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Biochemical Variations of Lipid Contents in Freshwater Bivalves, *L. Corrianus* and *L. Marginalis* from Different Habitats

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Abstract

Freshwater bivalves, *Lamellidens corrianus* and *Lamellidens marginalis* were collected from different localities and habitats of Marathwada region. Their gonads were screened for the determination of the sex by taking the smear from different regions and the data was prepared to study the sex composition. *Lamellidens corrianus* and *Lamellidens marginalis* after screening for the sex showed males, females and few hermaphrodites. Variations in the food value with respect to lipid contents among various sexes from lentic and lotic environment were studied from dry powders of gonads and whole body by estimating lipid contents using the method of Barnes and Blackstock (1973). The results are given and discussed in the paper.

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Introduction

The unlimited aim of living organism is reproduction and hence maximum biochemicals are channelised to gonads as per the stage of reproduction. Some biochemicals are utilized for growth and some for respiration to produce energy for metabolic and vital activities. Excess of absorbed food materials are deposited in tissues which are utilized during scarcity of food or high demand of energy. It therefore reflects on the biochemical composition of different parts of organism. Many of the molluscs being the source of food to man are studied in respect to their seasonal biochemical changes.

Among various classes of molluscs the nature of reserve food material is variable. One can therefore classify molluscs depending on the type of stored material. Lamellibranches may be considered to be polysaccharide oriented (Martin and Goddard, 1966) and amphineurons lipid oriented (Giese, 1966) while cephalopods do not preferentially accumulate nutrients (Chaige, 1933; Giese, 1959).

Mudkhede (1974) studied seasonal changes in whole body of *Corbicula reticularis*. Jadhav and Lomte (1982) and Mule (1988) made extensive work on seasonal variations in biochemical composition of different organs of *Lamellidens corrianus*. Bayne and Thompson (1970) determined biochemical composition of mantle, gonad (germinal) and non mental (somatic) tissues of *Mytilus edulis* where mantle serve as a storage site of nutrients as well as for gamete production. Wenne and Styczynska (1987) studied biochemical composition of *Macoma balthica* while Polak *et al* (1987) made seasonal estimation of lipids in it.

Materials and Methods

Lamellidens corrianus and *Lamellidens marginalis* were brought from different localities as per their availability to the

laboratory during the first week of each month. November 2004 to October 2005, *L. corrianus*, and *L. marginalis* and were screened for sex composition. Males, females and the hermaphrodites from each locality and habitat were separated. After separation of bivalves, gonads and whole body of each sex of each species were separated and dried at 80°C in the oven. Barnes and Blackstock's method (1973) was used by extracting the lipids in Methanol: Chloroform to estimate the total lipid contents from the dry powders of gonads and whole soft body. The data prepared is given in the table.

Results and Discussion

Monthly changes in lipids content in dry powders of gonad and whole body of *Lamellidens corrianus* and *Lamellidens marginalis* as estimated from November 2004 to October 2005 are listed in table. In *Lamellidens corrianus* average percentage of lipids in the dry powder showed maximum lipids in gonad (27.08 %) as well as minimum in gonad (10.03 %) depending on the maturation stage of gonad while in whole body maximum lipids were (19.85%) and minimum lipid (9.89 %). In *Lamellidens marginalis* average percentage of lipids in the dry powder showed maximum lipids in gonad (23.65 %) as well as minimum in gonad (12.23 %) depending on the maturation stage of gonad while in whole body maximum lipids were (19.46 %) and minimum lipid (9.45 %).

Piretti *et al.*, (1987) made investigation on seasonal variations of sterols and fatty acids in *Venus gallina* and *Scapharca inequivalvis* (Bruguere). Total lipid contents of *Crassostrea gigas*, *Mytilus edulis*, *Ruditapes philippinarum* and *Cerastoderma edule* were estimated by Deslous-Paoli *et al.*, (1988) and of *Macoma balthica* by Wenne and Styczynska (1987) and Polak *et al.*, (1987). Toshima *et al.*, (1988) studied anatomical distribution of sterols and fatty acids in the bivalve, *Macra chinensis*. A review of lipids in marine invertebrates including bivalves was given by Giese (1966) and Voogt (1983).

