury caused by pesticidal stress. Arsta *et al.* have shown that alterations in SGOT activity can be used to detect tissue injury in fish (1996). The present results are more in line with those of Sulodia and Singh (2004), Wieser and Hinterleitner (1980), Sastry and Gupta (1978), and Garg *et al.* (1990) in several species of fish.

Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase activity rises as a result of cypermethrin stress on the liver. These results are supported by those of Agarwal *et al.* (1982), who found that a chlor exposure raised transaminase levels in *Clarias batrachus*. Verma *et al.* (1981) found similar outcomes after exposing *Mystus vittatus* to dichlorvos. Liver and kidney stores of SGPT are respectively the greatest and second highest. A rise in serum enzyme levels indicates that these organs have been harmed by pesticide exposure. Liver illnesses include infective hepatitis, liver cirrhosis, cholestatic jaundice, and skeletal muscle injury are all associated with an increased SGPT level. It was also noted by Sulodia and Singh (2004) that *Channa punctatus* had elevated serum transaminase (SGPT) levels. Similar findings were reported by Revathi *et al.* (2008) for the fish *Satherodon mossambicus* after exposure to the organophosphorous insecticide tempos; they used variations in the activity of SGPT and SGOT to illustrate tissue damage in the fish. Similar changes in transaminases have been documented in the fish *Barbus ticto* by Arsta *et al.* (1996) and Magare (1997). The results of the present study are consistent with those shown by Nemcsik *et al.* (1987) in *Cyprinus carpio* following exposure to the organophosphate pesticide methidation, wherein elevated levels of transaminase enzymes were observed as a result of subsequent liver injury. *Clarias batrachus* under roger stress was also studied by Goel and Maya (1986), who found similar results.

TABLE- 1: Serum bilirubin (mg/dl) in *Channa punctatus* after 4, 20 and 45 days treatment of cypermethrin

S.No.	Experimental Set	Dose (µg/l)	No. of fishes	Range	Mean±S.Em.	Significance level
1.	Control	-	5	0.47-0.67	0.56±0.08	-
2.	Acute (4 days)	8.124	5	0.65-0.87	0.74±0.11	P>0.05
3.	Sub-acute (20 days)	1.624	5	0.55-1.08	0.86±0.21	P<0.05
4.	Chronic (45 days)	0.722	5	0.78-0.92	0.88±0.09	P<0.05

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S.No.	Experimental Set	Dose ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	No. of fishes	Range	Mean \pm S.Em.	Significance level
1.	Control	-	5	79.20-93.50	88.52 \pm 1.10	-
2.	Acute (4 days)	8.124	5	99.00-112.0	104.10 \pm 0.95	P>0.05
3.	Sub-acute (20 days)	1.624	5	108.0-122.3	112.50 \pm 0.83	P<0.05
4.	Chronic (45 days)	0.722	5	110.0-121.9	116.30 \pm 0.85	P<0.01

