

Comparative Study of Synthetic Hormones Ovaprim and Pituitary Extract in Induced Breeding of Indian Major Carps (Imc)

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Abstract:

In the present study during June 2020- May 2021 observed the spawning response of ovaprim compared with pituitary extract in Indian major carps (IMC). The research work was carried out at fish breeding center, Jayakwadi Paithan 60 K.M away from Aurangabad (M.S) India. Total ten trial doses of carp pituitary extract (CPE) used for induced breeding in Indian major carps i.e. *Catla catla*, *Labeo rohita* and *Cirrhinus mrigala*.

The percentage of fertilization ranged (88.11-97.94%) was found with ovaprim treatment and (53.19-85.48 %) with pituitary extract treatment. The percentage hatchling ranged (74.70-95.92 %) with ovaprim treatment and (60- 58.82%) with pituitary extract treatment.

Keywords: Synthetic hormone ovaprim • Carp pituitary extract • Indianmajor carps and fish breeding.

Introduction:

Due to advancement in science and technology now a days, science has made wonderful progress in every aspects of techniques including agriculture, aquaculture, sericulture fish culture and explored for the development of common people. Along with other developmental programmes aquacultures stand at the top due to multidimensional applicability in research and as commodity values. Heavy population growth in India facing several problems of malnutrition and health hazards in common people. To mitigate the increasing demand of nutritious food and to get rid of malnutrition scientists are busy to explore the aquatic resource to the maximum to tide over the problem of people.

Fish serves as an important source of human diet as they provide proteins, fats especially vitamins A and D special feature of fish is that they contain vitamin B which is not present in the plant food. fish is the good source of calcium polysaturated fatty acids belonging to linolenic acid series (18:3) are present in fish coronary heart diseases patient required fish oils. Balanced ratio of ω^2 linolenic acid (18:3) and linolenic acid (18:2) in fish flesh are found to be useful for mentioning healthy heart [1]

Fish culture is parallel to agriculture. It aims to increase the production of food above the level which would be produced naturally just like agriculture, fish culture includes the ploughing, fertilization sowing weed control and eradication of undesirable animals their replacement by desirable species. The

improvement of those species by breeding and selection [2 and 33]

Induced breeding means technique of fish breeding in confined water, stimulated by artificial hormone administration, which is gonadotropin. In India pituitary hormones were successfully administered to *Catla catla*, *Labeo rohita*, *Cirrhinus mrigala* and spawning were observed. Artificial reproduction and selective breeding producers gametes preservation has become very popular now a days in the age of science and technology at present.

Various spawning agents have been reported in fishes namely, pituitary extract [3-8] human chorionic gonadotropin [9] mammalian pituitary hormone [10] domperidone or pimozide, ovaprim [11-13] ovotide [14] and pheromones [15-17]

In present investigation ovaprim and pituitary extract were used to induce final maturation and spawning in fresh water fishes *Catla catla*, *Labeo rohita* and *Cirrhinus mrigala* as trial to know the effectiveness of ovaprim is to be compared with pituitary extract

Materials And Methods

The experiments were conducted during June 2020 August 2020 and June 2021 – August 2021 (breeding season) at fish breeding center Jayakwadi, Paithan Dist- Aurangabad in Maharashtra state 55 km away from Aurangabad.

Total number of 47 females and 56 males *Catla catla* 54 females and 62 males *Labeo rohita* and 51 females and 60 males, *Cirrhinus mrigala* were injected intramuscularly with ovaprim in a single dose effective dose was found to be 0.2-0.3 ml/kg and 0.4 - 0.6ml/kg body weight male and female respectively. While total numbers of 37 females and 47 males *Catla catla*, 38 females and 45 male *Labeo rohita* and 41 males and 50 females *Cirrhinus mrigala* two different dose to females first dose was given 0.2 -0.4 ml/kg body weight and 0.6-0.8 as second dose to female fish were injected intramuscularly with pituitary extract in two doses for females.

Chemicals:

In the experimentation for the present study the ovaprim (syndel laboratories canada) was used to induce final maturation spawning and effectiveness was compared with pituitary extract.

