



# Ectoparasite-Infested Wall Ago Attu (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) Histopathological Examination

Atoguignima DADJO<sup>1</sup>, Mamatchi MELILA<sup>2</sup>, Essosimna Abalo KULO<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Higher School of Agronomy (ESA), University of Lomé, 01 B.P. 1515, Lomé 01, Togo.

<sup>2</sup>Faculty of Sciences (FDS), University of Lomé, 01 B.P. 1515, Lomé 01, Togo.

## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Researchers employ a variety of models to demonstrate how parasites rely on their hosts. Copepods, monoplans, and isopods with gills are excellent models for studying host-parasite relationships. An exhaustive study of the harm done to Wall ago attn (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) by monoplans, cope pods, and an isotope was place between August 2017 and February 2018. (Parochialism indicts, Thaparocleidus wallagonius, and Milieus indicts, Parochialism indicts, Bloch & Schneider, 1801). Ectoparasite damage was assessed using this technique on both the control (the least affected) and most affected subjects (those with the most severe infections) (the most infected).

**Results:** The pathological effects of parasitic ectoparasites on the secondary gill lamellae were discovered, and this led to curled and fused epithelium, hyperplane of flaments and cells, bronchial tip propagation, narrowing of the central axis, severe degenerative and necrotic changes, and curled secondary lamellae.

**Conclusions:** The appearance of ectoparasitic worms reduces Ash W. attu's mouth-breathing ability. For example, pathology may disclose the full extent of parasite damage so that different diagnostic programmes and suitable management measures may be used to help improve aquaculture productivity.

This research focuses on histopathology, parasite microscopic examination, and the physiology of the host-parasite relationship.

## BACKGROUND

Crustaceans, monogamous, protozoan, and isopods all have the potential to have a substantial influence on marine and wild fish health (Johnson et al., 2004; Box shall, 2005; Shin et al., 2015; Modi and Vankara, 2021). Ash may be lowered when Argus and Brasilia parasites are present (Miler, 2009). The gills of fish mediate everything from gas exchange to hormone synthesis to circulation to acid-base balance to excretion (Pester and Bagatto, 2010; Lima et al., 2013). Inflamed and diseased gill tissue in ducks may impair oxygen absorption in the animal (OSHA and Hughes, 2001). To eat gill blood, monogeneans do not need to break through the secondary lamellae wall using their mouth parts or digestive secretions. There have been a number of studies on fish gill pathology, including those by Campos et al. (2001), Delightful and Goldwater (2003), Vinobada (2009), Singh and Gaur (2014), Weli and Mathews (2017, 2018), Weli et al. (2019), as well as others (2019). (2021). To assess the health of the fish, biomarkers based on histopathological abnormalities may be widely used (Roberts, 2001). These indicators may thus be utilised to analyse particular organs (such as the lungs and gills), as well as xenobiotic accumulation and

bio transformation in the human body, for environmental monitoring purposes (Gernhofer et al., 2001). Through a detailed understanding of histology, pathological anomalies induced by parasites in infected and control tissues may be detected. Bacterial, viral, and fungal infections that may spread via the necrotic tissue of the wound are even more harmful than the mechanical activity of ectoparasites. Since they are so nutritious and in such high demand in tropical Asia, this food source is in great demand (Bloch & Schneider, 1801). "(Tella and colleagues, 2018)," W. attu's gill tissue degenerated even in the regions with the least and largest pollution, thanks to the ectoparasites.

## METHODS

Between August 2017 and February 2018, researchers from Andhra Pradesh caught 95 freshwater sharks (W. attu) in the YSR Kadapa District (Lat. 14°28'N 78°49'E, 137 m height) Its overall length is 7 to 15 cm; its weight ranges from 150 to 500g; and its total weight is 293.15100.9gms. Adinimayapalli Dam over the Penna River (14°29'22" N, 7°18'19" E) near Chennai Village (14°29'22" N, 7°18'19" E) is a dam that backs up the Somalia reservoir in YSR Kadapa District (Site-II, n=61) (Fig. 1). A stereo zoom microscope



(LM-52-3621 Elegant) was used in the parasitology lab to inspect fish for parasites and obvious disease (N-800M).

