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## CHANGES, OCCURRED IN THE FISH BODY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE PLEROCERCOIDS LIGULA INTESTINALIS (LITERATURE REVIEW)

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**Abstract:** *This article provides information about changes occurring in the fish body infected with *Ligula Intestinalis* helminths.*

**Keywords:** *ligula intestinalis fish, helminthic infection, cestoid worms, worm-infested, parasite, plerocercoid, lympho-myeloid complex, epizooty.*

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### THE ACTUALITY OF THE TOPIC

Fish farming is one of the promising branches of agricultural industry, which is based on farming of various types of commercial fish either in natural reservoirs or artificial lakes. Modern, intensive forms of fish farming make provision to increase the norms of fish holding density, which causes their close contact; hence it generates favourable conditions for spreading of various diseases. Measures on increasing the natural forage base of water reservoirs take a certain role in spreading infestation, which provides an increased number of intermediate hosts of some parasites, in particular taenia.

The objectives of the development of fisheries and the definition of specific measures for the development of fish farming of the republic are specified in the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated May 1, 2017 PP-2939 "On Measures to Improve the Fisheries Management System" in the Cabinet's Resolution of the Republic of Uzbekistan October 25, 2016 No. 361 "On measures to further improvement of the system of state veterinary service" in the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan UP-4947, dated February 7, 2017 "On the Strategy for Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan" and other regulatory documents relating to this area.

### AIMS OF RESEARCH

In recent years, according to the literary data it was detected that there were analyzed the state of the effects of *Ligula Intestinalis* in the body of fish in water reservoirs and pond farms in Uzbekistan and in some other countries.

## METHODS AND RESULTS.

Plerocercoids *Ligula intestinalis*, which live in the interior of the fish body - the dominant phase of its life cycle is worm's lifetime and depth of impact on the host. The authors summarized the negative effects of worms on fish as follows:

a) Mechanical pressure to the body; b) the direct intake of some of the nutrients; b) a failure of metabolism; c) deep changes in blood composition; (d) hypogenitalism of the genital glands or castration. Because *L. intestinalis* causes epizooty from time to time, and sometimes contaminated fish die due to a rupture of the body wall, the spread of the parasite is regularly monitored. [1] According to various authors, infection with plerocercoids affects the size of the body and weight of some organs of their hosts - fish. The effect of ligulosis on the growth of the bream between the ages of 1+ and 7+ has been established. [20]

Based on the calculation of the standard length of edges of fish scales, the fish's scales there were made conclusion that the breams, worm-infested with *L. intestinalis*, their growth is delayed compared to healthy fish and during the first five years. There are significant differences in the length and mass of contaminated and uninfected roaches from the lakes. Campotosto, indicating the strong effect of the parasite on the development of fish. [17] At the same time, there is an evidence of increase in the growth of contaminated fish compared to uninfected fish. Thus, the length and weight of the fish body in different age groups of grass carps, not infected and infected with a ligula, had very close values or were slightly higher in infected fish [4]. In conditions of artificial breeding of white cupids in the summer-autumn period, fish receive feed in sufficient quantities, and the presence of plerocercids, according to some authors [5], contributes to increased nutrition of fish and leads to an increase in growth, although the fatness of such individuals is very low. In natural water reservoirs, there has been established different effects of infection with plerocercoids on the growth rate of three roach populations.

Only one population has the parasite-induced gigantism in the first two years of fish life. Increased growth depends on the rate of parasitic infection. The authors [16] associate the gigantism of fish with the parasite-induced mortality in this population a year earlier. Many researchers found a decrease in body weight, heart, liver, spleen and kidneys [5, 9, 19, 21] in fish contaminated with plerocercoids. At the same time, there is also an evidence of no change or even an increase in the mass of internal organs of infected and uninfected fish. Thus, the mass of the liver and hepatosomatic index of infested and not infested breams at the age of 3+ / 5+, did not significantly differ [4], there was noted an increase in the mass of the kidneys in white cupid [5], and the catostomus - gallbladder [19]. Infection