Preparation of Pituitary Extract:

The pituitary glands were collected from Indian major carps in the month of June to August. To gain access to the pituitary the top of the skull is removed with a knife. Pituitary gland is left behind on the base of skull. Collected pituitaries were homogenized in 0.6 % salt solution or distilled water. The solution is centrifuged and the clear supernatants were used for injection. Sometimes preserved pituitary gland may also be used for extract preparations. Pituitary glands were preserved in absolute alcohol immediately after collection. Each gland was kept in a separate phial with fresh absolute alcohol and stored in a cool shady place at room temperature or under refrigeration until needed.

Experimental Methodology

The most of the breeding experiments were conducted in cloth hapas. The general size of cloth hapas are

2.5 X 1.2 X 1m cloth hapas were fixed in earthen ponds or Banglabundh. The present experiments were conducted in circular hatchery. It is the most popular circular hatchery developed in china during 1960. This system adopted all over the country. This system possesses principle components viz breeding pool, hatching pool, overhead tank, spawnand egg collection chamber.

Selection of Brooders for Experiment

It is most important for induced breeding experiment. Healthy and disease free brooders of *Catla catla*, *Labeo rohita* and *Cirrhinus mrigala* of 2-5 years old are selected for every trial in the weight ratio of (1:1) male and female (kg) for the collection of brooders drag net was wed for netting (to avoid gill injury). Brooder fishes were identified and selected for the experiment on the basis of following morphological characteristics as the bulging abdomen, soft ventral abdominal region, comparatively large size, felt pectoral spine, smooth pectoral fin and swelling anal fin with reddish colour of females. But in comparison to males the normal abdomen, milt comes out with gentle pressure on the abdomen smaller size of similar age serrated pectoral spine, rough pectoral fin and concave anus from exterior was found.

Methods of Injection

The selected brooders were kept in breeding pool for acclimatization. They were made to fast for 4-6 hrs before injection to release fecal matter outside the body and easy for spawning. Brooders were one by one netted out in hand net. They were placed on a cloth and carefully injected avoiding wriggling movement. There are several ways of hormone administration to matured carps such as intracranial, intraperitoneal and intramuscular injection was given at the base of caudal fin above the lateral line in our every trial. Injected brooders were released in a breeding pool. Experimental brooders were observed for 36 hrs. After injection fishes give interval of 4 to 6 hrs the response to behavioural changes, ovulation and spawning etc. For the hatching of eggs, Incubation or hatching pool was used which is circular cemented tank. Ovaprim was used to induce in the present study for comparisons with pituitary extract.

Methods for Assessment of Result Counting of Egg:

The eggs of Indian Major carps are non floating, non-adhesive and round in shape, average diameter of eggs and colour of eggs are varies from species to species i.e Catla catla 4.6mm and color is light red, Labeo rohita 3.78mm and colour is reddish. Cirrhinus mrigala 5.5mm and colour is bluish [18]. The eggs were collected in a bucket they put in a mosquito net held in water. The eggs laid (approx) can easily calculated by following formula.

Total no of Eggs Laid (Approx) = Average no of eggs in each sample beaker X Number of beakers of eggs

Percentage of Fertilization:

Fertilized eggs of Indian major carps are transparent, non-adhesive, round in shape while unfertilized eggs are opaque. The fertilization rate was calculated through random sampling by examining 2-3 samples from each breeding tank by using following formula.

$$\text{Fertilization rate (\%)} = \frac{\text{Average no of fertilized eggs Eggs in a sample}}{\text{Average no of eggs in a sample}} \times 100$$

Percentage of Hatchling:

Percentage of Hatchling was calculated by following formula

$$\text{Hatchling (\%)} = \frac{\text{Total No.of Spawn}}{\text{Total no of Fertilized eggs}} \times 100$$

Results:

In present study carried out form June to August 2020 and June to August 2021 (breeding season The results of the experimentation carried out Indian major carps i.e. *Catla catla*, *Labeo rohita* and *Cirrhinus mrigala* treatedwith ovaprim and pituitary extract has been presented in table no 1,2 and overall effect of ovarprim and pituitary extract are shown in table 3 and 4

