

SOME INVESTIGATIONS ON THE SATURN (HERBICIDE) IN CULTURED COMMON CARP (*CYPRINUS CARPIO L.*) AT KAFR EL-SHEIKH GOVERNORATE

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ABSTRACT

*The effects of carbamate herbicide, Saturn, on the health status of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) were studied. The LC₅₀ of Saturn herbicide was 9.4 ppm/48 hours. Fish exposed to different concentrations of Saturn (1/2 and 1/10 LC₅₀) for different periods of 7 days and 6 weeks, respectively; showed nervous and respiratory disorders manifested by surfacing, gasping, rapid opercular movements and abnormal swimming behaviour.*

The biochemical functions of the liver; showed significant increase in aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activities all over the experimental period.

Histopathological investigations revealed different pathological tissue alterations in both liver and kidneys.

The residual analysis of Saturn in flesh and liver revealed presence of such herbicide in these tissues in different values depending on the used concentration and time of exposure.

INTRODUCTION

Pesticides constitute now one of the most important chemical pollution problems all over the world, they lead to acute mortalities for the exposed fishes and/or impairment of growth and decrease in body weight gain (*Mason, 1991 and Ola 1997*).

Saturn (S-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N, N-diethyl carbamothioate) is one of the most widely used selective herbicides for controlling the undesirable weeds growing in rice fields all over the world. (*Pluta, 1989*).

It had a residual activity for many years, that away from their direct lethal effects on fish health, the suspected accumulation of herbicides residues in the flesh of exposed fishes to sublethal concentration has also, a public health hazards for the human consumers (*Mason, 1991*).

The present study was planned to investigate the toxic effect of the carbamate herbicide (saturn) on Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*); Through measurement of medium lethal concentration (LC50) of Saturn herbicide for cultured Common carp, Biochemical investigation of the liver functions after acute and chronic exposure to Saturn. Also, determination of the herbicide residues in different body organs of exposed fish; as well as Studying the histopathological alterations in fish exposed to acute and chronic toxicities of the Saturn.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Fish:

A total number of 240 live Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) collected from El-Khashaa fish farm at Kafr El-Sheikh governorate were used in the present study. All fish were apparently healthy and with a body weight ranging from 80-100 g and total length of 12-14 cm. The fish were kept in full glass aquaria supplied with chlorine-free water; two days prior to application of the herbicide (saturn) for acclimatization of fish. Before the experiment; the fish were not fed to avoid excess of excretory matters which may affect the chemical composition of water and to minimize the influence of food on oxygen and blood parameters (*Halte, 1986*).

B. Chemical used:

Saturn herbicide; is a carbamate herbicide, S-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N, N-diethyl thiocarbamate. [Supplied by Egyptian Kafr El-Zayat Pesticide and Chemicals Co.

- Determination of half lethal concentration (LC₅₀) of Saturn:

Two trials were designed for determination of the LC₅₀ after 48 hours in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio l.*). In pilot experiment, fish were divided into 5 groups (10 fish in each) to determine 0 and 100% mortality.

Further confirmatory experiment was performed as groups of common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*). Were exposed to several concentrations to determine the LC50, while a group was left as a control one.

The determination of LC50 of saturn herbicide was performed mathematically according to *Finney (1964)*. Which depends on the determination of the highest concentration that fails to kill any fish (LC0) and the minimal concentration that kills all fish (LC100). Assessment of the equal dose-response curve was performed according to *Dipalma (1982)*.

C. Toxicity study: -

A total number of 110 fish were divided into 2 groups kept under optimal environmental conditions as mentioned before. The fish groups were treated as follows:-

- Group I (Chronic Intoxication, long term exposure):

This group contains 70 fish; 10 of which were kept as control and the other 60 fishes were divided into 6 groups in glass aquaria containing 1/10 LC50 concentration (0.9 ppm) for six weeks exposure (chronic intoxication).

- Group II (Acute Intoxication, short-term exposure):

This group contains 40 fish; 10 of which were kept as control and the other 30 fish were divided into 3 groups in glass aquaria containing 1/2 LC50 concentration (4.7 ppm) for one-week exposure.

