

Toxicological effects of p-xylene on the juvenile flounder(*Paraichthys OLIVACEUS*)

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Abstract: Acute and sub-chronic toxicity tests using *Paraichthys OLIVACEUS* were conducted, in order to evaluate the toxicological effects of one of the most typical hazardous and marvelous sessions, p-xylene. The cultural effects studied in the present study include the acute lethal effect, growth inhibition, as well as biomarkers which could indicate the genotoxicity, neurotoxicity and of p-xylene. The results showed that the 96 h LC₅₀ of p-xylene on Juvenile *P. OLIVACEUS* was 45.7 mg · L⁻¹. Exposure to p-xylene with concentration no less than 2.3 mg · L⁻¹ caused significant growth inhibition of the Covenant. MDA content and DNA

Damage in fish liver was significantly increased and the activity of AChE in fish brain was significantly inhibited after 4.6 and 9.2 mg · L⁻¹ p-xylene exposure for 28 days. Exposure to 9.2 mg · L⁻¹ p-xylene for 28 days used significant reduce of total erythrocyte counts and lysozyme activity. These results indicate that the long-term effect of p-xylene lead to oxidative stress and DNA damage. The results-oriented in this study provided data for marine ecotoxicological assessment of p-xylene and could contribute to a better understanding of the toxicological mechanism of p-xylene in fish.

Keywords: P-xylene; *Paraichthys olivaceus*; Lethal effect; chronic toxicity

P-xylene is an important industrial raw material and widely used in pesticides, plastics and fiber synthesis. 2015 Annual global production of p-xylene 3.696 Ten thousand tons, of which China's annual output reached 882 Million tons, accounting for the annual production of global p-xylene 23%. Studies on mammals show that p-xylene is neurotoxic, Genetic poison

Currently, p-xylene has been listed by the International Maritime Organization as a dangerous chemical with high leakage risk.^[4] 2007 P-xylene Leakage Occurred on a foreign ship at Hengjida Xin Chemical Wharf, Zhuhai Port, China. 400 ASCENDING p-xylene pours into the sea^[5]. Currently, there are few studies on the toxicity of p-xylene to aquatic organisms. Van Jawai and Zhou Qixing^[6] The acute lethal effect of xylene on zebrafish was studied. However, the sensitivity of sea fish and freshwater fish to xylene may be different. Therefore, it is urgent to understand the toxic effects of hazardous chemicals such as para-xylene on marine life, especially economic species, so as to provide evidence for risk assessment of marine hazardous chemicals leakage.

In recent years, China's aquaculture industry has developed rapidly. 2012 China's sea Culture Area 2180 927 Hectares, breeding production 1.643.81 Million tons of marine fish 100 Ten thousand tons^[7]. *PARALICHTHYS OLIVACEUS* (*Paraichthys OLIVACEUS*) It is a valuable cold and warm marine fish with high economic value. 10 In the past few years, it has gradually become an important breeding fish species in the Yellow Sea and Bohai Sea of China.^[8] Xylene including o-xylene, m-xylene and p-xylene. In this study, the most widely used paraxylene was used to

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study the lethal effect and Growth Inhibition Effect of paraxylene on juvenile *Paralichthys olivaceus* through acute and sub-chronic exposure tests, determination of lipid peroxidation in the liver of juvenile *Paralichthys olivaceus* under p-xylene Stress, DNA Damage Effect, AChE activity in Brain Tissue (AChE), Analysis of the Genetic Toxicity of p-xylene to Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus*), In order to provide a scientific basis for the marine eco-toxicological evaluation of p-xylene, the neurotoxicity and immune toxicity of p-xylene were studied..