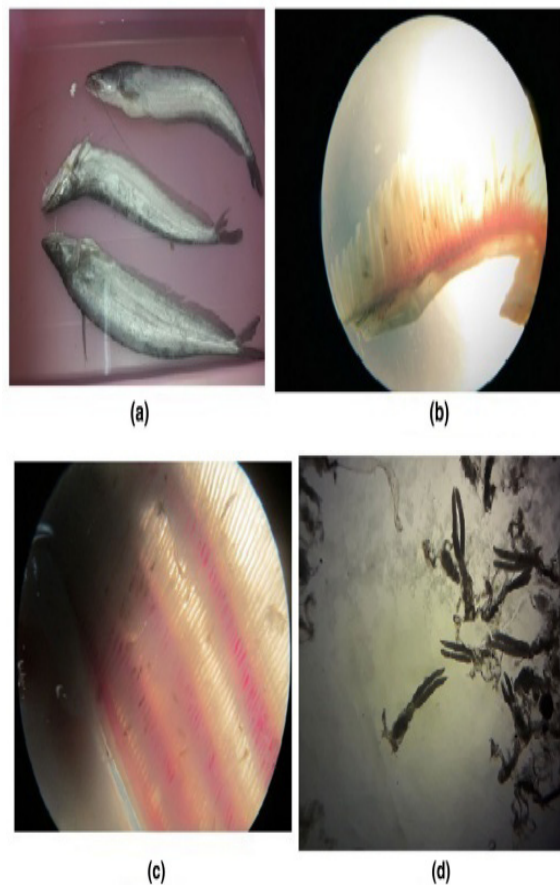


**Fig. 1.** Two fish sampling sites are located in the YSR Kadapa District of Andhra Pradesh. In Chennai Village, YSR Kadapa District, above the Adinimmayapalli Dam crosses the Penna River. Andhra Pradesh's Nellore District's Vontimitta Village, across the Nellore River from Somalia Village, has the Kadapa Department of Zoology at Yogi Vemana University. To detect mono genetic trematodes, a method devised by Malmberg (1970) for generating temporary slides was followed by Gusset (1976a, b) and Pandey and Agrawal (1976c, d) (2008). They were treated using Papilla's approach after the copepod and isotope parasites were removed (1985). Hematoxylin-Eosin-stained gill arches were gently immersed in paraffin at 58°C before being sectioned. After that, we examined the slides with a drawing tube and took photos under a microscope. Image J software was used to take micrometer-level measurements of the specimens. All measurements were taken using ocular micrometres, unless otherwise noted (m).

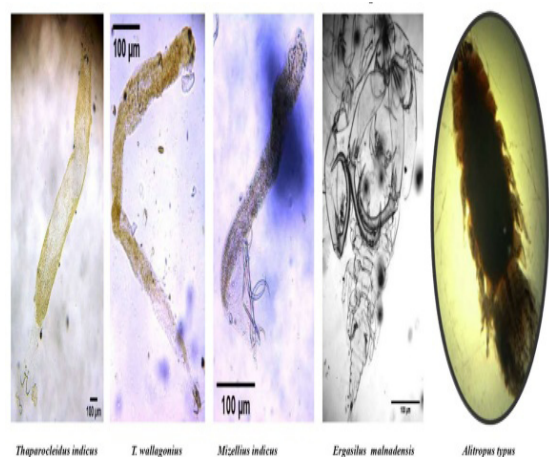
**RESULTS**

In 986 of the fish samples analysed, one or more parasites were found (P = 0.001). The fish's gill flaps had necrosis and haemorrhaging, and the gill flaps of the wounded fish were congested. Three types of taperocleidus were observed to infest the *W. attu* gills in this study (n=688, P=55.8%, MI=13.0%). Researchers found parasite cope pod to be *Ergasilus malnadensis*, which they named as the parasite cope pod (Venkateshappa, Seenappa&Manohar 1998;

