# VIRUS SCREENING OF CULTURED CARP AND TILAPIA SPECIES AND THE VIRUS SENSITIVITY OF CELL CULTURES FROM INDIGENOUS FISH SPECIES

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AS Atlantic Salmon Gonad
BGV Blue Gill Virus
BB Brown Bullhead Trunk
BF-2 Bluegill Fry
CAR Fin
CCO Channel Catfish Ovary
CCVD Channel Catfish Virus Disease
CHSE-214 Chinook Salmon Embryo
cm Centimeter
cm <sup>2</sup> Centimeter Square
CO <sub>2</sub>
CPE Cytopathic Effect
CRV Channel Catfish Reovirus
DNA Deoxyribonucleic Acid
EBSS Earle's Balanced Salt Solution
EDTA Ethylenediaminetetraacetate
EHNV · · · · · Enzootic Haemopoietic Necrosis Virus
EK-1
ELISA Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent assay
EQ-2 Eel Ovary
EPC Epithelioma Papulosum Cyprini

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EUS Epizootic Ulc	erative Syndrome
EV-2	. Eel Virus-2
EVA Ee	l Virus American
EVE	l Virus European
EVEX Eel Virus Europ	pean Rhabdovirus
FAT Fluorescence And	tibody Technique
FBS Foet	tal Bovine Serum
FHM Fathead	Minnow Peduncle
FUDR	2'-deoxyuridine
GCK-84 Gras	ss Carp Kidney
GCRV Gras	s Carp Reovirus
GNV	Necrosis Virus
[ <sup>3</sup> H] Radio-	isotope Uridine
HEPES (N-[2-hydroxyethyl] [2-ethanesulfonic	
IC	Intracranial
IFAT Indirect Fluorescence Ant	ibody Technique
IHNV Infectious Haemopoietic	Necrosis Virus
IP	Intraperitoneal
IPNV Infectious Pancreatic	Necrosis Virus
IPT Immunoperoxidase Anti	body Technique
IU/ml International Units	per Milliliter
n	Meter

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MEM •••••••••••••••• Minimum Essential Medium
MEM-4 ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
MEM-10 Minimum Essential Medium with 10 % Serum
ml Milliliter
mM Millimolar
mm Millimeter
MOI Multiplicity of Infection
nm Nanometer
OMV Virus
ONB Brain
PFRVD Pike Fry Rhabdovirus Disease
pH Negative logarithm of Hydrogen Ion
PG Pike Gonad
PGH Puntius gonionotus Heart
PGP Puntius gonionotus Peduncle
PSH Puntius schwanenfeldii Heart
PSSn Puntius schwanenfeldii Snout
PTA Phosphotungstic Acid
RNA Ribonucleic Acid
rpm Revolution per minute
RTG-2 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · Rainbow trout Gonad
SDS-PAGE Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate- Polyacrylamide Electrophoresis

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SHF Striped Snakehead Fin . Sand Goby Virus SGV STE-137 Steelhead Trout Embryo . Spring Viremia of Carp Virus SVCV . or Infectious Dropsy TCID<sub>50</sub> Tissue Culture Infective Dose at 50% TEM Transmission Electron Microscopy TEV Tadpole Edema Virus . . . TK-1Tilapia kidney . . . . . . . TmB Tilapia mossambica bulbus arteriosus TO-2 Tilapia Ovary . . . . . Ulcerative Disease Rhabdovirus UDRV  $\mu g/ml$ Microgram per milliliter . . VEN . Viral Erythrocytic Necrosis VHSV . Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia Virus or Egtved virus vsv Vesicular Stomatitis Virus WC-1 Walleye Trunk WO-1Walleye Ovary .

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## LIST OF FISH SPECIES

Atlantic Cod Gadus morhua
Atlantic Menhaden Brevoortia tyrannus
Atlantic Salmon Salmo salar
Ayu Plecoglossue altivelis
Bait Minnow Notemigonus crysoleucas
Barbel Barbus barbus
Bighead Carp Aristicthys nobilis
Bluegill Lepomis macrochirus
Blue-eyed Cichlid Cichlasoma spirilum
Bream Abramis abrama
Brown Bullhead Ictalurus nebulosus
Channel Catfish Ictalurus punctatus
Chinook Salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha
Chum Salmon Oncorhynchus keta
Cobitid Loach Misgurnus anguillacoubulatus
Common Carp Cyprinus carpio
Convict Cichlid Cichlosoma nigrofasciatum
Crucian Carp Carassius carassius
Dab Limanda limanda
Discus Fish
European Eel
European Sheatfish

