

Induced Breeding of Clarias Lazera Using Hormones of HCG and SGnRH α Neelain University- Khartoum- Sudan

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Abstract: This study used hormones of HCG and SGnRH α to induce breeding of fish Clarias lazera. It gave best results in inducing of this fish. Doses of 1000, 1500, 2250, and 2550 IU HCG alone / kg female lazera were 100, 100, 100 and 66.6 % successful. All doses used with males of fishes were not successful. 0.3, 0.4 and 0.5 ml SGnRH α per kg female lazera were 62.5 – 87.5 % successful for lazera, in all successful stripping trials with female the latency period ranged between 8 – 15 hours. To fertilize stripped eggs semen obtained from two sacrificed males (two from each species) was used successfully to fertilize eggs stripped from one fish of the same species. Fertilized eggs were reared in Neelain University Farm Hatchery. Hatching of eggs occurred after 24 - 48 hours at 25 - 33C°. Survival, counts were carried 5 days after incubation. Survival of hatched larvae ranged between 1 and 60 %.

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INTRODUCTION

Induction of spawning using hormones provides a direct control over the final stages of the reproduction cycle in teleosts. Artificial spawning of fish has been used for almost 60 years. Surprisingly, the same procedures, with only minor modifications, have been used to spawn an entire range of fish from the ancient sturgeon and paddle fish to, carp, cat fish, salmon, sea bass, red fish, shook and mullet [1]. Induced spawning is

sometimes used for fish which ovulate naturally in ponds but males and females do not reach gamete maturation stage at the same time. In this condition use of hormones for male and female cause the fish to release gametes at the same time [2]. Hormonal induction has been the subject of many recent reviews [3-6]. The physiological mechanisms involved in the final stage of oocyte maturation, ovulation and egg release have been thoroughly reviewed [7]. In Africa induced breeding started after the Second World War. The first successful production of fingerlings was that of Clarias garepinus (Chellcher in Ivory Coast and [8] in Egypt). In Sudan some trials to induce grass carp to breed by hormones were carried out between 1984 and 1985 at el. shaggara Fish Farm (Fisheries Research Center) but did not give good results [9]. Clarias lazera of the family Claridae is generally considered to be one of the most important tropical cat fish species for aquaculture. It could be produced in form of high quality cheap product. As an aquaculture species, it has a short production cycle with a low production cost. It can be raised in tanks, ponds, or any small water bodies and could be used successfully as a predator to control over reproduction of Nile tilapia cultured in pond. Labeo niloticus (dabs) is another important fish species

selected for the present study. It is ranged as a second class fish together with the popular and widely cultured Nile tilapia. It has a good potential for aquaculture as it is locally available, feed on low food chain (plant material) with a good consumer acceptance. It could be marketed as a whole fish and in the form of fish fillets.

Objectives of this study are

- To determine the effect of different concentration of two hormones (HCG and SGnRH α) on fish eggs release.
- To obtain optimum of dose in two hormones HCG and SGnRH α .

Measured, 1ml sterile water was injected in each of the vials, containing the powdered HCG (5000, 4500, 3000, Or 1000 IU). Each vial was then shaken to dissolve the hormone. The 1ml clear liquid was then withdrawn from vial by a siring and injected in the fish. In the present study the 4 concentrations of HCG of (5000, 4500, 3000, 1000 IU) were used separately for injecting individual fish. 0.3, 0.4, and 0.5 ml of the hormone SGnRH α e / kg fish weight were used separately for injecting individual fish. The hormone

was prepared for the injection. 0.2 ml of SGnRH_a was withdrawn from siring, while still containing the hormone, 0.8 ml of physiological salt solution were also withdrawn by the siring. The hormone is now ready. The same siring was used for injecting the fish. The other doses (0.3, 0.4, 0.5 ml) were also treated similarly. Each dose needs four times its volume physiological salt solution. Body weight, body length, doses, hatching, ovulation, temperature and survival were measured. Data of study are analyzed by one way (ANOVA)