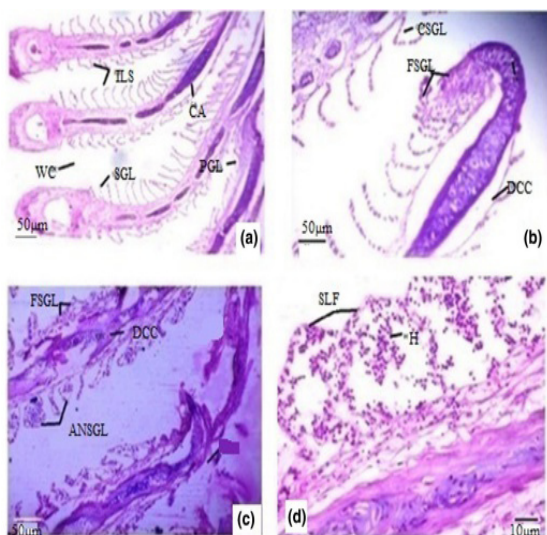
n=2096; P=98.5 percent; MI=22.8) (Venkateshappa). The gill tissue is damaged by these parasites, which adhere to every area of the gills. The primary and secondary lamellae were seen in the gills of healthy fish, though.



**Fig. 2.** *Thaparocleidus indicus*, *Ergasilus malnadensis*, and *T. wallagonius* have been found on *W. attu* gill makers, Either C or D, an adult cope pod *E. malnadensis* attached to *W. attu* gill makers or an adult cope pod *E. amanuensis* in an embryo cup,



**Fig. 3.** Micro parasites attune, *Thaparocleidus wallagonius*, *Milieus indicus*, *Ergasilus malnadensis*, and *Alitropus platypus* have been photographed on these species. aMicroparasites attune, *Thaparocleidus wallagonius*, *Milieus indicus*, *Ergasilus malnadensis*, and *Alitropus platypus* have been photographed on these species.



**Fig. 4.** These include water channels, secondary gill lamella, and inter lamellar gaps (WC). An infected gill infection coils, fuses, and destroys secondary lamellae (b) (DCC). Fault lines, damage to the core, and an abnormality on the second gill layer are all signs of an infection (ANSGL). Infestation of hyperplastic gills (H) The gills of diseased fish are altered in a recognizable way because of pathological processes. The gills of *W. attu* were found to have the normal structure, comprising the primary and secondary gill lamellae (PGL), interlamellar region (ILR), and water channels (WC) (Fig. 4a). A histological investigation revealed that parasite attachment and feeding severely damaged the primary and secondary gill lamellae. Every *W. attu* that had been affected in this investigation showed colour spots. Secondary gill fusion, injured central cores, aneurysms in secondary gill lamellae, and twisted secondary gill lamellae are all possible pathogenic outcomes of ectoparasites (Fig. 4b, c). After a severe infestation, many types of epithelial hyperplasia (EH) cells were discovered in the main and secondary lamellae (Fig. 4d). As the number of secondary gill lamellae increases, mucus is secreted, vacuoles are formed, epithelial cells (HE) increase, and filaments (NGF) decrease (Figure 5a) (Fig. 6d). The fish's gill arc was also affected by an infected cope pod parasite.

## DISCUSSION

an illness induced by an exoparasite The gills of *W. attu* exhibited necrosis, haemorrhages, and congestion, as well as epithelial and mucus cell development. Scientists found similar pathogenic consequences in Oscar (*AstroTurf cellmates*) and discus (*Symphony discus*) in hypotaxis and anoxic fish when they analysed parasite skin and gill infestations on Oscar (*AstroTurf cellmates*) and discus (*Symphony discus*) (2021). Fish with more parasites on their gills are more prone to respiratory problems. Gill damage may result in loss of body mass and condition factor, as well as major changes in osmotic and respiratory regulation. In the long term, this might lead to death. When monoplans and cope pods clung to the cell dam, they caused cell ageing and bleeding. Histological sections of parasite-