***Catla catla*:**

Total 47 females of *Catla catla* treated with ovaprim the effective dosewas found to be 0.2-0.3 ml/kg and 0.4 -

0.6 ml/kg body weight of male and female respectively. They were induced spawning after 10-12 hrs. The percentage of fertilization observed and recorded was (92-96.02%) and percentage of hatchling (89.31-95.17%) was observed and recorded. when both male and female were treated with ovaprim and overall percentage of fertilization and percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (94.05%) and (92.05 %) respectively (table no-1 and 3, figure 1 and 4) Similarly total 37 females of *Catla catla* were injected with pituitary extract twice in two different dose to female. The first dose was given 0.2-0.4 ml/kg body weight and 0.6-0.8 as second dose to female fish. The time interval between the two successive doses was 6 hrs spawning started after 6 hrs of second dose. The percentage of fertilization was (69.38- 85.29%) and the percentage of hatchling was (58.82-78.82%) .

When treated with pituitary extract. The overall percentage of fertilization and percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (77.12 % and 68.25 %) respectively (table no 2 and 4 figure 1 and 4)

***Labeo rohita*:**

Total 54 females of *Labeo rohita* treated with ovaprim the effective dose was found to be 0.2- 0.3ml/kg and 0.4-0.6 ml/kg body weight of male and female respectively which induced spawning after 10-12 hrs of injection. The percentage of fertilization was (88.11- 97.94%) recorded and percentage of hatchling recorded was (82.93-96.15 %) when treated with ovaprim. Overall percentage of fertilization and percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (94.06%-91.36%) respectively (table 1 and 3 figure 2 and 5)

Similarly total 38 females of *Labeo rohita* were injected with pituitary extract twice in twodifferent doses to female. The first dose given was 0.2-0.4 ml/kg body weight and 0.6 – 0.8 as second dose to female fish. The time interval between the two doses was 6 hrs. Spawning started after 6 hrs of second dose. The percentage of fertilization was (68.8-85%) and percentage of hatchling (62.20-75.73%) was recorded whentreated with pituitary extract. Overall percentage of fertilization and

percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (94.06%) and (91.36 %) respectively (table no 2 and 4 figure 2 and 5).

***Cirrhinus mrigala*:**

Total 51 females of *Cirrhinus mrigala* treated with ovaprim the effective dose was found to be 0.2-0.3 ml/kg body weight of male and female respectively. They were induced spawning after 10-12 hrs of injection. The percentage of fertilization was (87.88 –95.94%) and percentage of hatchling (74.70 - 96.45%) when treated with ovaprim percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (92.89 %) and (88.34%) respectively (table 1 and 3 figure 3 and 6)

Similarly, total 41 females of *Cirrhinus mrigala* were injected with pituitary extract twice in two different doses to female. The first dose given was 0.2- 0.4 ml/kg body weight and 0.6 -0.8 as second dose to female fish. The time interval between the two doses was 6 hrs. Spawning started after 6 hrs of second dose.

The percentage of fertilization was (53.19% – 85.48%) and percentage of hatchling (60-79.24%) was recorded when treated with pituitary extract. Overall percentage of fertilization and percentage of hatchling observed and recorded was (94.06%) and (91.36%) respectively (table 2 and 4 figure 3 and 6)

Discussion:

It has been reported, overall fertilization percentage (91.01%) and overall hatchling percentage (67.50%) average number of egg kg (67670), average number of fertilized egg kg (61620), average number of hatchling kg (41584) in *Catla catla* [19 and 33]

The rate of fertilization and hatchling percentage are generally higher with ovaprim as compared to pituitary extract [20 and 21]. The number of eggs obtained 2,40,000 with fertilization percentage 90 and hatchling percentage 90 in *Labeo rohita* and 1,40,000 with fertilization percentage 95 hatchling percentage 80 in *Cirrhinus mrigala* [22] present study shows that the results of fertilization and hatchling percentage were higher in ovaprim treatment compared to pituitary extract treatment [23] has reported 28-100% fertilization in *C. striatus* with regard to pituitary extract and [24] reported 45% fertilization in *H. fossilus*

[25] has noticed percentage of fertilization 60- 68% with regard to pituitary extract and percentage of fertilization (95- 98%) with regard to ovaprim. In terms of fertilization and hatchling ovaprim yielded better result [26 and 33].