Biochemical analysis: -

Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) were determined by ready-made kits provided by Bio-Adwic, Egypt; (Code No. 80509) according to Reitman and *Frankel (1957)* and their activities were measured spectrophotometrically at wave length 546 nm.

Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity was determined according to *Bauer (1982)* using ready-made kits provided by Bio-Adwic, Egypt; (Code No. 83111) and ALP activity was measured spectrophotometrically at wave length 405 nm.

Residual analysis:

The concentration level of accumulated Saturn residues in the examined samples were determined by a procedure described by AOAC (1975), in which thoroughly blending homogenized samples (muscles, liver) with known weight. The Saturn was extracted from tissues with acetonitrile, the extract was partitioned with hexane, purified through florisil layer, concentrated and injected to Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) plates coated with Silica gel.

- Clinical examination of experimental fish:

Clinical examination of experimental fish was carried out according to the method described by *Amlacker (1970)*. Fish were weighed, measured, then the different body organs were precisely examined for any clinical abnormalities.

- Histopathological examination:

Samples from liver and kidneys were collected daily for one week from acute intoxicated fish and collected at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th weeks from chronic intoxicated fish.

Tissue specimens were fixed in 10% buffered formalin solution as the paraffin embedding methods then sectioned at 4-5 microns and stained by Hematoxylin and Eosin stain according to *Carlton et al., (1967)*.

- Statistical analysis:

The obtained results were statistically analyzed with the student "t" test according to Petrie and *Watson (1999)*.

RESULTS

Determination of LC50 of saturn in common carp (Cyprinus carpio L.):-

The LC50 for saturn herbicide in common carp was found to be 9.4 ppm.

The Calculation was done as follows:

A Preliminary trial for determination of zero% and 100% mortality for saturn herbicide:

Table (1): A Preliminary trial for determination of LC50 of saturn in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.).

Conc. (ppm)	Log. Conc.	No. of fish	No. of dead	Mortality %
Control	-	10	0	0
2.5	0.39794	10	0	0
5.0	0.69897*	10	0	0
14.93	1.17397**	10	10	100
16	1.20412	10	10	100
18	1.25527	10	10	100

* The highest concentration of saturn which does not kill any fish (LC0).

** The lowest concentration of saturn which kill all fish (LC100).

Determination of LC50 of saturn in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.).

Table (2): A Preliminary trial for determination of LC50 of saturn in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.).

Conc. (ppm)	Log. Conc.	Log. conc. Interval	No. of fish	No. of Dead	Mortality %
Control	-	-	10	0	0
5.0*	0.69897	0.095	10	0	0
6.22	0.79397	0.095	10	1	10
7.7	0.88897	0.095	10	3	30
9.6	0.98397	0.095	10	5	50
11.9	1.07897	0.095	10	7	70
14.93**	1.17397	0.095	10	10	100
Sum				26	

Log LC50 = 0.97447

LC50 (antilog) = 9.429095 ppm

* The highest concentration of saturn which does not kill any fish.

** The lowest concentration of saturn which kill all fish.

Table (3): The effect of Saturn herbicide on some serum enzymatic activities (u/l) in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.) after exposure to Saturn by conc. of 4.7 ppm for 7 days (n = 5, mean ± S.E.).

Duration (days)	AST	ALT	ALP
0	29.23 ± 0.73 ^A	21.84 ± 0.57 ^A	82.44 ± 1.99 ^A
3	39.7 ± 0.62 ^{ab}	33.87 ± 0.68 ^{ab}	95.84 ± 2.05 ^{ab}
5	43.2 ± 0.66 ^{abc}	40.2 ± 0.65 ^{abc}	105.6 ± 1.85 ^{abc}
7	65.9 ± 1.23 ^{abc}	63.58 ± 0.98 ^{abc}	119.85 ± 2.15 ^{abc}
F-calculated	14.652*	13.258*	19.658*

* Significant at P < 0.05 using ANOVA test.