digested Fsh gill filaments in the parasite gill stomach contain a considerable number of nuclei (Vinobad, 2010. Noga, 2010. Seenappa and VenkateshAppi, 2000; Dual et al., 2015). To Dewar, Mandrakes, and Hanna, parasites scraping and sucking on host tissues cause the greatest histological damage, not the hooks of monoplane parasite and cope pod species (Dewar, 1995). (2001). Parasites were detected connected to the ends of gill filament, and host tissue grew at the site of parasite attachment, according to the results of this study. Previously, researchers discovered that a parasitic infection is marked by epithelial cell hyperplane and fusion of lamellae, as demonstrated by studies such as those conducted by Campos, Fadai and Barzegar (all of which were published in 2001) as well as Fadai, Barbarize and Jalali (all of which were published in 2003), and Barzegar and Jalali (all of which were published in 2003). If fish is under a lot of stress, damaged cells and alterations in blood vessels might lead to an aneurysm (Rosette Rodriguez et al., 2002). As a result of ectoparasites such as monoplans and cope pods, there are both economic and social ramifications to the spread of disease. fsh's respiratory capacities are particularly problematic, as seen by the significant fatality rates that occur (Delightful et al., 2011; Shinn et al., 2015). Environmental imbalances may be detected via the study of parasite-host relationships and parasite impacts. According to the results, viruses that affect both farmed and wild fish are a big threat. Due of unforeseen parasite outbreaks and financial losses, aquaculture must use aggressive control tactics.

## CONCLUSIONS

Histologically, ectoparasites modify gill tissue, as shown in the current research.. The parasites' scraping and sucking behaviours on host tissues injured the *W. attu*'s gills the most. Data from histopathology provide insight into the health of the host fish, demonstrating growth retardation as well as an increased risk of various illnesses, such as hypoxia or anemia, which may result in mortality. Fsh may suffer significant damage and production losses as a consequence of ectoparasitic infections according to this study.

## REFERENCES

1. Arya, P., & Singh, H. S. (2020). Wall ago attu (Bl.) and its parasitic monogenea *Mizelleus indicus* (Jain, 1957), Pandey et al., 2003: A model towards histopathological studies for host parasite interaction.
2. Asian Journal of Biological and Life Sciences, 9, 25. <https://do.org/10.5530/abseils.2020.9>. 48 Avenant-Oldewage, A., Tsotsi, A. M., & Mashego, S. (2005). Aspects of the pathology of Lamproglanclariae (Copepoda: Lernaeidae) on gills of *Clarias gariepinus* from the Vaal River system South Africa.
3. African Zoology, 40, 169–178. Barbarize, M., & Jalali, B. (2004). Helminthes, Acanthocephala and crustacean parasites of fishes in a reservoir. Iranian Journal of Veterinary Science, 2, 229–234. Box shall, G. A. (2005).