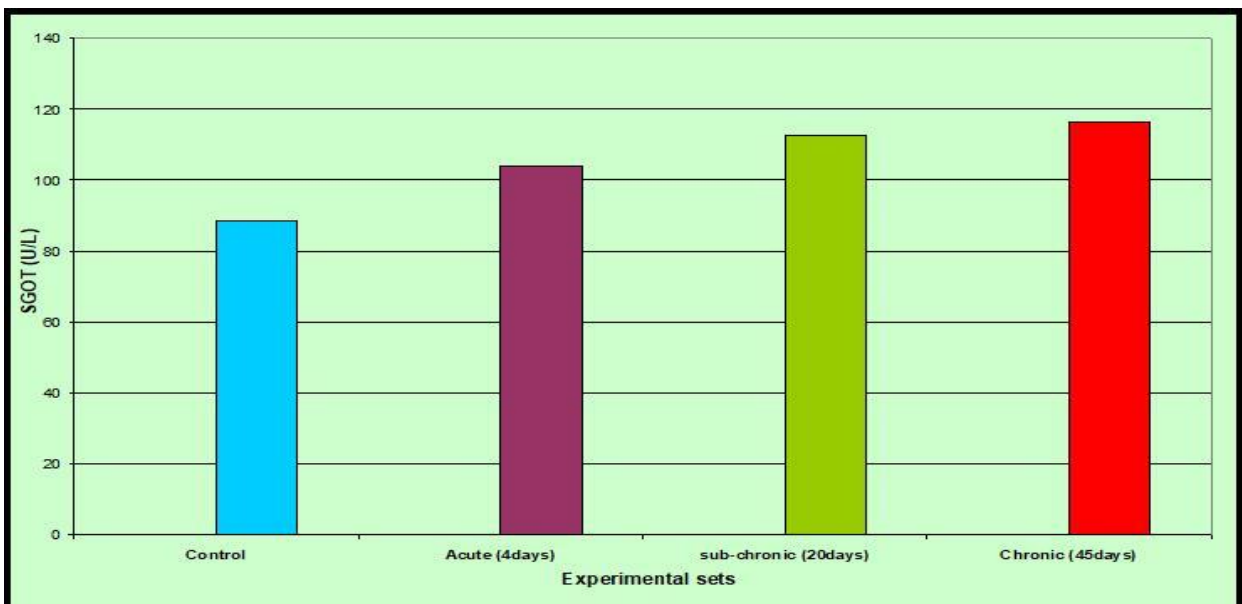
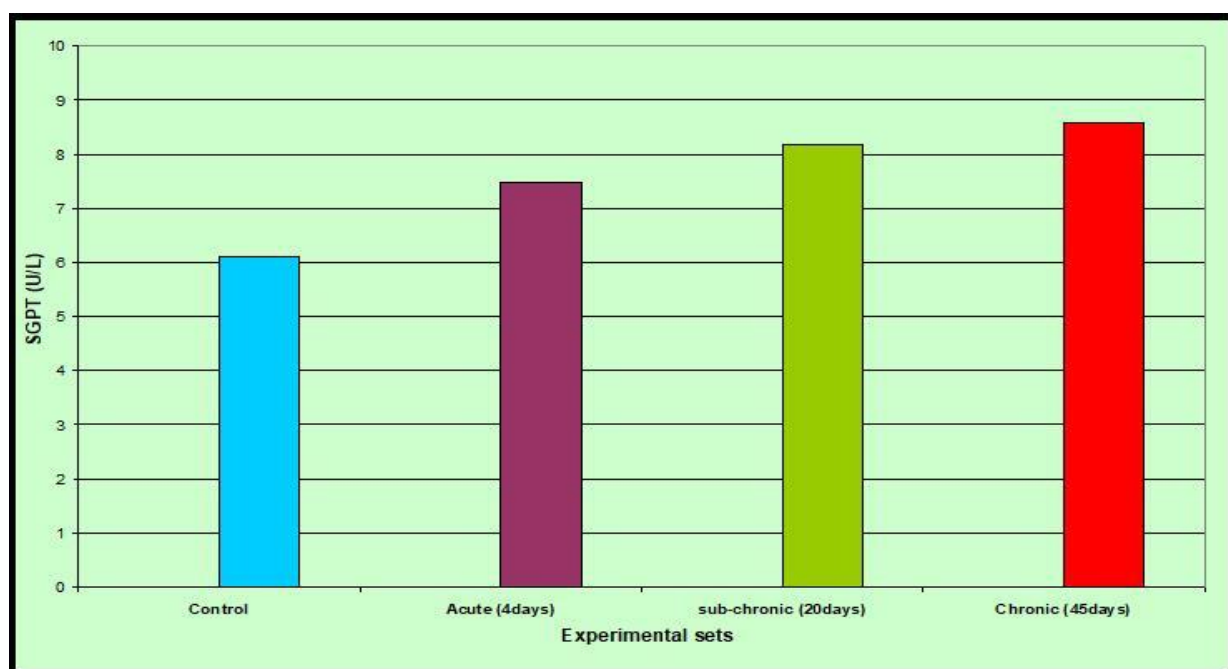
Fig.- 2: SGOT (U/L) in *Channapunctatus* after 4, 20 and 45 days treatment of cypermethrin

TABLE- 3: SGPT (U/L) in *Channapunctatus* after 4, 20 and 45 days treatment of cypermethrin

S.No.	Experimental Set	Dose (µg/l)	No. of fishes	Range	Mean±S.Em.	Significance level
1.	Control	-	5	5.60-6.50	6.10±0.07	-
2.	Acute (4 days)	8.124	5	7.22-8.33	7.48±0.05	P>0.05
3.	Sub-acute (20 days)	1.624	5	7.80-8.19	8.18±0.06	P>0.05
4.	Chronic (45 days)	0.722	5	8.42-8.68	8.59±0.06	P<0.05

Fig.- 3: SGPT (U/L) in *Channapunctatus* after 4, 20 and 45 days treatment of cypermethrin



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