Aa, Bb and Cc significantly difference against capital litterat P<0.05 using Least Significant Difference (LSD) as comparative of means.

Table (4): The effect of Saturn herbicide on some serum enzymatic activities (u/l) in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.) after exposure to Saturn by the dose of 0.94 ppm for 6 weeks (n = 5, mean ± S.E.).

Duration (weeks)	AST	ALT	ALP
0	29.23 ± 0.73 ^A	21.84 ± 0.57 ^A	82.44 ± 1.99 ^A
1	31.5 ± 0.54 ^{AB}	27.8 ± 0.81 ^{AB}	91.85 ± 1.84 ^{AB}
2	37.8 ± 0.67 ^{abC}	32.5 ± 0.81 ^{abC}	99.8 ± 1.65 ^{abC}
3	45.8 ± 0.98 ^{abcD}	44.9 ± 1.02 ^{abcD}	108.7 ± 1.18 ^{abcD}
4	51.6 ± 1.02 ^{abcDE}	53.8 ± 0.71 ^{abcDE}	117.8 ± 2.01 ^{abcDE}
5	62.5 ± 1.06 ^{abcdeF}	66.8 ± 0.98 ^{abcdeF}	127.9 ± 2.16 ^{abcdeF}
6	73.5 ± 1.23 ^{abcdef}	72.5 ± 1.25 ^{abcdef}	136.9 ± 1.85 ^{abcdef}
F-calculated	9.854*	12.654*	16.9854*

* Significant at P < 0.05 using ANOVA test.

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff significantly difference against capital litter at P<0.05 using Least Significant Difference (LSD) as comparative of means.

Table (5): The Saturn residues in tested organs (ppm) in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.) after exposure to Saturn by conc. Of 4.7 ppm for 7 days (n = 5, mean ± S.E.).

	Days of Treatment			F - calculated
	3	5	7	
Liver	1.084 ± 0.012	1.351 ± 0.055	1.667 ± 0.051	4.264*
Muscle	0.145 ± 0.005	0.185 ± 0.008	0.198 ± 0.007	0.9854

Table (6): The Saturn residues in tested organs (ppm) in common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.) after exposure to Saturn by conc. Of 0.94 ppm for 6 weeks (n = 5, mean ± S.E.).

	Weeks of treatment						F-calculated
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Liver	0.875 ± 0.012	0.985 ± 0.013	1.135 ± 0.016	1.354 ± 0.018	1.547 ± 0.013	1.612 ± 0.021	3.2658*
Muscle	0.087 ± 0.005	0.099 ± 0.006	0.108 ± 0.008	0.125 ± 0.011	0.151 ± 0.022	0.161 ± 0.034	4.625*

Residues of saturn herbicide in flesh and liver of exposed common carp:-

Residues of saturn herbicide were determined in flesh and liver of exposed common carp at the end of one week exposure to $\frac{1}{2}$ LC50 of saturn (4.7ppm) showed increase in both flesh and liver through the 7 days of exposure (Table, 5). Residues of saturn in flesh and liver of exposed common carp at the end of the 6 week post exposure to $\frac{1}{10}$ LC50 of saturn (0.94ppm) were significantly increased gradually through the experimental period (Table, 6).

Results of histo-pathological changes in common carp exposed to saturn herbicide:-

Histopathological examination of liver and kidney, of common carp exposed to $\frac{1}{2}$ LC50 for 7 days or $\frac{1}{10}$ LC50 for 6 weeks showed severe to moderate pathological alterations depending on the conc. and time of exposure.

The acute toxicity in the liver sections showed (fig. 1 a&b); That the central veins, sinusoids and portal blood vessels appeared congested and engorged with blood accompanied areas of haemorrhages dissociating hepatocytes from each others. The hepatocytes were swollen and suffered from different degenerative changes as granulation and vaculation of their cytoplasm. In the kidneys (fig. 1 c&d), the renal blood vessels were congested and engorged with blood associated with areas of haemorrhages in interstitial tissue. The epithelial lining of renal tubules were suffered from cloudy swelling and vacuolar degeneration.