4. Crustacean parasites (Copepoda). In Horde, K. (Ed.), *Marine Parasitology* (CABI) (pp. 123–138). Oxon. Campos, C. M., Morals, J. R. E., & Morals, F. R. (2001). Histopathology of gills of *Piaractus mesopotamicus* (Holmberg, 1887) and *Prochilodus lineatus* (Valenciennes, 1836) infested by monogenean and myxosporea, caught in Aquidauana River State of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. *Rev. Bras. Parasitol. Vet. Sabbatical*, 20(1), 67–70.
5. Derwa, H. I. M. (1995). Some studies on gill affections of some freshwater fishes. M.Sc. thesis Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Suez Canal University. Delightful, B. S., Aria, L., Lui, A., Lorenzoni, M., & Noga, E. J. (2011).
6. Mast cell responses to *Ergasilus* (Copepoda), a gill ectoparasite of sea bream. *Fish Shellfish Immun.* 30, 1087–1094. Delightful, B., Sayya, F., Luisa, G., Robert, K., Paul, J., & Maurizio, M. (2003). Immunohistochemistry, ultrastructure and pathology of gills of *Abramis brama* from Lake Mondsee, Austria, infested with *Ergasilus sieboldi* (Copepoda). *Dis. Aqua. Organ.* 53, 257–262. Dias, M., Ferreira, G., & Videira, M. (2021).
7. Histopathological alterations caused by monogenean parasites the gills of tambaqui *Colossoma macropomum* (Spermicidal).
8. *Semina Ciências Agrárias*. <https://do.org/10.5433/1679-0359.2021v42n3Supl1p2057> Endrawes, M. N. (2001). Observations on some external and internal parasitic diseases in Nile catches. A Master thesis submitted to Department of Fish Diseases and Management.
9. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Zigzag University. Intifada, F., Mokhayer, B., & Ghorbani, H. (2001). Identification of fishes and their parasites in Choreograph Lagoon. *Journal of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine*, 56, 109–113. Gernhofer, M., Pawet, M., Schramm, M., Müller, E., & Triebkorn, R. (2001).
10. Ultrastructural biomarkers as tools to characterize the health status of fish in contaminated streams.
11. *Journal of Aquatic Ecosystem Stress and Recovery*, 8, 241–260. Gusev, A. V. (1976). The systematic composition of the Indian fauna, Zoogeography and evolution of freshwater monogeneans.
12. *Novaya Seriya*, 35, 5–32. Gusset, A. V. (1976a). Freshwater Indian Monogenea. Principles of systematic, analysis of the world faunas and their evolution.
13. *Indian Journal of Helminth*, 25&26, 1–241. Hanna, M. I. (2001). Epizootiological studies on parasitic infections in fishes cultured under different cultural systems in Egypt. A Master thesis submitted to Department of Fish Diseases and Management. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Zigzag University.
14. Johnson, S. C., Treasurer, J. W., Bravo, S., Nagasawa, K., & Kabata, Z. (2004). A review of the impact of parasitic copepods on marine aquaculture. *Zoological Studies*, 43(2), 229–243. Kaur, P., & Shrivastav, R. (2014).
15. Histological effect of monogenean parasites on gills of freshwater carps. *European Journal of Biotechnology and Bioscience*, 2(2), 50–53. Lima, F. S., Casali, G. P., & Takeout, R. M. (2013). Cretaceous. In G. C. Pavanelli, R. M.
16. Takemoto, & J. C. Eiras (Eds.), *Parasitologia de peixes de água doce do Brasil* (1st ed., pp. 371–397). Maringá: Eduem Malmberg, G. (1970).
17. The excretory systems and the marginal hooks as a basis for the systematic of Pterodactyls (Trematoda, Monogenea). *Ark. Zool.* 23(1), 1–235. Mathews, P. D., Patta, A. C. M. F., Gama, G. S., & Inset, O. (2018).
18. Infestation by *Ergasilus coatarius* (Copepoda: Ergative) in two Amazonian chlorides with new host record from Peru: An ectoparasites natural control approach. *Comp. Rend. Biol.* 341(1), 16–19. Modi, A. K., & Vankara, A. P. (2021).
19. Prevalence and spatial distribution of the ectoparasites on the gills of *Mystus vittatus* from river Penna flowing through YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh, India. *J. Paras. Dis.* 45(1), 43–49. Mohammad, F., Moussaka, S. M., & Zaire, A. (2012).
20. Histopathological study of parasitic infestation of skin and gill on Oscar (*AstroTurf* cellmates) and discus (*Symphony discus*). *Int. J. Bioflux Soc.* 5(1), 88–93. Miller, O. S. (2009).
21. Branch (Cretaceous)—survey of historical literature and taxonomy. *Arthropod Syst. Phyla*, 67(1), 41–55. Noga, E. J. (2010). *Fish disease: Diagnosis and treatment* (2nd ed.). New York: Wiley. OSHA, J., & Hughes, G. M. (2001). Effect of branchial parasites on the efficiency of the gills of a freshwater catfish *Wall ago attu*. *Journal of Zoology*, 255, 125–129.

Citation: Atoguignima DADJO, Mamatchi MELILA, Essosimna Abalo KULO, “Ectoparasite-Infested Wall Ago Attu (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) Histopathological Examination”, *American Research Journal of Genetics*, Vol 1, no. 1, 2022, pp. 27-30.

Copyright © 2022 Atoguignima DADJO, Mamatchi MELILA, Essosimna Abalo KULO, This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.