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Fathead Minnow Pimephales promela
Goldfish
Gold Dust Tilapia Sarotherodon aureu
Golden Ide
Grass Carp Ctenophyngodon idell
Grayling Thymallus thymallu
Gudgeon Gobio gobio
Guppy Guppy Guppy Guppy Poecilia reticulata
Japanese Eel Anguilla japonica
Japanese Flounder Paralicthys olivaceus
Javanese Carp
Lamprey
Minnows Phoxinus phoxinus
Mossambique Mouthbrooder Oreochromis mossambica
Muskellunge Esox masquinongy
Nase Chonrostoma nasus
Nile Tilapia
Northern Pike Esox lucius
Orange Chromide Cichlid Etroplus maculatus
Paradise Fish Macropodus opercularis
Pacific Cod Gadua macrocephalus
Rainbow Trout Oncorhynchus mykiss
Ramirez Dwarf Cichlid Apistogramma ramirezi

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Redbelly Tilapia Tilapia zilla
Red Fin Perch Perca fluviatilis
Red-Fin Cigar Shark Leptobarbus hoevenii
Red Tilapia Hybrid Oreochromis nilotica X Oreochromis mossambica
Rio Grande Cichlid Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum
Roach Rutilus rutilus
Rudd Scardinius erytrophthalmus
Sand Goby Oxyeleotris marmoratus
Seabass Dicentrarchus labrax
Silver Bream Blicca bjoernka
Sockeye Salmon Oncorhynchus nerka
Smelt Osmerus eperlanus
Smooth Dogfish Mustelus canis
Steelhead Trout
Striped Snakehead Ophiocephalus striatus
Sucker Catostomus commersoni
Tench Tinca vulgaris
Tilapia Hybrid • • • • • • • • • Oreochromis nilotica X Oreochromis aureus
Tin-Foil Barb Puntius schwanenfeldii
Turbot
Walking Catfish
Nalleye Stizostedion vitreum vitreum

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Yamamae . . . . . . . . . . . . Oncorhynchus masou Yellow Tail . . . . . . . . . Seriola quinqueradiata Zebra Fish . . . . . . . . . . . Brachydano rerio

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from the other two isolants, with a mean virus titres of 7.16 X 10<sup>5</sup> TCID<sub>so</sub>/ml for Herpesvirus-like and 6.46 X 10<sup>5</sup> TCID<sub>so</sub>/ml for Iridovirus-like. Cohabitation infection of fish infected with Herpesvirus-like on naive colouredstrain common carp (Cyprinus carpio) resulted in the production of epidermal hyperplastic reaction. Correspondingly, infection was amplified in smaller fish (5-6 cm) with mortality recorded at 40% over a 21-day observation period. Epidermal hyperplasia in larger size fish (15-20 cm) was however somewhat restricted. In interspecies comparative study of Herpesvirus-like infection, atypical lesions which were seen as localized petechial haemorrhages and raised scales were noted in Javanese carp (Puntius gonionotus). In tin-foiled barb (P. schwanenfeldii) infection, the fish exhibited raised sanguinous masses along the dorso-lateral surface of the body. Results from the parenteral inoculation of virus infected cell culture filtrate was inconclusive.

A total of 18 monolayers were started from five commonly cultured species of carp and tilapia. These were grouped according to the cells type observed, i.e.

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fibroblast, epithelial and mixed-type. Susceptibility to the isolated viruses and to an established fish virus, the Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis Virus (IPNV) of Sp strain, revealed that the cell monolayers from Oreochromis nilotica Brain (ONB) and P. schwanenfeldii heart (PSH) successfully supported the virus replication and produced relatively high titres. Growth requirements of the established cells, serum concentrations and incubation temperature were also examined.

dan secara tentatif diklasifikasikan kopada higa kumpulan, ikitu Merpeswiridze, Birneviridze dan Tridovirides. Gelenjan virus edalah berdasarkan kepada merfelogi atroktur titra dan pemernatian patologi sel. Kessa sitopatik myata dilihat dalam empat kultur sel ikan initu fass-214, GCI-34, EPC dan InR, yang digunakan dalam kejian ini. Partikel seskan virus dari pelet kultur sel yang dijangkiti dan juga mupernatan kultur sel yang ditapia

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