

## EVALUATION OF SILVER CARP FRY TRANSPORTATION METHODS ON WATER QUALITY AND SURVIVAL RATIO

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### ABSTRACT

The effect of stocking densities (30, 60, 90, and 120 g/l), durations of transportation (2, 4, and 6 hours), with two methods of aeration (pure oxygen and atmospheric air) in three different containers shapes (polyethylene bags, cylindrical and cuboids) on silver carp fry, and water quality parameters was tested. Water samples were taken at 2 h intervals after transport to determine oxygen concentration, pH, and total ammonia concentration. Oxygen concentration adjusted to 8 ppm for all treatments at transport start of silver carp fries. The results revealed that both water quality and survival ratio were affected by method of transportation. Oxygen concentration, pH values, ammonia concentration and survival ratio measured in pure oxygen supply were significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher compared to those measured in atmospheric air supply under all treatments. The oxygen concentration of silver carp fry transportation was in the range of 0.67 to 7.11 mg/l, and the stocking densities from 30 to 120 g/l. Transportation durations significantly affected the oxygen concentration under closed system (polyethylene bags) and open system (cylindrical and cuboids containers). The pH values of the water during silver carp fry transportation were in the range of 6.35 to 7.2, and the lowest pH value of 6.35 was recorded at 30 g/l stocking density, 2 h duration of transportation, pure oxygen supply and polyethylene bags containers. The ammonia concentration values of silver

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carp fry transportation was in the range of 1.1 to 7.0 mg/l, and the lowest ammonia value of 1.1g/l was recorded at 30 g/l stocking density, 2 h duration of transportation, pure oxygen supply and polyethylene bags container. The lowest survival ratio of silver carp fry transportation value of 14.97% was recorded at 120 g/l stocking density, atmospheric air supply with 6 h duration of transportation, and the highest survival ratio value of 97.13% was recorded at 30 g/l stocking density, 2 h duration of transportation, pure oxygen supply and polyethylene bags containers. The lowest cost value of silver carp fry transportation of 0.09 L.E per 5 g. for live fry was recorded at 120 g/l stocking density, 2 h duration of transportation, pure oxygen supply and polyethylene bags containers. The highest cost value of silver carp fry transportation of 0.92 L.E. per 5 g. for live fry was recorded at 30 g/l stocking density, 6 h duration of transportation, atmospheric air supply with polyethylene bags containers. From the obtained results, the best parameters of silver carp fry transportation methods could be transport with stocking density of (30 g/l), duration of transportation of 2 hours, methods of aeration of pure oxygen supply, and container shape of polyethylene bags to achieve the highest values of oxygen concentration and the survival ratio and the lowest values of pH, ammonia concentration and total cost.

**Keywords:** Fry transportation, silver carp, aeration, survival ratio, polyethylene bags, transport in containers, water quality.

## INTRODUCTION

The need for rapid development and proper management of the fish farms is becoming a necessity in view of the high demand for fish as a relatively cheap source of animal protein. Fish may compensate for the present deficiency of the other animal protein sources (Hamza 1988). Fish contains a good quantity of protein, about 18-20% and fat content ranges from

0.2% to 25%. Fish is a rich source of vitamins, particularly vitamins A and D from fatty species. The minerals present in fish include iron, calcium, zinc, iodine (from marine fish), phosphorus, selenium and fluorine.

Fish culture embodies in land and coastal water, but in fact, the inland culture is greater than the coastal culture. Inland fish culture embodies fresh water and brackish

water. Fresh water fish culture (about 40,000 faddans) is much more developed in Egypt than brackish water fish culture (20,000 faddans) (Hamza 1988).

Total fish production in Egypt is about 970,000 tons according to Ministry of Agriculture, 2007. 375,000 tons (38.72%) are from fisheries, 595,000 tons (61.28%) are from aquaculture.

There are two basic transport systems for live fish, the closed system and the open system. The closed system is a sealed container in which all the requirements for survival are self-contained. The simplest of these is a sealed plastic bags partly filled with water and oxygen. The open system consists of water-filled containers in which the requirements for survival are supplied continuously from outside sources. The simplest of these is a small tank with an aerator stone.

The bags used for fish transport in water with oxygen are produced in a number of modifications. They are manufactured from a thin or thicker transparent polyethylene foil and usually have the shape of sack or sleeve. The water to be used for fry transport in a bag should comply with all requirements.

The transport in tank should be done under the conditions of con-

stant air or oxygen supply. This is very important to the welfare of fish even if dissolved oxygen content of water seems to be satisfactorily high in tank. The weight of fish that can be safely transported in a tank depends on the efficiency of the aeration system, duration of the transport, water temperature, fish size and fish species, some calculations of loading rates for various fish species are presented by (Piper *et al.* 1982).