1. Materials and Methods (Materials and Methods)

1.1 Experimental fish

Juvenile Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus*) from the Yellow Sea Water of Yantai Haiyang City Breeding Factory. Specifications for laboratory fish. One is after hatching. Average body length of juvenile 4 ~ 6 cm, The average weight is (4.2 ± 0.3) g. Used in acute toxicity tests. Another specification is after incubation 6 months of juvenile average body length 6 ~ 8 cm. Average weight (6.7 ± 0.6) g. Was for growth experimental and Chronic Toxicity Test. Experimental fish. Of 10. Foster conditions: Dissolved Oxygen 7.0 ~ 7.5 mg in L⁻¹. Salinity 33 ~ 35. Temperature (18 ± 1) °C. PH 8.1. Foster during feeding Granville brand fish feed every day. Feeding of for experimental with fish weight 3%.

1.2 Acute Toxicity Test

Acute toxicity test reference OECD (Organization. E-Conomic cooperation, development) Chemicals test guidelines for^[9] Of is set 5. A exposure concentration and 1 A blank control every group is set 3. A parallel. Exposure concentration respectively Natural 20, 40, 80, And 320 mg in L⁻¹. This experiment using semi-static test methods every 24 Hour for a replacement 95%. The test liquid test during continuous inflatable and as far as possible to keep the sink in seal state. P-xylene exposure experimental conditions and foster during keep consistent. In exposure 96 h. During the processing group random 6 Times take water samples determination water in p-xylene concentration 6 Times average said p-xylene of actual concentration. Water in p-xylene content determination reference top empty-Capillary column gas chromatography method

(GB/T-5750.8-2006)^[10] The Agilent 6890N Style Gas Chromatography Capillary chromatographic column FFAP 25 m × 0.32 mm; Carrier gas for high purity nitrogen; Gas for pure hydrogen; Into-like temperature 150; Column temperature 50; Detector temperature 160; Line Flow Rate

CM s⁻¹; Shunt than 10:1; Into-like of 800 μL. Fish death of judgment standard for glass rod touch tail no any-Should be. Test data using probability unit analytic method to find 96 h. The semi-lethal concentration (LC₅₀) And its 95% Confidence Interval.

1.3 28 d Chronic exposure experimental

1.3.1 28 d Chronic exposure test design

According to the acute toxicity of experimental results select 96 h-IC₅₀ Of 1/20, 1/40 And 1/80 As 3 A sub-chronic toxicity test exposure concentration 2.3, 4.6 And 9.2 mg in L⁻¹, Each set 3. The experimental conditions are consistent with the acute toxicity test. Before the test starts 28 d. After that, each group 8. Body weight measured by tail test fish for Calculation Changes in weight gain rate and specific growth rate of fish^[11]. The formulas for weight gain rate and specific growth rate are as follows: Weight gain rate(%) = (W₂-W₁) * 100/W₁., Specific growth rate(%) = 100 x [(LN)W₂-lnW₁]/T].

Among them W₂. And W₁. The weight at the end and at the beginning, T Represents the time of exposure. D After the start of the experiment 0, 7, 14, 21. And 28 d. Time sampling for the determination of subchronic toxicity. Randomly selected from each sink during sampling 8. Juvenile Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus*) 2 mL Blood was taken from the tail vein by syringe and blood cell count was immediately performed.^[12]. Remaining blood samples in 4. Xia, Jing 2 000 r. Min⁻¹ Centrifugal Separation, collecting serum-80 Cryopreservation for the determination of lysozyme activity. After blood extraction, the fish was quickly dissected and the liver and brain tissues were extracted and frozen in liquid nitrogen. -80 For Lipid Peroxidation, DNA Injury and ache (AChE) Activity Determination.

1.3.2 Determination of Physiological and Biochemical Indexes

Method for Determination of secondary oxidation product propylene two

0.125 mol · L⁻¹, Na₂EDTA 0.05 mol · L⁻¹) In the ice bath, after homogenization 4., 1 200g Centrifugal 30 min The supernatant was collected for the determination of experimental indicators. Take 200 μL Supernatant, add 100 μL 20% TCA (Contains 1 mmol · L⁻¹ FeSO₄) And 200 μL 0.67% Thiobarbituric acid reagent, in 90 Water Bath 10 min, 000 r. Min⁻¹ Centrifugal 5 min, Take 200 μL Supernatant in 530 nm Read Absorbance Od 530, Unit Nmol · mg⁻¹. Protein Content Determination to bovine serum albumin for standard Brad-Ford Of methods^[14] Determination.