Nagabhushanam and Lomte (1972) in *Parreysia corrugate* and Jadhav and Lomte (1982) in *Lamellidens corrianus* found

Table 1: Monthly variations lipid content in gonads and whole soft body of *L. corrianus* and *L. marginalis* with reference to their habitat and sex

Sr. No	Month	Habitat	Sex	<i>Lamellidens corrianus</i>		<i>Lamellidens marginalis</i>	
				Gonad %	Whole soft body %	Gonad %	Whole soft body %
1	November 2004	Lentic	Male	19.78	15.23	19.74	15.89
			Female	16.15	18.23	21.65	16.25
		Lotic	Hermaphrodite	17.16	16.25	17.16	12.56
			Male	21.32	12.26	18.32	16.23
		Lentic	Female	20.63	14.56	21.48	17.21
			Hermaphrodite	27.08	12.36	18.98	16.34
2	December 2004	Lentic	Male	20.74	13.69	18.36	16.23
			Female	18.16	15.36	23.65	18.46
		Lotic	Hermaphrodite	14.16	15.46	19.62	17.97
			Male	10.03	11.36	20.03	15.64
		Lentic	Female	20.61	20.63	20.63	13.14
			Hermaphrodite	22.08	9.891	17.09	14.34
3	January 2005	Lentic	Male	18.74	15.69	18.36	15.65
			Female	15.65	15.36	20.29	14.35
		Lotic	Hermaphrodite	12.16	12.46	19.96	13.34
			Male	18.15	11.26	20.16	18.95
		Lentic	Female	21.51	12.36	21.89	19.65
			Hermaphrodite	19.93	11.39	19.93	18.47

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Sr. No	Month	Habitat	Sex	<i>Lamellidens corrianus</i>		<i>Lamellidens marginalis</i>	
				Gonad %	Whole soft body %	Gonad %	Whole soft body %
4	February 2005	Lentic	Male	16.74	16.59	18.96	16.23
			Female	16.65	14.25	21.56	15.32
			Hermaphrodite	11.15	18.93	19.36	14.56
		Lotic	Male	19.74	14.56	19.74	18.23
			Female	22.16	18.96	20.16	18.12
			Hermaphrodite	22.39	16.59	19.39	17.61
5	March 2005	Lentic	Male	21.22	15.46	18.36	19.86
			Female	17.26	17.98	20.25	16.32
			Hermaphrodite	18.39	16.45	18.69	13.56
		Lotic	Male	14.12	14.89	14.13	13.56
			Female	15.89	17.56	15.89	16.54
			Hermaphrodite	13.24	13.65	13.24	15.78
6	April 2005	Lentic	Male	19.57	16.69	17.58	18.45
			Female	22.16	18.68	19.89	16.21
			Hermaphrodite	20.36	15.45	19.65	14.45
		Lotic	Male	15.26	18.69	15.89	14.56
			Female	21.69	16.56	16.98	12.23
			Hermaphrodite	16.58	14.65	13.24	11.23

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Sr. No	Month	Habitat	Sex	<i>Lamellidens corrianus</i>		<i>Lamellidens marginalis</i>	
				Gonad %	Whole soft body %	Gonad %	Whole soft body %
7	May 2005	Lentic	Male	21.41	19.56	17.36	14.23
			Female	24.36	17.58	20.56	16.56
			Hermaphrodite	22.86	16.45	18.26	14.78
		Lotic	Male	21.19	12.36	17.19	12.23
			Female	22.96	11.98	19.96	9.89
			Hermaphrodite	17.66	13.25	17.66	11.23
8	June 2005	Lentic	Male	21.57	17.89	18.23	18.61
			Female	24.36	16.58	18.36	17.89
			Hermaphrodite	21.25	17.46	16.31	13.21
		Lotic	Male	42.39	13.24	18.39	10.25
			Female	19.44	19.85	15.44	9.45
			Hermaphrodite	20.33	18.75	13.33	11.98
9	July 2005	Lentic	Male	21.83	17.25	14.83	16.14
			Female	18.93	19.45	15.93	13.31
			Hermaphrodite	19.58	18.75	18.58	12.87
		Lotic	Male	21.23	12.36	12.23	12.32
			Female	15.33	15.24	15.33	14.15
			Hermaphrodite	14.61	16.45	13.63	13.45