Boyd and Watten (1989) stated that two basic methods are used for increasing dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations in water. Air-contact aeration systems increase the area of the air-water interface and the degree of turbulence in water to enhance the absorption of oxygen from the atmosphere or from rising air bubbles. Also Golombieski *et al.* (2003) showed that when fish is transported in a closed system, an oxygen deficit may occur when the load density is high and the transport is prolonged. The dead fish also compete with the living ones for oxygen. The increased bacterial multiplication requires oxygen and this multiplication may further produce toxic metabolites and stated that, an oxygen deficit was observed at 20°C and 25°C at the load density of 168g/l, since the

dissolved oxygen levels approached near zero. There was fingerling mortality at this density, and bacteria that degrade dead fish probably also consumed oxygen, contributing to reducing these levels in the water. The use of pure oxygen in the bags increased the dissolved oxygen levels in the water up to saturation in relation to the partial pressure of oxygen contained in the bags, Gomes *et al.* (1999). Lawson (1995) recommended a minimum criterion of 6.0 mg/l dissolved oxygen for all juvenile fish and crustaceans. Practically all species can survive for short period at dissolved oxygen concentration less than optimum, and they are more susceptible to infectious diseases. Respiration of common carp and silver carp decreased when this species were exposed to ammonia concentration of the range 0.2 to 1.0 mg/l, (Nemcosk *et al.*, 1984).

Chona and Marietta (2003) said that the best packing density for transport of grouper larvae is 50 larvae/l and that packing density could be increased to a maximum of 100 larvae/l when transported at 23°C. Also Pavlidisa *et al.* (2003) suggested that red porgy should be transported in stocking densities of 20–25g/l and at a hauling tempera-

ture similar to that kept at the exporter's fish rearing tanks (preferable 19°C).

Ng *et al.* (1992) found that 16% to 18% mortality might occur to *Cyprinus carpio* when unionized ammonia concentration was 0.9 to 1.3 mg/l. The term total ammonia refers to the sum of unionized ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) and ionized ammonia (NH<sub>4</sub>). Ammonia induces detrimental changes in tissue structure, cell function, blood chemistry, osmoregulation and disease resistance. A sharp peak in ammonia excretion of sockeye salmon was observed by Thurston *et al.* (1981) 4<sup>h</sup> after single feeding. Low dissolved oxygen concentrations increase the toxicity of ammonia to fish. Boyd (1982) showed that water pH was reduced in the first hours of transport because the production of carbon dioxide due to fish respiration led to the formation of carbonic acid, which can dissociate into H<sup>+</sup> and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and most natural waters have pH values between 6.5 and 9.0.

From the previous introduction, there is a shortage in literature concerning fry transport especially the optimum conditions required for a successful transport operation. In this paper, some of the important parameters affecting the transporta-

tion process will be investigated to conclude the optimum transport conditions.

The objectives of this study will include investigation the effect of transport durations, stocking densities, transport containers' shape and aeration systems on silver carp fry survival ratio and water quality during transportation.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study was carried out in Central Laboratory for Aquaculture Research, Abbassa, Abou-Hammad, Sharkia during the year of 2009.

Transport fry in open system and closed system at different densities of silver carp Hypophthalmic molitrix were used to evaluate some study parameters on water quality and survival of fry during journey. The study included two methods of aeration (pure oxygen and atmospheric air); four stocking densities (30, 60, 90, and 120g/l); three different containers shapes (polyethylene bags, cuboids, and cylindrical); and three transport durations (2, 4, and 6 hours) with average truck speed 35 km/hr on variety road between dirt and tar-mac. A total of 72 treatments were suggested and implemented in 3

replicates each. Silver carp fries of 5.0 g average mass were used in different densities to investigate the previous parameters. Polyethylene bags were 0.6 mm thick and have the dimensions of 1.1x0.35 m. Cuboids containers are manufactured from plastic boards. They have dimensions of 0.31x0.23x0.185m and thickness of 5.4 mm, the height of water 13cm. Cylindrical containers are manufactured from plastic. They have dimensions of 0.37 m height, 0.19m diameter, the height of water is 18 cm.

Pure oxygen was provided by compressed oxygen cylinder and atmospheric air was supplied by a battery operated air pump which uses 2 batteries (size D, 1.5 Volts). Air dispensers are used to bubble air and pure oxygen in open systems and oxygen concentration adjusted to 8ppm for all treatment at transportation start and after to fill of containers with fries. The containers were hauled in a transportation truck for different transportation durations.

Water samples from each treatment were tested to determine concentration of dissolved oxygen (DO), mg/l, pH, and total ammonia, mg/l, each two hours.

Dissolved oxygen was measured using Dissolved Oxygen Meter (YSI Model 58) and pH was

assessed using pH meter. Total ammonia concentration was measured in laboratory using HACH Comparison Method. The survival ratio (SR) was calculated using the following equation:

$$SR = \frac{Mt - Md}{Mt} \times 100$$

Where: Mt : total mass of fry in the container, g. and Md : mass of dead fries in each container, g.

