



# **SEASONAL CHANGES IN THE PITUITARY GLAND OF A CERTAIN TELEOST FISH IN CORRELATION WITH ITS REPRODUCTIVE CYCLE**

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## ABSTRACT

The present study deals with morphological and histological variations of the pituitary gland of *Liza carinata*, from the Suez Bay of the Red Sea, in correlation with its reproductive cycle.

The study of the reproductive biology revealed that the spawning season of *L. carinata* extends from late September to late December.

The oogenesis of *L. carinata* is divided into seven stages, namely: the oogonia, the chromatin nucleolar, the early peri-nucleolar, the late peri-nucleolar, the vacuolated, the early yolk globular and the late yolk globular stages. In addition, the spermatogenesis is divided into six stages, namely: the spermatogonia A and B, primary and secondary spermatocytes, spermatids and spermatozoa.

The pituitary gland of *L. carinata* is differentiated into two main divisions, the adenohypophysis and neurohypophysis. The adenohypophysis is further divided into three glandular regions, namely: pro-, meso- and meta-adenohypophysis. The pro-adenohypophysis occupied by acidophils (A1), while the meso-adenohypophysis occupied by both acidophils (A2) and the basophils (B1) and (B2). The meta-adenohypophysis contains the amphiphils (M1); in addition, the neurohypophysis is formed of a compact mass of nervous tissue. The cells of pituitary gland show no significant seasonal variations all the year round. However, the basophils (B1) seem to be the only gonadotrophs show pronounced seasonal variations.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

A1	Acidophils (A1).
A2	Acidophils (A2).
Ad	Adenohypophysis.
At.fc	Atretic follicles.
B1	Basophils (B1).
B2	Basophils (B2).
Bl.cap	Blood capillary.
Bs.lam	Basal lamina.
Ce.mm	Cell membrane.
Cen	Centriole.
Ch.nu.oo	Chromatin-nucleolar oocytes.
Ch.pat	Chromatin patches.
Cr.ms.l	Circular muscle layer.
Ct	Cysts.
Cy.brd	Cytoplasmic bridge.
Cy.ca	Cytoplasmic canal.
Cyk.mit	Cytoskeletal microtubules.
Dis.cen	Distal centriole.
En.r	Endoplasmic reticulum.
Er.pe.nu.oo	Early peri-nucleolar oocyte.
Er.sd	Early spermatids.
Er.yo.gl.oo	Early yolk globular oocyte.
F.brn	Fore-brain.
Fc.ce	Follicular cell.



## *LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS*

Fc.l	Follicular layer.
Fl	Flagellum.
Fl.mm	Flagellum membrane.
Fl.win	Flagellar wing.
G.ap	Golgi apparatus.
Gr.ma	Granular material.
Ice.spa	Intercellular space.
Im.cm	Intermitochondrial cement.
In.ce	Interstitial cell.
Inl.c.t.s	Interlobular connective tissue septa.
La. pe.nu.oo	Late peri-nucleolar oocyte.
La.sd	Late spermatids.
La.yo.gl.oo	Late yolk globular oocyte.
Li.dr	Lipid droplets.
Lo. ms.l	Longitudinal muscle layer.
Lq.yo	Liquefied yolk.
M	Mitochondria.
Md.pic	Middle piece.
Md.sd	Middle spermatids.
Me.ad	Meso-adenohypophysis.
Mit	Microtubule.
MI	Amphiphils (MI).
Mt.ad	Meta-adenohypophysis.
Mv	Microvilli.
N	Nucleus.
N.fo	Nuclear fossa.

## *LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS*

N.mm	Nuclear membrane.
N.por	Nuclear pore.
Ne.gr	Neurosecretory granules.
Neh	Neurohypophysis.
Neh.prs	Neurohypophysial processes.
Nu	Nucleolus.
Og.lm	Ovigerous lamellae.
Ogn	Oogonium.
Olm	Oolemma.
Oo	Oocyte.
Oo.lu	Oocyte lumen.
Oo.w	Oocyte wall.
Op	Ooplasm.
Out	Outpocketing.
Ov	Ovary.
Ov.lu	Ovarian lumen.
Ov.w	Ovarian wall.
P.sc	Primary spermatocytes.
Pe.n.ng	Perinuclear nuage.
Pfc.ce	Prefollicular cell.
Pit.gd	Pituitary gland.
Po.cen	Proximal centriole.
Por.ca	Pore canal.
Pr.l	Peritoneal layer.
Pro.ad	Pro- adenohypophysis.
Ps.ovu.st	Post ovulatory structures.
Res.bd	Residual body.
Res.sz	Residual spermatozoa.

## *LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS*

Ri	Ribosomes.
Scr.gr	Secretory granules.
Sd	Spermatids.
Se.lb	Seminiferous lobules.
Sg.A	Spermatogonia A.
Sg.B	Spermatogonia B.
So.sc	Secondary spermatocytes.
Spr.cd	Sperm cloud.
Spr.d	Spermatic duct.
Sr.ce	Sertoli cells.
Sz	Spermatozoa.
Sz.hd	Spermatozoa head.
Th.ce	Thecal cell.
Th.l	Thecal layer.
Ts	Testes.
Tu.al	Tunica albuginea.
V	Vacuoles.
V.oo	Vacuolated oocyte.
Yo.gl	Yolk globules.
Yo.gr	Yolk granules.
Yo.n	Yolk nucleus.
Zn.ra	Zona radiata.
Zn.ra.e	Zona radiata externa.
Zn.ra.i	Zona radiata interna.

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