The highest percentage of fertilization (95-98%) was observed in ovaprim treatment

C. striatus and *C. mrigala* injected with ovaprim 90% fertilization was observed by [27 and 28]

It has been noticed that whatever the earlier findings were their they are positive correlation with the findings of the present study. It is observed that the highest percentage of fertilization (87 %) and the highest percentage of hatchling (87.33%) at 27-28°C in *Labeo rohita* with pituitary extract treatment.

Conclusions:

Based on present study it is consequently concluded that the rate of fertilization and hatchling were generally higher in ovaprim. When compared with pituitary extract. Reduced handlings of brood fish due to single dose administered to both the sexes at the same time due to decrease post spawning, mortality

of fish and increase spawning response in ovaprim treatment when compared to pituitary extract treatment.

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Table 1: Spawning response of female Indian major carps with Ovaprim

| Species | Month | No. of female treated | Total wt offemale (kg) | Average no. of eggs obtained | Dose of ovaprim | Average no. of fertilized eggs | Total no. of hatchlings | Percentage of eggs fertilized | Average no. of eggs fertilized KgG1 | Average no. of hatchlings KgG1 | Average fertilization rate (%) | Average hatchling rate (%) |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Catla catla</i> | June 2020 | 5 | 17.0 | 16200 | 0.4-0.6 | 15000 | 13500 | 140000 | 88235.29412 | 79411.76471 | 92.59259 | 90 |
| | July 2020 | 4 | 12.0 | 14500 | 0.4-0.6 | 13700 | 12300 | 95294.1765 | 114166.6667 | 102500 | 94.48276 | 89.78102 |
| | July 2020 | 4 | 16.0 | 17600 | 0.4-0.6 | 16900 | 15600 | 120833.3333 | 105625 | 97500 | 96.02273 | 92.30769 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 4 | 19.0 | 23000 | 0.4-0.6 | 21160 | 18900 | 110000 | 111368.4211 | 99473.68421 | 92 | 89.31947 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 5 | 20.5 | 20000 | 0.4-0.6 | 19000 | 17900 | 121052.6316 | 92682.92683 | 87317.07317 | 95 | 94.21053 |
| | June 2021 | 5 | 18.0 | 17000 | 0.4-0.6 | 15950 | 14400 | 97560.97561 | 88611.1111 | 80000 | 93.82353 | 90.28213 |
| <i>Labeo rohita</i> | July 2021 | 5 | 17.5 | 20150 | 0.4-0.6 | 19140 | 18000 | 94444.4444 | 109371.4286 | 102857.1429 | 94.98759 | 94.04389 |
| | July 2021 | 5 | 20.0 | 24500 | 0.4-0.6 | 22800 | 21700 | 115142.8571 | 114000 | 108500 | 93.06122 | 95.17544 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 5 | 19.5 | 22000 | 0.4-0.6 | 21120 | 19640 | 122500 | 108307.6923 | 100717.9487 | 96 | 92.99242 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 5 | 20.5 | 22100 | 0.4-0.6 | 20800 | 19300 | 112820.5128 | 101463.4146 | 94146.34146 | 94.11765 | 92.78846 |
| | June 2020 | 7 | 11.0 | 28600 | 0.4-0.6 | 25200 | 20900 | 260000 | 229090.9091 | 190000 | 88.11189 | 82.93651 |
| | July 2020 | 5 | 9.5 | 23750 | 0.4-0.6 | 22100 | 21200 | 250000 | 232631.5789 | 223157.8947 | 93.05263 | 95.9276 |
| | July 2020 | 5 | 10.5 | 19250 | 0.4-0.6 | 18500 | 17100 | 183333.3333 | 176190.4762 | 162857.1429 | 96.1039 | 92.43243 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 5 | 9.0 | 25200 | 0.4-0.6 | 23900 | 21100 | 280000 | 265555.5556 | 234444.4444 | 94.84127 | 88.28452 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 5 | 11.5 | 32800 | 0.4-0.6 | 31200 | 30000 | 285217.3913 | 271304.3478 | 260869.5652 | 95.12195 | 96.15385 |