The cost incurred by the truck was estimated using the following equation, (Awady 1978):

$$C = \frac{P}{h} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{i}{2} + t + r \right) + (0.9ws.f) + L, \text{ LE/h}$$

Where:

C: hourly cost, L.E, P: Capital investment (truck price = 100,000 L.E), h: yearly working hours (assumed 2500 h/year), a: life expectancy of the truck (assumed 20 years), i: interest rate/year (assumed 10%), t: taxes, and overheads ratio (assumed 10%), r: repairs and maintenance ratio (assumed 10%), w: horsepower of the truck engine, 100 hp, s: specific fuel consumption, 0.24 l/h.hp.

f: fuel price, 1.50 L.E/l, L: operator wage, 5.00 L.E/h, and, 0.9: factor to take lubrication and greasing into account.

Finally, the cost analysis was carried out in order to evaluate the

transport unit economically and then compare between different methods. The total cost incurred by a treatment was estimated by the following equation:

Total cost = truck cost + aeration cost + container cost + fry cost + labor cost

### Statistical Analysis

Four measurements were done for oxygen concentration, pH value, ammonia and survival rate. The obtained data were statistically analyzed (univariate analysis of variance) to determine the main and interaction effects between levels of stocking densities, methods of aeration, different containers' shapes; and transportation durations.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The observed data were tabulated, analyzed, and plotted to investigate the effect of different study parameters.

### Effect of Different Parameters on Oxygen Concentration

The effect of changing the levels of stocking densities, methods of aeration, different containers shapes, and transportation durations on the oxygen concentration of silver carp fry transportation is

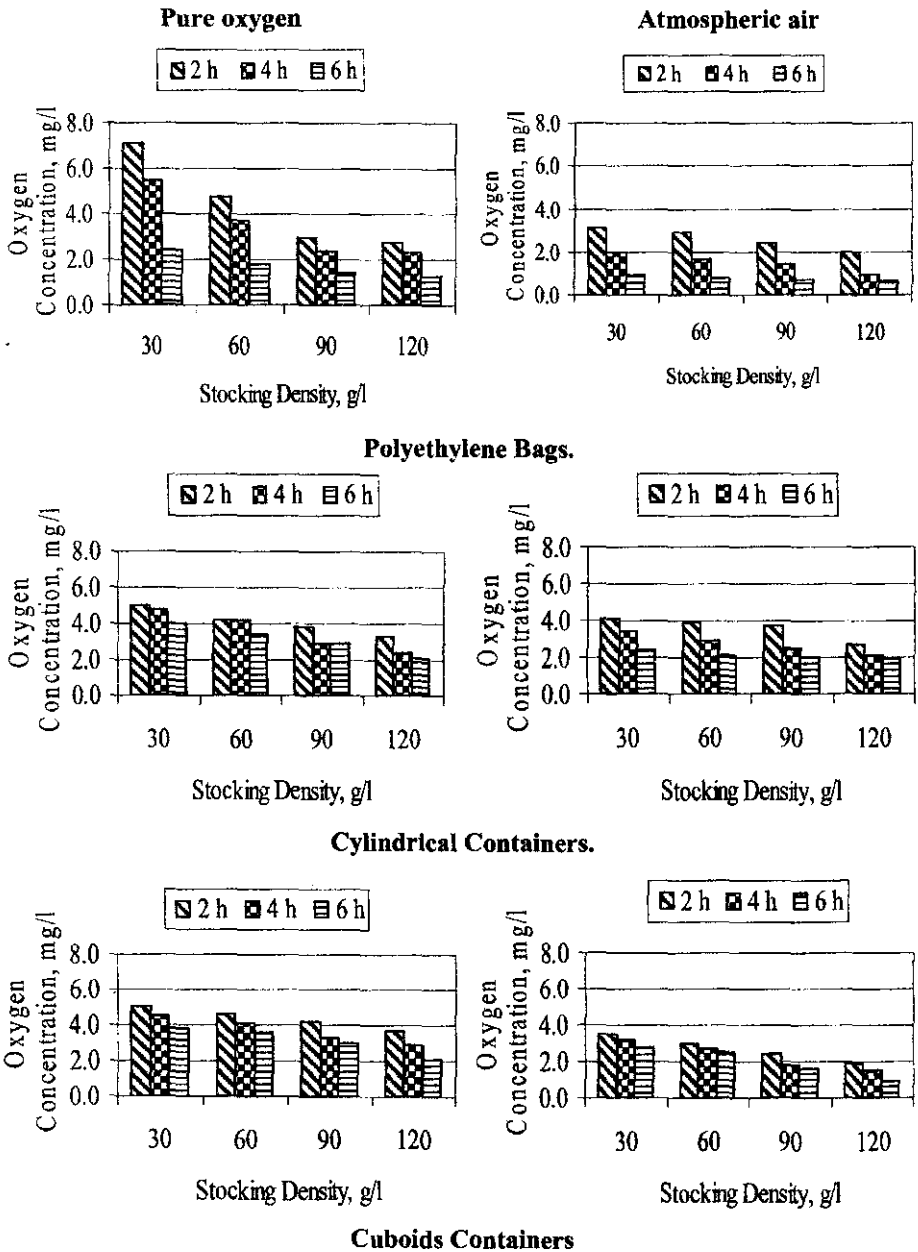
shown in Fig. 1. Statistical analysis showed that increasing stocking density had significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on the oxygen concentration under pure oxygen supply and atmospheric air supply but did not show any trend indicating that the interaction of stocking density with other component played an important role in the oxygen concentration of the fry transportation. It can be said that oxygen concentration in water was decreased with increasing stocking density due to the competition among fries. Also, increase the transportation duration had the most significant role in the oxygen concentration but the oxygen concentration measured in pure oxygen supply was higher than that measured in atmospheric air supply under all treatments. Oxygen concentration values measured in closed system (polyethylene bags) throughout 2 hours in stocking densities 30, 60, 90 and 120 g/l were 7.12, 4.75, 3.00, and 2.73 mg/l respectively under pure oxygen supply. In addition, the values were 3.10, 2.87, 2.40, and 1.97 mg/l respectively using atmospheric air supply. It is clear that the transportation period has affected the oxygen concentration. Oxygen concentration that was measured throughout 2 and 4 hours