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Sr. No	Month	Habitat	Sex	<i>Lamellidens corrianus</i>		<i>Lamellidens marginalis</i>	
				Gonad %	Whole soft body %	Gonad %	Whole soft body %
10	August 2005	Lentic	Male	17.68	18.26	17.69	18.56
			Female	21.23	21.24	11.23	14.25
		Lentic	Hermaphrodite	19.46	19.45	12.46	14.12
			Male	20.86	18.12	13.86	12.24
		Lentic	Female	19.44	18.45	14.46	14.15
			Hermaphrodite	15.32	14.16	15.33	15.64
11	September 2005	Lentic	Male	17.81	19.45	13.25	17.45
			Female	22.99	14.87	12.99	18.64
		Lentic	Hermaphrodite	18.76	16.87	16.74	13.45
			Male	21.64	18.12	14.89	12.31
		Lentic	Female	19.56	18.45	16.36	14.61
			Hermaphrodite	15.36	14.16	15.65	16.12
12	October 2005	Lentic	Male	19.31	14.56	14.83	14.26
			Female	18.36	15.46	13.19	13.32
		Lentic	Hermaphrodite	18.23	17.87	14.76	16.23
			Male	19.65	16.12	15.89	15.56
		Lentic	Female	17.61	17.45	15.36	13.26
			Hermaphrodite	21.56	14.16	15.65	15.46

accumulation of fat in developing gonads. Similarly in *Meretrix meretrix* (Nagabhushanam and Deshamukh, 1974) fat accumulates in developing gonads and reduces during spawning. The seasonal changes in lipid content of *Mytilus edulis*, the lipid level is generally higher in females than the males due to its accumulation in eggs (Lubet and Longcamp, 1969). In the Mediterranean waters, *Mytilus edulis* spawns repeatedly during the spring and early summer, and between each successive period the gonad is reconstituted. The lipid levels fall rapidly after spawning and then increase again as the gametes mature. In the model of summer during non reproductive period, The level of triglycerides and phospholipids remain low (Lubet and Longcamp, 1969), where as during winter high. fat levels occur due to increased lipid reserves in the developing eggs.

Nagabhushanam and Mane (1975) in *Katelysia opima* reported that lipid level of the whole body showed correlation with maturation and spawning of the mussels, increasing to peak level in mature mussels and decreased during spawning. Foot and mantle have low lipid level in *Parreysia corrugata* (Nagabhushanam and Lomte, 1972), high in gonad, highest in gravid and decreased after spawning. Giese *et al.*, (1967) observed relatively stable fat content for most of the year in *Tivela* except the small in gonad where lipid reaches the peak value of mature condition. John (1980) in *Anadara rhombea* found 32.1% to 16.4% lipid in hepatopancreas, 29.8% to 21% lipids in gonad while 20.5% to 17.4% lipids in foot. Nagabhushanam and Deshamukh (1974) in *Meretrix meretrix* found maximum in digestive gland (9.29%), Moderate in foot, gonads and rest of the body (2.0% to 3.5%) while very less in mantle (1.97%) and adductor muscles (1.42%) Jadhav and Lomte (1982) in *Lamellidens corrianus* observed high fat level in gonad (4.61% to 6.74%), Low in mantle (2.23% to 3.62%) and moderate in mid gut gland (3.73% to 5.62%), foot (2.26 to 4.17%), adductor muscles (2.27% to 3.64%) and gill (2.29% to 3.86%).

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