



Induction of apoptosis and DNA damage by 4-nonylphenol in African catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*) and the antioxidant role of *Cydonia oblonga*

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Abstract:

In this study, we assessed the toxic effects of sub lethal concentration (0.1 mg l⁻¹) 4-nonylphenol (4-NP) on serum biochemical parameters, liver lipid peroxidation (LPO) and antioxidant enzymes of the African catfish *Clarias gariepinus* for 14 days and the ability of the quince leaf extract to alleviate the effects of (4-NP). Fish were categorized into four groups: control, exposure to 0.1 mg l⁻¹ 4-NP, exposure to 0.1 mg l⁻¹ 4-NP with quince leaf extract (10 ml/30 L water), and exposure to 0.1 mg l⁻¹ 4-NP with quince leaf extract (20 ml/30 L water). 4-NP exposure induced a significant (p

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