in pure oxygen supply was higher than that measured at atmospheric air supply in the same treatment.

These results are in agreement with those found by Golombieski *et al.* (2003) and Chona and Mari *et al.* (2003).

### **Effect of Different Parameters on pH Value**

The effect of changing the levels of stocking densities, methods of aeration, different containers shapes, and transportation durations on the pH values of silver carp fry transportation is shown in Fig. 2. Statistical analysis showed that increasing stocking density had significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on the pH values but did not show any trend indicating that the interaction of stocking density with other component played an important role in the pH values of the fry transportation. As the stocking density was increased from 30 to 120 g/l, the pH values increased from 6.35 to 6.90 under pure oxygen supply in bags after 2 h transport duration. At the same time pH values increased from 6.71 to 7.05 using atmospheric air supply under the same conditions. It is also noticeable the pH values increased from 6.35 to 6.79 by increasing transport duration from 2 to 6<sup>h</sup> under 30g/l stocking densities using pure oxygen. Same trend was found under different



**Fig. 1. Effect of study parameters on oxygen concentration with different containers shapes**



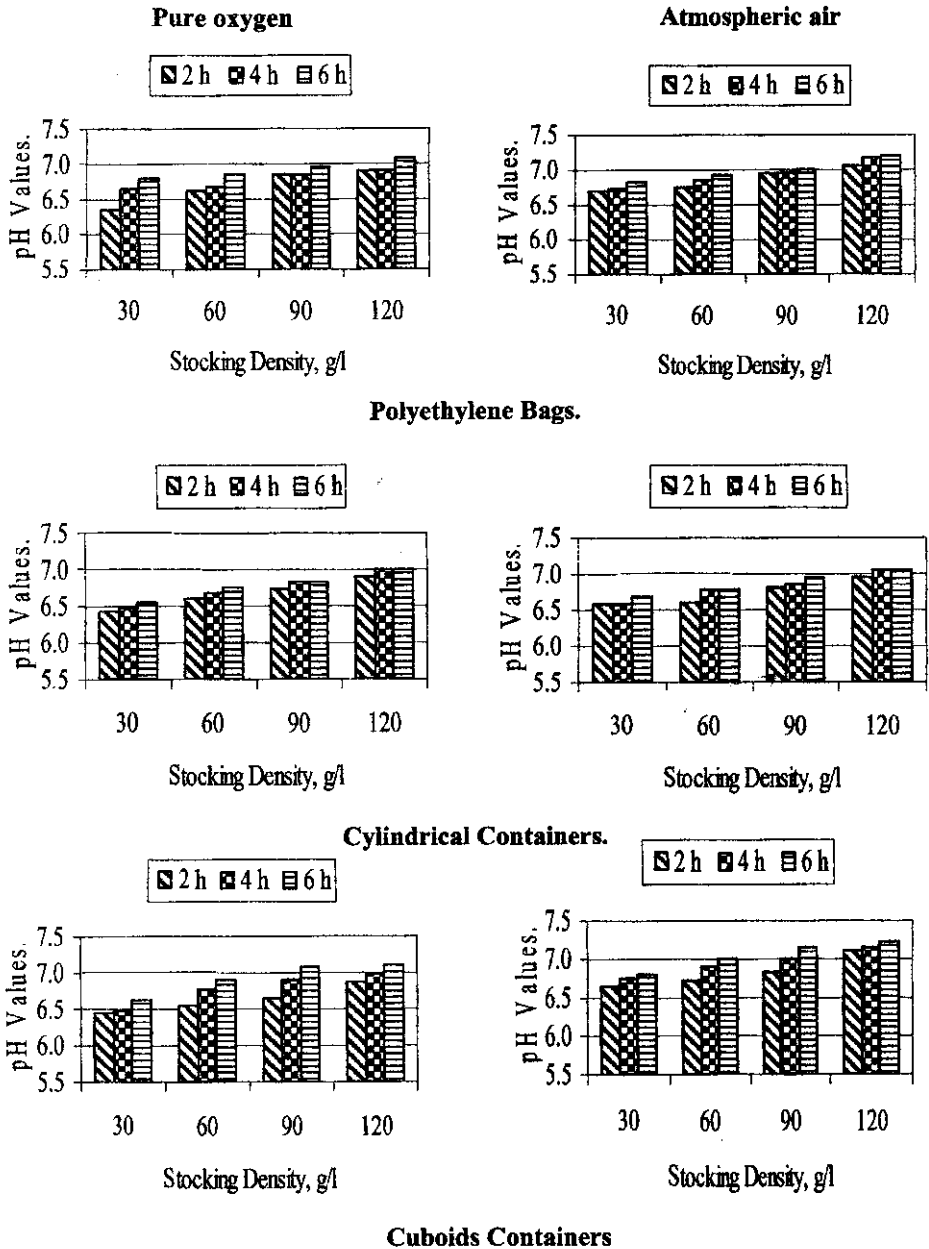


Fig. 2. Effect of study parameters on pH values with different containers shapes

treatments using pure oxygen supply and atmospheric air supply. Pavlidisa *et al.* (2002) showed similar results. It is logical from the previous discussion to conclude that increasing stocking densities and transportation durations will increase the breathing activities which produce more CO<sub>2</sub> which tends to increase water acidity. However, this effect was offset by increasing ammonia concentration which was produced by larger quantities by increasing stocking densities and transport durations.

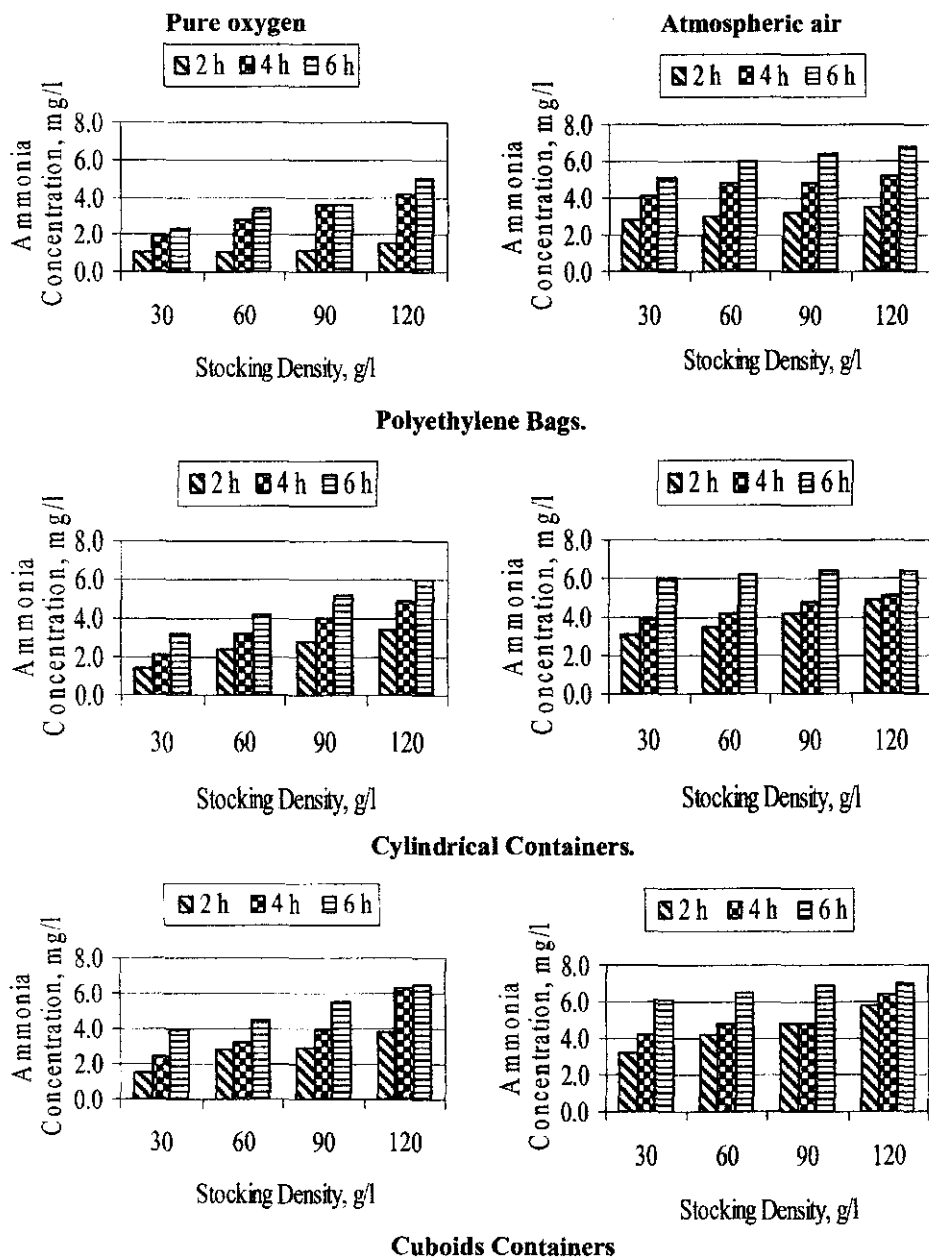
### **Effect of Different Parameters on Total Ammonia Concentration**