RESULTS

The best dose of SGnRH_a was 0.5ml (1 ml containing 100 mg SGnRH_a) / kg fish (Table (1)). It gave 87.5% successful stripping of females after 11 hours from injection, at temperature 28 C°. At concentrations of 0.4 and 0.3 ml the success of the

stripped females was 62.5 %. Hatching in all cases occurred after 30 hours latency period, at temperature 27 C°. However, differences between treatments are not significant except on the number of eggs released. Males given injections of 0.2 ml, and female and male controls (not injected) failed to be stripped. The effects of HCG and SGnRH_a on inducing *Clarias lazera* is shown in Table (2). 1000, 1500, 2250, and 2550 IU HCG alone / kg female *lazera* were 100, 100, 100 and 66.6 % successful; stripping occurred after 13, 12 and 11 hours from injection, at temperature 27.5 C°. Doses of 50mg and 100mg of SGnRH_a alone kg/fish were 58.3% and 50% successful. Hatching of eggs occurred after 38 hours; at temperature 27 C°. Males given 0.5 ml injection containing 2500 IU HCG, and control females and males not injected failed to produce eggs and semen at stripping trials. Differences between the HCG and the SGnRH_a are however not significant.

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Table-1: Effect of SGnRH_a on enabling fish stripping

SEX	NO	WT Kg	AL cm	HOR	DOSE I/kg fish	NFS	%F.S	TS	NER	%FER	%H	SUR %
Female	8	3.1	51.6	SGnRH _a	0.3ml	5	62.5	15	23115	57.5	5	10
Female	8	3.0	51.9	SGnRH _a	0.4ml	5	62.5	14	24537	72.5	2	-
Female	8	2.7	44.6	SGnRH _a	0.5ml	7	87.5	11	38434	41	1	-
Female	8	3.3	52.1	Control	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	0
Male	12	2.8	50.1	SGnRH _a	0.2ml	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	12	2.7	48.8	SGnRH _a	0.2ml	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	12	1.7	48.1	SGnRH _a	0.2 ml	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table-2: Effect of HCG and SGnRH_a on enabling fish stripping

SEX	NO	WT Kg	AL cm	HOR	IU or mg/ /Kg fish	NFS	%F.S	TS	NER	%FER	%H	SUR %
Female	3	1.5	45.2	HCG	2250IU	3	100	12	18019	60	27	60
Female	3	1.9	48.5	HCG	1500IU	3	100	13	13003	65	11	40
Female	3	2.1	49.1	HCG	2500IU	3	100	11	14211	75	5	50
Female	6	3.2	48.2	HCG	500IU	4	66.6	12	18000	0	0	-
Female	12	2.8	46.1	SGnRH _a	50mg	7	58.3	15	24002	45	29	25
Female	6	3.1	45.1	SGnRH _a	100mg	3	50	14	8500	-	-	-
Female	9	2.6	47.8	Control	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	0
Male	6	2.2	45.1	HCG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	24	3.5	48.6	SGnRH _a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Fig-1: clarias lazera



Fig-2: method of injection

DISCUSSION SGnRH_a

Adebay [10] used 0.3 ml ovaprim / kg of *Claris gariepinus*. Eggs release occurred 11- 18 hours later. In the present study same results were obtained with SGnRH_a at concentration of 0.3, 0.4 and 0.5 ml / kg lazera weight.

The present study also agrees with Brzuska [11] who successfully used SGnRH_a (0.5 ml /kg) for females of African cat fish; Haniffa *et al.* [12] and Sridhar *et al.* [12] used ovaprin (LC-RH_a) at 0.3 – 0.5 ml / kg fish body weight. Their results agree with results obtained for SGnRH_a with females in the present study (**table 1, 2**).

HCG

In the present study HCG was used at concentrations of 1000 - 2500 IU for stripping of lazera was (66.6 – 100 % success). This stimulated eggs release after 8 to 13 hours (**table 2**). This agrees with Thalathiasi *et al.* [13] Carreon *et al.* [14] and Alaiwa [8]. Sahoo *et al.* [15] injected Asian cat fish by HCG (3000 – 4000 IU per kg body weight); the fish were stripped after 11 hours. ANIM [16] injected Australian fresh water fish Murray code and *Maccullochella peedi* by HCG (1000, 2000 IU) / kg body weight, stripping occurred and this agree with this study.

The results of this study showed hatching occurred after 24-48 hours for lazera. FAO [17] reported that the spawning time for Chinese carp, depends mainly on temperature of culture water; optimum 25 C° - and maximum 31 C° , this result agrees with the present study. Haniffa [18] used HCG (1000, 2000, and 3000IU) 1ml/kg body weight of *C punctatus*, it gave successful stripping and this result agrees with this present study.

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