The chronic toxicity in Liver showed congestion of central veins, sinusoids and portal blood vessels began to disappear. The only pathological changes observed in liver were enlargement and presence of eosinophilic granules in the cytoplasm of most hepatocytes (Fig. 2a). Kidney the kidney showed signs of interstitial nephritis manifested by presence of aggregation of macrophages and lymphocytes with focal aggregation of melanophores in interstitial tissue in between renal tubules in some cases. Hyaline cast and vacuolation of the epithelial lining of some renal tubules were evident in most examined case (Fig. 2b).

DISCUSSION

Saturn has lethal and toxic effect at certain dose levels and is considered as toxic hazard to the aquatic environment.

LC50 of Saturn was estimated in Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.). The obtained results showed that the LC50 of Saturn was found to be 9.4 mg/l. This result was compared with that mentioned by *Shaaban et al. (1980)* who reported that the LC50 of Diquat herbicide on *Tilapia nilotica* was 200 ppm,

As the purpose of toxicity testing is to decide whether a compound is safe or not and detecting the toxic hazard of exposure taking in regard the sensitivity of fish to any aquatic pollution. Safety evaluation studies are used to define the potential of a compound to cause damage, and from this information reducing the concentration causing such effect.

The LC50 has been defined as being a numerical index that gives some information about the acute toxicity of a chemical substance in experimental fish. The definitive LC50 is a best estimate with statistically established confidence limits (*Balls et al., 1983*). At this dose level death is rapid simulating what happens in field condition as result of short term exposure to sublethal or lethal concentration (*Kaloyanova and El-Batawi, 1991*).

The main clinical signs demonstrated in the common carp (*Cyprinus carpio* L.) exposed to Saturn were in the form of respiratory and nervous manifestations represented by asphyxia and abnormal swimming behavior. These observations could be attributed to the inhibitory action of the Saturn on the respiratory enzyme system; That may lower the oxygen tension; which is considered as stress that activates the hypothalamus-hypophysis-adrenal endocrine system and stimulate the autonomic nervous system (*Faisal et al., 1988*).

In consequence high levels of corticosteroids and catecholamines in fish blood negatively affect the process of lymphopoiesis and interfere with the synthesis of ascorbic acid (*Fry, 1969; Mayer, 1970; Plumb et al., 1976; Peters, 1977* and *Mazeaud, 1977*).

Concerning the biochemical changes in the fish blood; Saturn induced nephrotoxicity and hepatic injury. The susceptibility of the liver and kidney to toxic insult is usually related to the role they play in biotransformation and disposition of xenobiotics. Extrahepatic metabolism of toxin by Oxidases may affect the target organ and potentiate hepatotoxicity and nephrotoxicity of given xenobiotic (*Miyai, 1991 and Kaneko et al., 1997*).

The changes in the biochemical parameters, measured in biological fluid, may often be among the more sensitive indicators of early changes due to the hazardous exposure to insecticides (*Heath et al., 1987; Abo-Hegab et al., 1989 and Safi, 1996*).

Serum AST and ALT occurs in most cells, however they are useful in evaluating hepatocellular and muscular injury because of the high activity in these tissues (*Kaneko et al., 1997*). From the present investigation, it was noticed that Saturn at both concentrations (4.7 PPM for 7 days and 0.9 PPM for 6 weeks) induced a high significant increase in the activities of aspartate aminotransferase (AST); alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) all over the experimental periods; taking in consideration that this effect was dose and time dependant.

Similar to this observation, a significant elevation in serum enzymatic activities of AST, ALT and ALP was reported by *Shehata et al. (1985)* in *Tilapia nilotica* exposed to molluscicide baylucid, *Moussa et al. (1994)* who noticed an increase in the serum ALT and AST level of catfish (*Clarias lazera*) after 48, 72 and 96 hours of baylucid exposure and *Ola (1997)* who recorded that the liver and kidney function of common carp exposed to ½ LC50 (0.185 ppm) of Baylucid for 7 days showed slight decrease followed by increase in AST value, significant increase in ALT activity, significant decrease followed by increase in ALP activity. In common carp exposed to 1/10 LC50 (0.037 ppm) of Baylucid for 4 weeks significant increase in AST, fluctuations in activity of ALT, high significant increase followed by decrease in ALP activity were recorded.