The effect of changing the levels of stocking densities, methods of aeration, different containers shapes, and transportation durations on the ammonia concentration of silver carp fry transportation is shown in Fig. 3. Statistical analysis showed that the total ammonia concentration increased significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) as the level of stocking densities and transport durations increased. The total ammonia concentration increased from 1.1 to 1.5 mg/l and from 2.8 to 3.5 mg/l by increasing the stocking density from 30 to 120 g/l under both aeration systems through

transport duration of 2 h respectively. Meanwhile it was increased from 1.1 to 2.3 mg/l and from 2.8 to 5.1 mg/l by increasing the transport duration from 2 to 6 h under 30 g/l stocking density for both aeration systems. The highest ammonia concentration of 6.8 mg/l was recorded after 6 h of transportation at stocking density of 120 g/l for the atmospheric air system in polyethylene bags. It was noticeable that ammonia concentration was higher under atmospheric air supply than that under pure oxygen supply at all stocking densities and transport durations. Accumulation of ammonia and its intermediate products in intensive culture system causes mortality. Ammonia is utilized as an energy source by autotrophic nitrifying aerobic bacteria, Nitrosomonas and Nitrobacter, which oxidize it to nitrite and nitrate, respectively.

### **Effect of Different Parameters on Survival Ratio**

The effect of changing the levels of stocking densities, methods of aeration, different containers shapes, and transportation durations on the survival ratio of silver carp fry transportation is given in Fig. 4. Statistical analysis showed that increasing stocking density had