with plerocoids is accompanied by changes in muscle tissue. Analyses showed a decrease in the number of fibrillation in the musculature, apparently associated with an increase in the level of corticosteroid hormones [18]. It has been established that the water content in the muscles of infected bream increases, the number of common lipids steadily reduced, proteins - practically does not change, but and the level of concentration of glycogen is significantly reduced [3, 4]. It has also been found that at the end of winter period, the amino acid index of the muscle protein of the infected roach is much lower than in the summer time [11]. It was found a reliable decrease (by 88.1%) of alkaline phosphate in the liver of the white Amur [5]. Similar but deeper changes in the host's body is caused by infection with *liguscatostomus* and, in particular, degradation and even necrosis of the liver along with an increase in the gallbladder and signs of anorexia [18]. Changes in the genital glands of infected fish. Much attention is paid to the study of the effect of infection with plerocoids on the development of genital gland of fish. The negative effects of infection on the development of the reproductive system and the state of genital gland in most males and some female bream have been detected [4]. It shows the slowdown in the growth of genital gland, reducing their absolute and relative mass in the absence of destructive changes at the cellular level. The genital glands of infected roaches do not undergo seasonal cycles of development and regression and resemble irrespective of their age. At the same time, *ligula ligula* doesn't cause asexualization of fish but inhibits the development of the genital glands. At the same time, the genital glands of infected pike more developed than those ones, i.e. dace [11]. It is also assumed that the parasite can exert a stressful effect on fish by altering the content of corticosteroids in the blood plasma, which leads to delay the release of pituitary hormones or serotonin yielding, which interacts with fish pituitary hormones, may inhibit their reproduction [7]. Blood indicators and immune response to *L. intestinalis* contamination will cause chronic infection by remaining in the fish body cavity, despite often being caused by severe pathology. In most fish species, the parasitic inflammatory process will cause contamination with partial encapsitation of connective tissues [21] but nevertheless in gudgeon *ligula* is missing [15]. However, despite the existence of a cellular response to the presence of plerocoid in fish and, in particular, in roaches, it is weak enough and not destructive to the worm, allowing them to survive while the host is alive [14, 22]. A noticeable reaction of tissues to invasion with plerocoids in roaches less than three months has been established; with the growth of fish cell response [10]. It has been shown that *L. intestinalis* infection causes cell-mediated response of the host with products of 3 types of white blood cells, the most numerous resembles macrophagocyte. However, the presence of a large amount of plerocoid in the body cavity of gudgeon does not cause a notable cell-mediated response [15]. It was

noted that there were significant changes in blood composition of different species of fish when they were infected with *L. Intestinalis*. There was observed a decrease in the content of total protein and albumins in the serum, which indicates serious changes and disorders in the infected bream [13]. It has been established that the infection with *L. intestinalis* has a negative effect on the morphological parameters of the blood of the Siberian roach: the number of red blood cells and white blood cells is reduced; the number of foam cells increases, the content of the total protein, albumin and globulin fractions is reduced [6]. It was noted that hemoglobin levels and red blood cells are reduced at the pascar, red-peppers, bream, minnow and spruce when they are infected with *L. Intestinalis* [9]. It has been established that the level of free amino acids are lower in the blood plasma of infected roaches [20]. It was established that it has great effect on the enzyme systems of adult fish than on hydrolase young fish. The kinesis of widely studied enzymes are decreasing with age more strongly than in healthy ones. Moreover, the potency of carbohydrase decreases more than protein-degrading enzyme. When the bream is infected with plerocoids, the effectiveness of nutrition is significantly reduced, which is worsened with the age of the fish [2]. According to the analysis invasion of *Ligula intestinalis* plerocoid causes the depletion of lymphomyeloid tissue, which is responsible for forming an immune response, suppressing leukoposis and changing the ratio between lymphocytes and granulocytes [7].

### CONCLUSION

All analyzed data on the impact of infection with plerocoids on the intermediate host, confirm, supplement, expand and deepen the indicated directions of the parasite's influence to the host's body. Our task for further research is to figure out the mechanisms of underlying the changes in the host's body, caused by the parasite.

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