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|--------------------------|-----------|---|-------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | June 2021 | 6 | 12.0s | 30400 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 27900 00 | 25000 00 | 253333. 3333 | 232500 | 208333.3 333 | 91.776 32 | 89.605 73 |
| | July 2021 | 5 | 9.5 | 30500 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 29100 00 | 27300 00 | 321052. 6316 | 306315. 7895 | 287368.4 211 | 95.409 84 | 93.814 43 |
| | July 2021 | 5 | 10.0 | 25000 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 23800 00 | 21500 00 | 250000 | 238000 | 215000 | 95.2 | 90.336 13 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 5 | 9.0 | 28500 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 26800 00 | 23900 00 | 316666. 6667 | 297777. 7778 | 265555.5 556 | 94.035 09 | 89.179 1 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 6 | 14.5 | 39000 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 38200 00 | 36300 00 | 268965. 5172 | 263448. 2759 | 250344.8 276 | 97.948 72 | 95.026 18 |
| <i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i> | June 2020 | 7 | 13.0 | 18200 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 17000 00 | 12700 00 | 140000 | 130769. 2308 | 97692.30 769 | 93.406 59 | 74.705 88 |
| | July 2020 | 4 | 8.5 | 14450 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 12700 00 | 12250 00 | 170000 | 149411. 7647 | 144117.6 471 | 87.889 27 | 96.456 69 |
| | July 2020 | 5 | 10.5 | 17350 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 15610 00 | 13700 00 | 165238. 0952 | 148666. 6667 | 130476.1 905 | 89.971 18 | 87.764 25 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 4 | 7.5 | 13000 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 12350 00 | 11000 00 | 173333. 3333 | 164666. 6667 | 146666.6 667 | 95 | 89.068 83 |
| | Aug. 2020 | 5 | 11.5 | 20900 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 20000 00 | 18000 00 | 181739. 1304 | 173913. 0435 | 156521.7 391 | 95.693 78 | 90.0 |
| | June 2021 | 6 | 10.5 | 15200 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 13700 00 | 11500 00 | 144761. 9048 | 130476. 1905 | 109523.8 095 | 90.131 58 | 83.941 61 |
| | July 2021 | 5 | 9.5 | 15000 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 13900 00 | 12250 00 | 157894. 7368 | 146315. 7895 | 128947.3 684 | 92.666 67 | 88.129 5 |
| | July 2021 | 5 | 11.5 | 17250 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 16550 00 | 15300 00 | 150000 | 143913. 0435 | 133043.4 783 | 95.942 03 | 92.447 13 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 5 | 9.0 | 14900 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 14000 00 | 11900 00 | 165555. 5556 | 155555. 5556 | 132222.2 222 | 93.959 73 | 85 |
| | Aug. 2021 | 5 | 10.0 | 16000 00 | 0.4 - 0.6 | 15100 00 | 14500 00 | 160000 | 151000 | 145000 | 94.375 | 96.026 49 |

Table 2: Spawning response of female Indian major carps with Pituitary extract.