DNA Alkali helicase of determination methods reference Ching Of methods^[15]

Using Fluorescence Spectrophotometer quantitative organization in double-stranded and Single Chain DNA Content, DNA Of integrity F Value said calculation formula $F = (X_{A_{udna}} - X_{S_{DNA}}) / (X_{D_{sDNA}} - X_{S_{DNA}}) - \ln X$ For

Is iodide study Acetyl choline was AChE Decomposition for acetic acid and study choline and DTNB Generate a of yellow complex in 412 nm The color. Take 100 μL Of phosphate buffer in join 50 Wall micro-bacteria freeze-dried powder for substrate PH = 6.4 Of potassium phosphate buffer with substrate suspension take 200 μL The suspension and Natural 20 μL To be measured liquid serum in 96 Hole ELISA plate in mixing in 570 nm The measurement Absorbance A1 28 Under water bath 30 min Termination reaction determination Absorbance A2. And the activity of Lysozyme (U in mL⁻¹) Measurement style $(A1 - A2) / A2$.

1.4 Data Analysis

All experimental results were 3 A parallel group of average ± Standard Deviation (Means ± S. D) Said. With data software SPSS 17.0 The single factors Variance Analysis (One-way ANOVA) And Duncan Test, P < 0.05 Representative difference significantly.

2. Experimental results (REsults)

2.1 Death and growth

Concentration of p-xylene in water of different concentration groups

Degrees respectively (18.25 ± 0.5), (34.52 ± 0.5), (72.63 ± 0.8), (147.24 ± 0.6) And (303.77 ± 0.5) mg · L⁻¹. P-xylene against juvenile PARALICHTHYS OLIVACEUS 96 h-IC₅₀ Yes 45.7 (33.516 ~ 59.741) Mg · L⁻¹. Regression Equation $Y = -4.328 + 2.607X$. During the experiment, there was no death in the control group. 20 mg · L⁻¹ The mortality rate was 25%, 320 mg · L⁻¹ The mortality rate of juvenile Japanese flounder in the exposure group was 100%.

Such as chart 1. For young Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus) 28 d After exposure, gain weight Inhibition of rates and specific growth rates. 2.3, 4.6 And 9.2 mg · L⁻¹ Exposure group of weight gain rate and specific growth rate and the control group compared by significant suppression (P < 0.05). Which 9.2 mg in L⁻¹ Of exposure group in brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile of growth inhibition to achieve highest weight gain rate and specific growth rate respectively for the control group 21.27% And 23.07%.

2.2 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile liver of lipid peroxidation and DNA Damage Effect

After different concentration and time of p-xylene exposure after experimental fish liver organization MDA Content Change as shown in Figure 1 Shown in: In 7/d When, 2.3 mg in L⁻¹ Concentration group in MDA There was no significant difference in content compared with the control group. (P Less than 0.05). From 14 d At the beginning, each concentration group MDA Compared with the control group, the content showed significant difference. (P Less than 0.05) For each concentration group MDA The content showed a trend of first increasing and then decreasing. 2.3 mg · L⁻¹ And 4.2 mg · L⁻¹ In the liver of juvenile Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus) MDA Content in 14 d Reached the highest value, and the content 175.11% And 175.85%. 9.2 mg · L⁻¹ Observed in the exposure group, MDA Content in 21 d Time Reached the highest value, its content accounted for about the control group 197.71%.