The results of hepatic damage in tested fish, were coincided by the histopathological observations mentioned by *Hansen et al. (1971)* in pinfish (*Lagodon rhomboids*) and spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*) exposed to polychlorinated biphenyl aroclor 1254; *Couch (1975)* in fish exposed to polychlorinated niphenyls; *Shaaban et al. (1980)* in *Clarias lazera* and *Tilapia nilotica* exposed to Diquat herbicide; *Sastry and Sharma (1981)* in freshwater teleost (*Ophiocephalus punctatus*) exposed to 0.4 mg/L diazinon and *Nafady et al. (1986)* and *Marzouk and Bakeer (1991)* in *Oreochromis niloticus*; intoxicated with bayluscide. Similarly, *Cruzet al. (1988)* showed that liver of fish exposed to 5 ppm Aquatin for 24 hours had extensive necrotic hepatocytes. Fish exposed to 4 ppm aquatin showed fibrosis and congestion of sinusoids. Fish that survived after 96 hours of exposure in 1-ppm aquatin exhibited vacuolation of hepatocytes and sinusoidal congestion.

The authors added that liver of fish exposed to 0.5 ppm and 0.3 ppm Brestan (BTN) showed necrosis of hepatocytes and loss of cellular outline. Pyknotic nuclei and fibrotic tissue were abundant furthermore. **Johnson (1988)** showed that liver parenchymal necrosis, congestion, loss of hepatic muralia and fibrosis are non specific liver lesions associated with pesticide toxicity. **Abd El-Nasser et al. (1991)** reported the toxopathological changes in the liver of Tilapia exposed to primior and Nuvacron or the mixture of both. In the early stage (first and second weeks). At the end of the third week prominent vacuolar degenerative changes were observed in hepatic cells. These vacuolar changes were of focal distribution. In addition congestion and erythrocytic haemolysis in the blood vessels and sinusoids were seen. At the fourth week, necrosis of the hepatic cells was prominent along with the other changes previously observed in the liver. **Marzouk and Bakeer (1991)** described the histopathological alteration in the tissue of fish died 2 hours after exposure to high concentration of bayluscid (0.7 mg/l). The liver showed granular and vacuolar degeneration of hepatocytes. On other hand, the histopathological changes in Nile tilapia exposed to sublethal concentration (0.4 mg/l) for 4 days were severe vacuolar degeneration with rupture of hepatocytes and extravasation of red blood cells associated with brown pigmentation. **El Swak et al. (1992)** recorded the effect of ametryne at doses of (1 & 2 mg/l) for 1, 2 and 4 weeks on common carp fish (*Cyprinus carpio* L.). Liver showed congestion, haemorrhage and degenerative changes in hepatocytes with extensive areas of fatty change. **Eissa and Fatma (1994)** observed congestion in liver of catfish (*Clarias lazera*) exposed to Ametryne (herbicide). Also, **Ola (1997)** observed that common carp exposed to bayluscid showed pathological lesions in the liver in the form of multiple vacuoles with smooth edges in hepatocytes. Nucleus revealed pyknotic changes.

Liver of vertebrates generally and fish particularly is the principal organ of detoxification and is the potential site for lipid deposition (**Freeman et al., 1983**). So exposure of fish to any toxic substance give its indicator on liver which is the site of detoxification of any toxic substance enter the body. The elevations in the activities of AST and ALT recorded in the present investigation may be attributed to hepatitis occurred due to saturn (**Meyer et al., 1992; Evans, 1996 and Parums, 1996**).