| Species | Month | treated | Total wt of female (kg) | Average no. of female eggs obtained | Dose of ovaprim | | Average no. of eggs fertilized | Total no. of hatching | Average no. of eggs KgG ¹ | Average no. fertilized | Average no. Hatching eggs KgG ¹ | Average fertilization rate (%) | Average Hatchling rate (%) | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | | I st | II nd | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Catla Catla</i> | June 2020 | 5 | 17.5 | 1300000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 970000 | 630000 | 74285.7143 | 55428.57143 | 36000 | 74.61 | 64.94 | |
| | July 2020 | 4 | 16.5 | 1300000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1000000 | 690000 | 78787.8788 | 60606.06061 | 41818.18 | 76.92 | 69 | |
| | July 2020 | 4 | 16.5 | 1200000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 930000 | 635000 | 72727.2727 | 56363.63636 | 38484.84848 | 77.5 | 68.27 | |
| | Aug. 2020 | 3 | 12.0 | 980000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 680000 | 400000 | 81666.6667 | 56666.66667 | 33333.33333 | 69.38 | 58.82 | |
| | Aug. 2020 | 6 | 21.5 | 1700000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1450000 | 1135000 | 79069.7674 | 67441.86047 | 52790.69767 | 85.29 | 78.82 | |
| | June 2021 | 3 | 10.5 | 780000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 570000 | 380000 | 74285.7143 | 54285.71429 | 36190.47619 | 73.07 | 66.66 | |
| | July 2021 | 2 | 7.0 | 535000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 420000 | 300000 | 76428.5714 | 60000 | 42857.14286 | 78.50 | 71.42 | |
| | July 2021 | 4 | 13.0 | 900000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 720000 | 510000 | 69230.7692 | 55384.61538 | 39230.76923 | 80 | 70.83 | |
| | Aug. 2021 | 3 | 10.5 | 830000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 650000 | 430000 | 79047.619 | 61904.7619 | 40952.38095 | 78.31 | 66.15 | |
| | Aug. 2021 | 3 | 12.0 | 850000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 660000 | 450000 | 70833.3333 | 55000 | 37500 | 77.64 | 68.18 | |
| | <i>Labeo Rohita</i> | June 2020 | 5 | 12.0 | 1750000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1350000 | 950000 | 145833.333 | 112500 | 79166.66667 | 77.14 | 70.37 |
| | | July 2020 | 4 | 10.5 | 2500000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 2000000 | 1450000 | 238095.238 | 190476.1905 | 138095.2381 | 80 | 72.5 |
| July 2020 | | 5 | 10.0 | 1700000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1390000 | 990000 | 170000 | 139000 | 99000 | 81.76 | 71.22 | |
| Aug. 2020 | | 3 | 8.0 | 1300000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1030000 | 730000 | 162500 | 128750 | 91250 | 79.23 | 70.87 | |
| Aug. 2020 | | 5 | 10.5 | 1600000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1360000 | 1030000 | 152380.952 | 129523.8095 | 98095.2381 | 85 | 75.73 | |
| June 2021 | | 3 | 7.5 | 1150000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 900000 | 600000 | 153333.333 | 120000 | 80000 | 78.26 | 66.66 | |
| July 2021 | | 3 | 8.0 | 1250000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 860000 | 535000 | 156250 | 107500 | 66875 | 68.8 | 62.20 | |
| July 2021 | | 4 | 8.5 | 1280000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 1050000 | 780000 | 150588.235 | 123529.4118 | 91764.70588 | 82.03 | 74.28 | |
| Aug. 2021 | | 3 | 6.5 | 1000000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 800000 | 510000 | 153846.154 | 123076.9231 | 78461.53846 | 80 | 63.75 | |
| Aug. 2021 | | 3 | 8.0 | 980000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 770000 | 530000 | 122500 | 96250 | 66250 | 78.57 | 68.83 | |
| <i>Cirrhinus mrigla</i> | | June 2020 | 5 | 12.0 | 940000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 500000 | 300000 | 78333.3333 | 41666.66667 | 25000 | 53.19 | 60 |
| | | July 2020 | 5 | 10.5 | 790000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 630000 | 450000 | 75238.0952 | 60000 | 42857.14286 | 79.74 | 71.42 |
| | July 2020 | 5 | 9.0 | 700000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 580000 | 430000 | 77777.7778 | 64444.44444 | 47777.77778 | 82.85 | 74.13 | |
| | Aug. 2020 | 3 | 5.5 | 450000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 360000 | 270000 | 81818.1818 | 65454.54545 | 49090.90909 | 80 | 75 | |
| | Aug. 2020 | 6 | 13.5 | 1030000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 860000 | 650000 | 76296.2963 | 63703.7037 | 48148.14815 | 83.49 | 75.58 | |
| | June 2021 | 3 | 6.0 | 550000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 470000 | 360000 | 91666.6667 | 78333.33333 | 60000 | 85.45 | 76.59 | |
| | July 2021 | 4 | 8.0 | 730000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 560000 | 380000 | 91250 | 70000 | 47500 | 76.712 | 67.85 | |
| | July 2021 | 4 | 9.0 | 560000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 450000 | 340000 | 62222.2222 | 50000 | 37777.77778 | 80.35 | 75.55 | |
| | Aug. 2021 | 3 | 7.0 | 750000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 590000 | 450000 | 107142.857 | 84285.71429 | 64285.71429 | 78.66 | 76.27 | |
| | Aug. 2021 | 3 | 7.0 | 620000 | 0.2-0.4 | 0.6-0.8 | 530000 | 420000 | 85571.4286 | 75714.28571 | 60000 | 85.48 | 79.24 | |