2.3 Effects of p-xylene on brain tissue of juvenile PARALICHTHYS

OLIVACEUS Ache Energetic

Impact

Exposure to p-xylene Ache There is a significant dose of activity-Effect relation (Figure 3): With the increase of exposure time and concentration, 2.3, 4.6 and 9.2 mg · L⁻¹ Of the exposure group Ache Activity decreased significantly compared with control group (P < 0.05) And in 28 d Reached the minimum value in the control group. 78.11%, 65.11%, 57.40%.

2.4 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile of total blood cell quantity and lysozyme activity of influence

P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile of total blood cells quantity influence significantly (P < 0.05) 7/d When the concentration group total blood cells quantity was significantly higher than that of the control group (P < 0.05) 14 d An arcane 9.2 mg in L⁻¹ Exposure group of blood cells quantity significantly reduce and reached the lowest value blood cells quantity is control group 68.49%. 14 d And 21 d An arcane 2.3 and 4.6 mg in L⁻¹ Concentration group of blood cells quantity still significantly higher than that of the control group and 9.2 mg in L⁻¹ Concentration group of blood cells quantity lower than control level (Figure 4). P-xylene can significantly reduce brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile serum lysozyme activity (P < 0.05) With the exposure time increase (14 ~ 28 d) The exposure group (2.3, 4.6 and 9.2 mg in L⁻¹) Lysozyme activity was significantly decreased, and the control group in Test During and no significant change. 2.3, 4.6 and 9.2 mg in L⁻¹ Exposure group respectively in 21 d and 28 d At to minimum respectively for the control group 60.71%, 73.91 and 81.19% (Figure 5).

3. Discussion (Discussion)

3.1 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile survival and growth of influence has been study show that xylene on Article bass (Morone sax-atilis), Black stay fish (Pimephales promelas), Mesh (Oryzias latipes) (Poe-cilia reticulata), Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) And Crucian Carp (Carassius auratus) Of LC₅₀ Respectively 2.0 μL in L⁻¹ (96 h), 8.870 μG In L⁻¹ (96 h), 8.800 μG In L⁻¹ (96 h), 2.600 μG In L⁻¹ In [18-21].

(96 h) and 18.000 μG L (24 h) This experimental study get p-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile 96 h-IC₅₀ Value 45.7 mg in · L⁻¹. The show that 6A fish on p-xylene of sensitivity in turn for hua tiao bass > Rainbow trout > Mesh (Oryzias latipes) > Black stay fish > Crucian Carp > Brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus. According to chemical material of fish toxicity classification standard (National Environmental Protection Bureau Water and Wastewater monitoring analysis methods Editorial Board, 2002) Xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile of toxicity belongs to medium toxicity and Vanya authority and weeks start

[6] The zebrafish of study results consistent. At present on p-xylene on fish growth suppression of study also no reported this study show that, 2.3, 4.6 and 9.2 mg in L⁻¹ This 3A exposure group can significantly suppression Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile weight of increase and reduce its weight gain rate and specific growth rate, This show that exposure in p-xylene (> 2.3 mg in L⁻¹) 28 d The brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile has remarkable inhibition on the growth of.

3.2 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (Paralichthys olivaceus juvenile of liver toxicity

Xylene in lactation animal liver in metabolism main by a methyl of oxidation the by cells Pigment CYP450 2E1 Will pollution molecular transformation into methyl benzyl alcohol further by biological transformation for methyl malonic acid [22]. In this a metabolism process in organization in oxidation free radical increase can be induced by biological in of lipid peroxidation, DNA chain broken Crack and Oxidation Injury So find out these biological markers of activity change can reflect Oxidation stress of there often was as an environment pollution stress of biological markers.

MDA (MDA) Content is lipid peroxidation reaction of decomposition product, MDA Of main is due to without

antioxidant enzyme transformation of superoxide anion and other free radical on cell membrane more unsaturated acid the attack produce. LOOH Such as have oxide caused by its content can reflect lipid peroxidation of Level^[24]. Jajte Such.^[25] Study found that p-xylene of lipid peroxidation role is its induced mice liver toxicity of Main Way. This experimental study show that, 2.3 mg in L⁻¹ Concentrations in the liver MDA Content in 7 d There was no significant difference between control group and, 14.