**Fig. 3. Effect of study parameters on total ammonia concentration with different containers shapes**

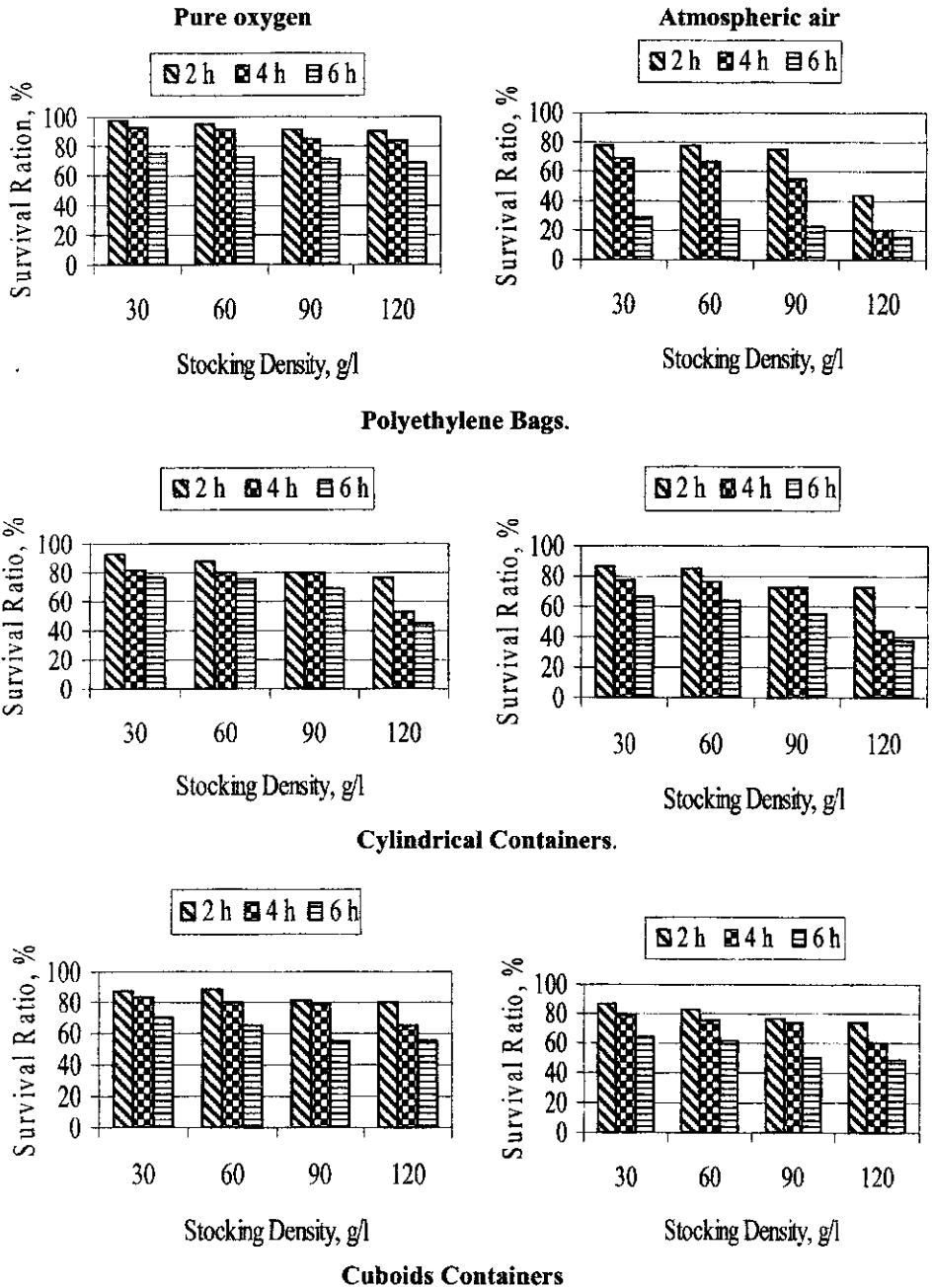


Fig. 4. Effect of study parameters on survival ratio with different containers shapes

significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on the survival ratio and as the stocking density was increased from 30 to 120g/l, the survival ratio decreased from 87.73 to 76.61% and from 86.26 to 72.52% under both aeration systems for 2 h transport duration respectively. Meanwhile it was decreased from 87.73 to 75.90% and from 86.26 to 66.44% by increasing transport duration from 2 to 6 h at stocking density of 30 g/l under both aeration systems respectively in cylindrical containers. In addition, survival ratio calculated in pure oxygen supply was higher than that calculated in atmospheric air supply. The survival ratio in polyethylene bags was higher than that obtained with cylindrical and cuboids containers, where survival ratio was in polyethylene bags 97.11%, cylindrical containers 87.73% and cuboids containers 92.60% at 30g/l through 2<sup>h</sup> with pure oxygen supply. This result can be attributed to the nervous behavior of the sliver carp fries during transportation and less solubility of oxygen in open systems.

### **Cost Analysis**

#### **Cost analysis for polyethylene bags**

Fig. 5 displays the cost incurred using polyethylene bags under different stocking densities, transport durations and aeration systems. It

can be concluded that total cost associated with one bag transport is increasing by increasing transport duration. The cost incurred using atmospheric air supply was higher than that incurred using pure oxygen supply. The total cost per 5g. for live fry was decreased from 0.18 to 0.09L.E and from 0.21 to 0.18L.E through increasing stocking density from 30 to 120g/l; meanwhile it was decreased with 30 g/l stocking density from 0.18 to 0.36 L.E and from 0.21 to 0.93 L.E through increasing transport duration from 2 to 6 h. under both systems of aeration.

#### **Cost analysis for cylindrical containers**

Fig. 6 depicts the cost incurred using cylindrical container under different stocking densities, transport durations and aeration methods. It can be concluded from these figures that the cost associated with one container transport is increasing by increasing transport duration. It is interesting to notice that the cost incurred using pure oxygen supply was lower than that incurred using atmospheric air supply but with a little margin.

This result is attributed to the cost of air pump and tubing under atmospheric air supply. The total cost per 5g. for live fry was increased from 0.19 to 0.11L.E and from 0.21 to 0.11L.E through