Table 3: Effect of ovaprim on spawning on Indian major carps.

| Species | Number of female treated | wt of female obtained (kg) | Total no. of female eggs | Total no. of fertilized eggs | Total no. of hatchling | Average no. of eggs KgG ¹ | Average no. of fertilized eggs KgG ¹ | Average no. of Hatchling eggs KgG ¹ | Overall fertilization % | Overall Hatchling % |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Catla catla</i> | 47 | 180 | 1970500 | 1855700 | 1712400 | 112964.88 | 103383.19 | 95242.39 | 94.20 | 92.05 |
| <i>Labeo Rohita</i> | 54 | 106.5 | 2830000 | 2667000 | 2443000 | 266856.88 | 251281.47 | 229793.11 | 94.06 | 91.36 |
| <i>Cirrhinus mrigla</i> | 51 | 101.5 | 1622500 | 1329100 | 1331000 | 160852.27 | 149468.79 | 132421.14 | 92.89 | 88.34 |

Table 4: Effect of pituitary extract on spawning on Indian major carps.

| Species | Number of female treated | Total wt of female (kg) | Total no. of eggs | Total no. of fertilized | Total no. of hatchling | Average no. of eggs KgG ¹ | Average no. of fertilized eggs KgG ¹ | Average no. of hatchling KgG ¹ | Overall fertilization % | Overall Hatchling % |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Catla catla</i> | 37 | 137 | 1037500 | 805000 | 5560000 | 75636 | 75636.3 | 39915.78 | 77.12 | 68.25 |
| <i>Labeo rohita</i> | 38 | 89.5 | 1451000 | 1157000 | 8105000 | 160532 | 160532.72 | 88895.83 | 79.07 | 69.64 |
| <i>Cirrhinus mrigla</i> | 41 | 87.5 | 7120000 | 5530000 | 4050000 | 83031 | 65360 | 48243.74 | 78.59 | 73.16 |

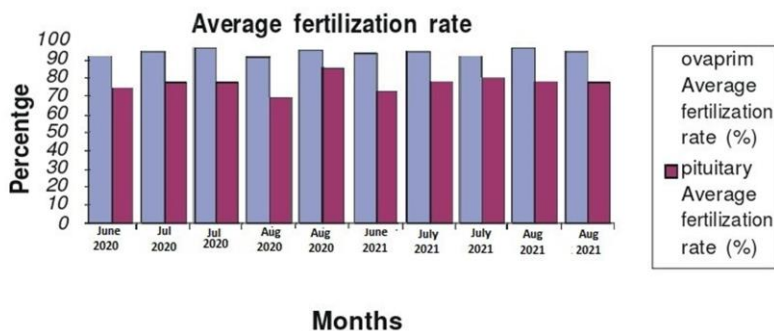


Fig. 1: Shows average fertilization rate (%) in *Catla catla* Ovaprim compared with pituitary extract

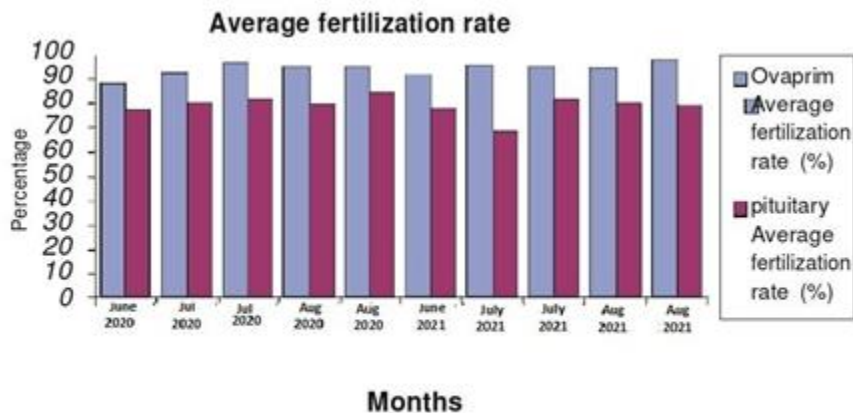


Fig. 2: Shows average fertilization rate (%) Ovaprim compared with pituitary extract in *Labeo rohita*