In any form of liver disease associated with necrosis of the hepatic tissues (as with drugs, pesticides or chemicals induced injury), serum AST

and ALT levels are elevated even before clinical signs of the disease appear (*Zimmerman and Henry, 1989; Linne and Ringsrud, 1992*). Elevations of these enzymes in blood have been used as an indicator of altered permeability of plasma membrane and/or cellular damage (*Dortman and Lawhorn, 1978*). *Tressler (1988)* mentioned that elevation in serum AST results from conditions causing injury to cardiac muscles, hepatic tissue and skeletal muscles cells, but ALT levels increased essentially with liver disease (*Kachman and Moss, 1976*). However, according to *Henry (1979)*, the elevation of AST and ALT, along with the elevation of ALP activities may reflect some necro-inflammatory disease of the liver (*Henry, 1979 and Varley et al., 1980*).

The measurement of pesticide residues in various tissues (liver, and muscles of fish) are very important to public health (*Johnson et al., 1993 and Garcia-Repetto et al., 1995*).

Regarding saturn residues the present results verified retention of saturn in liver and muscles. The preference of it for various tissue was established as liver > flesh at both dose levels of exposed common carp during the exposure to $\frac{1}{2}$ LC50 of saturn 4.7 ppm for 7 days and 0.9 ppm for 6 weeks showed significant increase gradually through the experimental period which appear to be dose and time-dependant.

Organophosphorus pesticides persist only slightly in the environment and in the tissues of living organisms (*W.H.O., 1985*). The persistence of saturn may be attributed to limit elimination and/or biotransformation of saturn in body and its distribution in organs despite the rapid hydrolysis of organophosphate in vitro (*Anees, 1975*). The highest concentration of saturn was noticed in kidney, liver followed by muscles, these results indicated that saturn has high lipid solubility and deposits in fat tissue.

Liver is the site of biotoxication in the body so, the residual concentration have shown to be increased with increasing time of exposure. This finding give an evidence on the hepatotoxic results observed in this study.

In conclusion, saturn has a potential toxicity hazard in fish and other non-target organisms in the aquatic environment, the matter of which its use as herbicidal agent should be restricted and its escape to fish culture systems should be avoided.

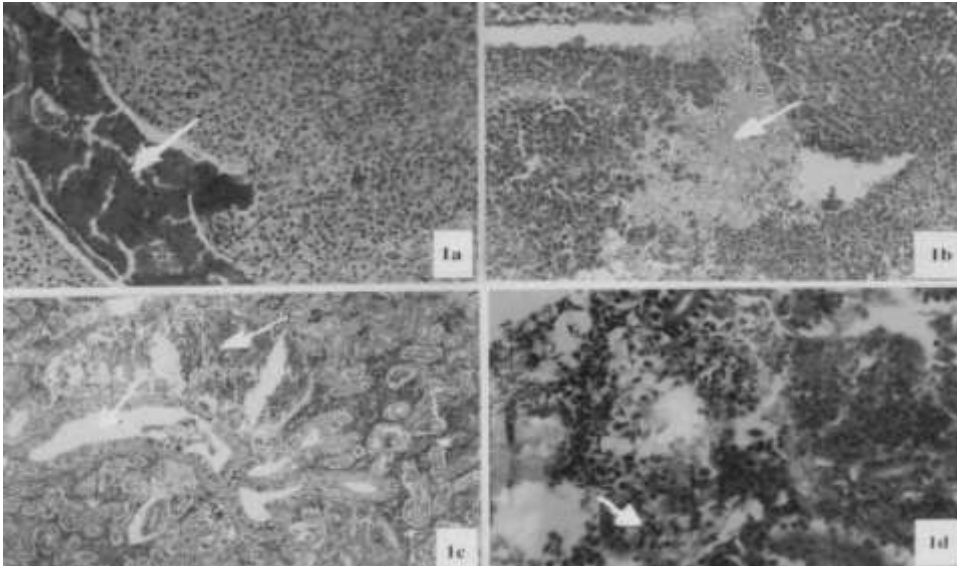


Fig. (1):

- (a) Liver of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 4.7 ppm Saturn for one week showing congestion of central vein. Notice vacuolation of cytoplasm of most hepatocytes (H & E X 33).
- (b) Liver of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 4.7 ppm Saturn for one week showing area of haemorrhage displacing the hepatocytes from each other (H & E X 33).
- (c) Kidney of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 4.7 ppm Saturn for one week showing congestion and dilatation of renal blood vessels (H & E X 33).
- (d) Kidney of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 4.7 ppm Saturn for one week showing haemorrhages inbetween renal parenchyma. Notice vacuolar degeneration of some renal epithelium (arrow) (H & E X 66).

