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NITRATE: A GOITROGENIC COMPOUND IN JUVENILE WHITE-SPOTTED BAMBOO SHARKS (*Chiloscyllium plagiosum*)

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ABSTRACT

Elasmobranchs susceptibility to goiter formation in captive environments has been well documented.^{2,3,5} Until recently most public aquariums believed that the etiology of elasmobranchs goiter was nutritional and specifically caused by insufficient dietary iodine.⁵ Recent studies have demonstrated that high environmental nitrate inhibits the ability of the thyroid gland to utilize available iodine, resulting in over stimulation of the thyroid gland by thyroid stimulating hormone and ultimately, development of goiter.^{1,6} The objective of this study was to evaluate the effects of high environmental nitrate concentrations on thyroid function in juvenile white-spotted bamboo sharks (*Chiloscyllium plagiosum*). We hypothesize that exposure to elevated nitrate will manifest via, a) alteration in growth rate, b) development of a diffuse hyperplastic goiter, and c) decreased plasma thyroid hormone concentrations. In July 2008, ten juvenile *C. plagiosum* (80-150g) were divided into two treatment groups (n=5 per treatment), low nitrate (<1mg/L NO₃-N) or high nitrate (70mg/L NO₃-N), for 30 days in flow-through natural sea water system. Results indicate nitrate exposure did not affect growth rate (e.g. weight, length, and condition factor) in juvenile sharks during the study period. However, histological analysis of the thyroid gland in nitrate exposed sharks did demonstrate moderate to severe hyperplasia and hypertrophy of follicular epithelium, suggesting a disruption in normal thyroid hormone production may have occurred.⁴ A quantification of plasma thyroid hormone concentrations may confirm that nitrate exposure in juvenile bamboo sharks has the potential to cause goiter in captive elasmobranchs. With increasing restrictions on water use, most modern aquaria operate as re-circulating systems, resulting in higher and more chronic nitrate exposure to their collections. Goiter is one of the most common health problems in captive elasmobranchs and this study suggests that nitrate exposure may be an important factor in the etiology of this disease.

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