After the concentration group MDA The content increased significantly; In 9.2 mg·L⁻¹ Observed in the processing group, MDA Content in 21 d Reach the highest value. Studies have shown that p-xylene can significantly affect

Fish Liver MDA Content in the liver MDA The production is mainly due to the insufficient regeneration of glutathione. Looh The Intramolecular Cyclization of peroxides, Steps like cracking^[26]. Exposure to p-xylene in this study 7 d Lipid Peroxidation did not occur at any time, indicating that the antioxidant system in the body can

Yu's Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) So oxygen free radicals do not affect Liver Cells

Causing significant damage, however, in the high concentration group 21 d Time MDA Content

Significant increase in lipid peroxidation in the liver of young Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus*) exposed to high concentrations for a long time resulted in significant toxicity of oxygen free radicals to the liver cells of young Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus*).

Studies have shown that xylene exposure can cause DNA Injury. Lu Dan Yu^[27] Xylene can induce nucleated cells in peripheral blood of pregnant females. DNA Injury. Ni^[28], The study found that peripheral blood cells of workers exposed to benzene, toluene and xylene could cause DNA Injury. However, the genetic toxicity of p-xylene to aquatic organisms, especially fish, is unknown.

The study also showed that short-term exposure to p-xylene did not cause DNA Damage, which is consistent with the results of this experiment. Therefore, the authors believe that the exposure of p-xylene to Brown To lead DNA Chain fracture; Niaz Such.^[31] The study show that p-xylene belongs to high fat-soluble organic solvent can make the cell membrane production DNA Cracking enzyme Final Cause DNA Chain fracture. By this experimental get of p-xylene lead to the lipid peroxidation injury results the authors speculate that p-xylene caused by the oxidation injury may is caused by Brown Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* juvenile DNA Damage of Main Way.

3.3 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* juvenile of brain toxicity

AChEIs and neural activities closely related of important material is characterization pollutants neural toxicity of important biological markers^[32]. San- Swimming and feeding ability has obvious of negative correlation. Le Bris Low fish of feeding activities and then influence fish of growth. This paper results show that p-xylene (2.3 ~ 9.2 mg in L⁻¹) Role Under can significantly induced by Brown Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* juvenile brain tissue in AChE Activity and AChE Enzyme activity decreased and exposure concentration and exposure time and has obvious of negative correlation. So author think p-xylene of neural toxicity may Blood Cells quantity was significantly decreased trend and group was significantly lower than that in the control group. According ToxTree Database of chemical material of classification shows that p-xylene belongs to non-polarity anesthesia chemical material its toxic mechanism main because its can non-selective by cell membrane on cells structure caused by injury play its toxicity role^[43]. A few study also show that long-term exposure in p-xylene conditions under will increase lung tissue cells apoptosis lymphatic cells and renal tubular proximal cells of cell death quantity^[44-46]; Snow and^[2] The study show that with the exposure dose of increased p-xylene exposure group of cells apoptosis rate significantly increased. So author think high concentration of p-xylene may be caused by the blood cells apoptosis and lead to blood cells quantity reduce and then influence brown Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* juvenile of blood function reduce its immunity. Lysozyme in fish non-specific immune in role important role is fish immune defense level of another important index^[47]. This experimental study show that p-xylene exposure of Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* serum in lysozyme vitality has significant suppression role. General think fish in low concentration of exogenous pollutants stimulation when can cause immune system compensatory stress to Regulation their own state however in high concentration long time exposure under

3.4 P-xylene on brown Japanese flounder (*Paralichthys olivaceus* juvenile of immune toxicity

Blood indicators are widely used to evaluate fish health and environmental adaptability, and also as toxicological indicators to reflect the impact of pollutants on fish immune levels.^[39] Fish blood cells

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