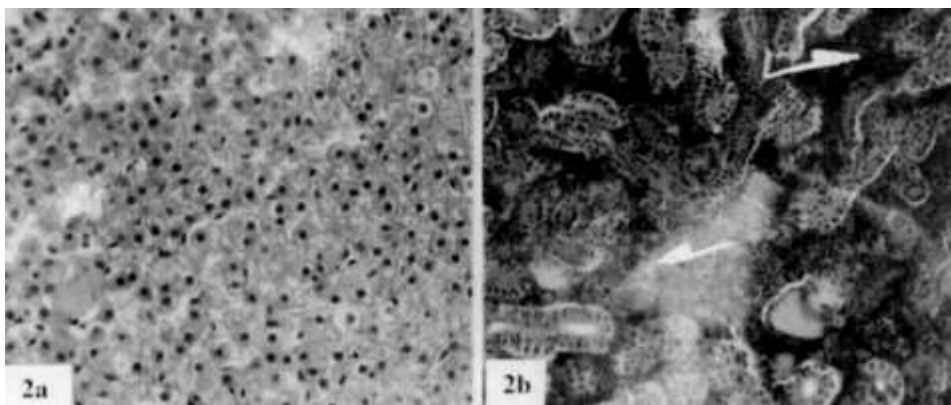


Fig. (2):

- (a) Liver of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 0.94 ppm Saturn for 6 week showing enlargement and granulation of the cytoplasm of hepatocytes (H & E X 66).
- (b) Kidney of Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio L.*) exposed to 0.94 ppm Saturn for 6 week showing focal aggregation of mononuclear inflammatory cells in addition to melanophores (arrow) (H & E X 33).

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بعض الأبحاث على الساترن (مبيد عشبي) على أسماك المبروك العادى

المستزرع فى محافظة كفر الشيخ

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تم دراسة تأثير مبيد الحشائش من مجموعة الكريامات المعروف باسم الساترن، على صحة أسماك المبروك العادى والمستزرعة فى محافظة كفر الشيخ.

- تم تحديد التركيز المبيت (LC 50) من الساترن لأسماك المبروك، وقد وجد أنه 9.4 من المليون/48 ساعة.

- تم تعريض مجموعة من الأسماك لنصف وعشر الجرعة النصف مميتة من المبيد لمدة سبعة أيام وستة أسابيع كلاً على حدة، فأظهرت أعراض مرضية عصبية وتنفسية تمثلت في عوم الأسماك على سطح الماء وابتلاع الهواء الجوى والحركة السريعة لغطاء الخياشيم واختلال طريقة العوم.
- أظهرت نتائج الاختبارات البيوكيميائية على مصل دم اسماك المبروك المعرضة للمبيد وجود زيادة معنوية في نشاط أنزيمات الكبد مثل الاسبرتات أمينو ترانس فيريز (AST)، والالانين أمينو ترانس فيريز (ALT)، والالكالين فوسفاتيز (ALP) طوال فترة التجارب.
- أظهرت الفحوص الهستوباثولوجية لأسماك المبروك التى تعرضت للمبيد، وجود تغيرات مرضية خلوية في الأعضاء المختلفة مثل الكبد والكلى.
- أثبتت نتائج تحليل أنسجة عضلات وكبد الأسماك المعرضة لتركيزات مختلفة من المبيد، وجود بقايا المبيد في هذه الأنسجة بنسب تتناسب مع تركيز المبيد فى المياه وفترة تعرض الأسماك لها.