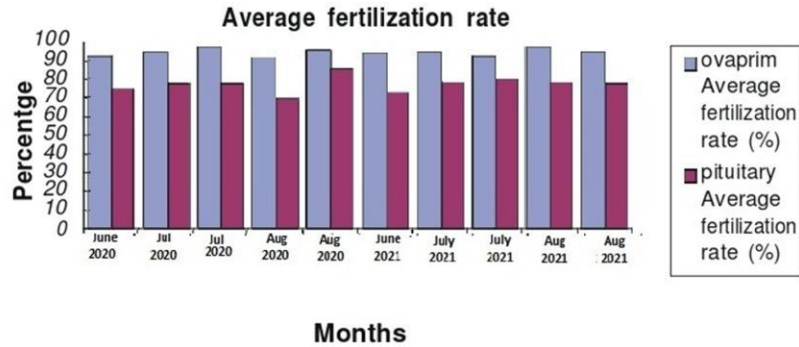


Fig. 4: Shows average hatchling rate (%). Ovaprim compared with pituitary extract in *Catla catla*.

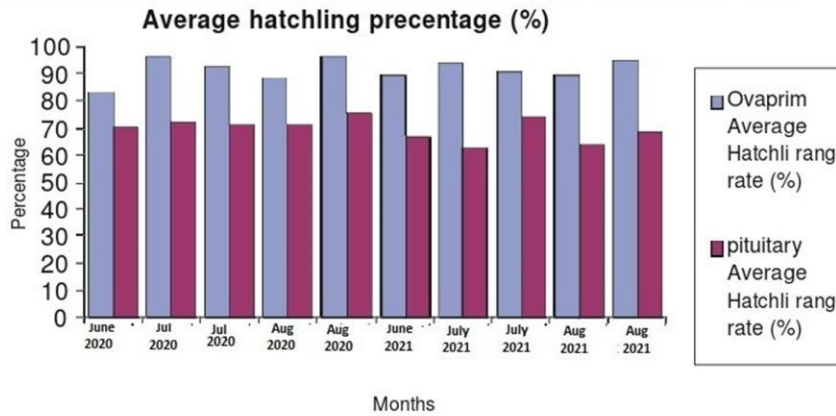


Fig. 5: Shows average hatchling rate (%)Ovaprim compared with pituitary extract in *Labeo rohita*.

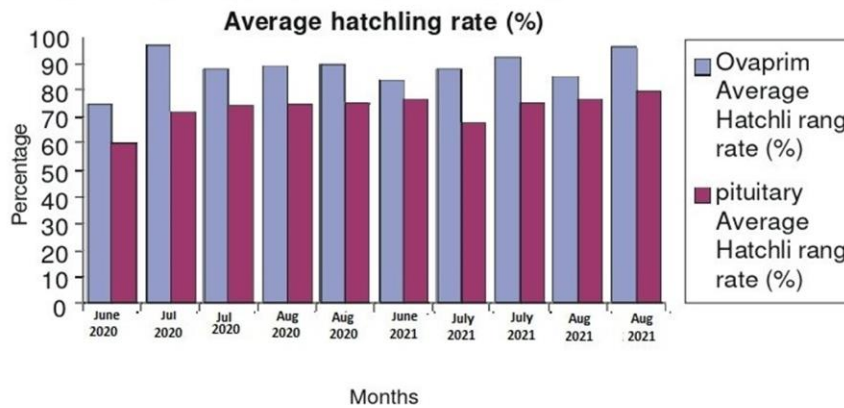


Fig. 6: Shows average hatchling rate (%) .Ovaprim compared with pituitary extract in *Cirrhinus mrigala*.