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ABSTRACT

It is very difficult to control Streptococcosis, since it always appear when the fishes are stressed by water quality. Moreover the bacterium is ubiquitous. This project is aimed at providing basic information that will help any further studies related to this infection. The focus of this study is to determine the exact time when the gills tissue of Tilapia are completely infected by the bacteria, *Streptococcus agalactiae* and also the histopathology effect towards the gills through histology processing. The sampling location is located at Kawasan Penternakan Ikan Air Tawar Berkelompok at Pantai Ali, Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu. The experiments covered the aspects of bacteria preparation, gills preparation and histological processing. Two concentrations of bacterial culture were tested which were 1×10^8 cfu/mL and 1×10^6 cfu/mL. For each concentration, the gills of the Tilapia were exposed to the bacterial culture every 30 minutes until 480 minutes. These resulted in 33 tissue slides being prepared and observed under light microscope including control slide. It was found that 1×10^6 cfu/mL was enough to moderately infect the fish at 30 minutes where the epithelium lamella showed hyperplasia, hypertrophy and even aneurysms. The results showed that the higher the bacterial load per mL, the severe the lesions were observed on the gills. As this disease has started to spread around the world, the information obtained in this study is important to determine the beginning of the infection.

ABSTRAK

Streptococcosis adalah susah untuk dikawal kerana penyakit ini akan muncul apabila ikan tertekan dengan keadaan kualiti air. Lebih-lebih lagi bakteria berada di mana-mana. Projek ini adalah maklumat awal bagi meneruskan kajian yang lebih terperinci berhubung penyakit ini. Kepentingan projek ini adalah untuk menentukan kadar masa bila insang Tilapia dijangkiti sepenuhnya oleh bakteria ini dan juga kesan histopatologinya. Objektif projek ini pula adalah untuk meneliti kesan penyakit bakteria ini terhadap insang Tilapia melalui kaedah pemprosesan histologi. Kawasan lokasi pensampelan adalah di Kawasan Penternakan Ikan Air Tawar Berkelompok at Pantai Ali, Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu. Dan untuk bentuk kajian pula terbahagi kepada tiga bahagian utama iaitu penyediaan bakteria, penyediaan insang dan juga pemprosesan histology. Dua kepekatan bakteria telah dipilih iaitu 1×10^8 cfu/mL and 1×10^6 cfu/mL. Bagi setiap kepekatan bakteria akan mempunyai 16 keping slaid yang mana diselangi setiap 30 minit sehingga minit ke-480. Sebagai keputusan akhir, akan terhasil 33 keping slaid dan telah ianya telah diteliti di bawah mikroskop cahaya. Ini juga telah dibuktikan bahawa pada kepekatan 1×10^6 cfu/mL minit ke-30 sudah cukup untuk menjangkiti ikan tersebut di mana insang menunjukkan hyperplasia, hypertrophy dan juga aneurysms. Keputusan telah menunjukkan bahawa semakin tinggi kepekatan bakteria dalam mL, semakin teruk perubahan yang akan berlaku terhadap insang. Ini adalah penting untuk mengetahui bagaimana penyakit ini mula menjangkiti dan bagaimana teruknya kesannya kerana penyakit ini sudah mula tersebar keseluruh dunia.