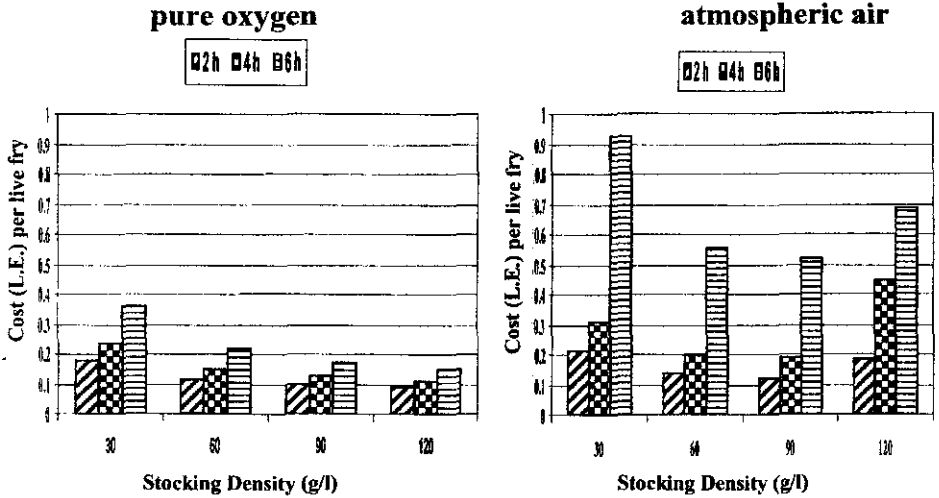


Fig. 5. Effect of study parameters on the total cost per 5 g. for live fry with polyethylene bags

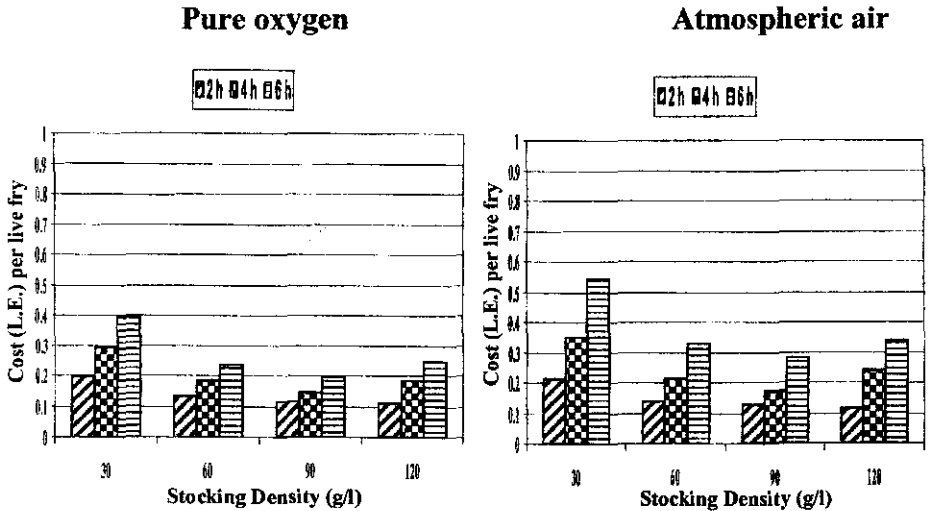


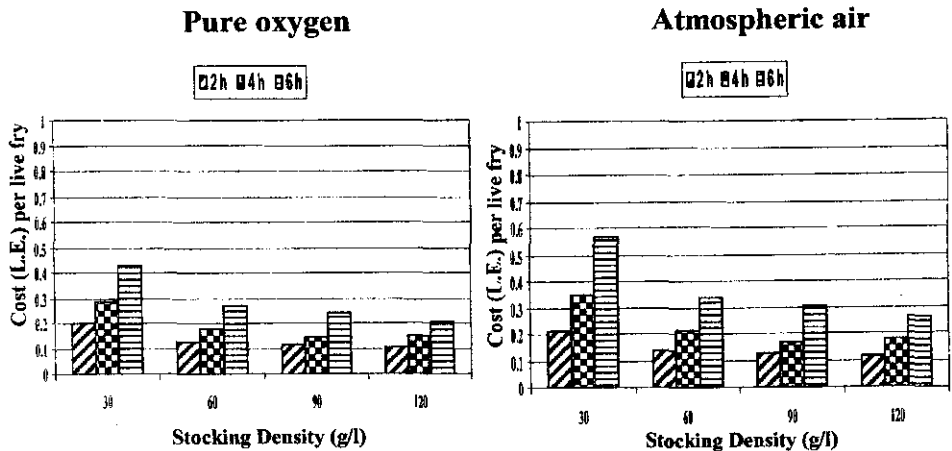
Fig. 6: Effect of study parameters on the total cost per 5 g. for live fry with cylindrical container

increasing stocking density from 30 to 120g/l; meanwhile it was increased from 0.19 to 0.39L.E and from 0.21 to 0.54L.E with increasing transport duration from 2 to 6h. with 30g/l stocking density under both systems of aeration.

**Cost analysis for cuboids container**

Fig. 7 depicts the cost incurred using cuboids container under different stocking densities, transport durations and aeration methods. It can be concluded from these figures that the cost associated with one container transport is increasing by increasing transport duration. It is interesting to notice that

the total cost incurred using pure oxygen supply was lower than that incurred using atmospheric air supply but with a little margin. This result is attributed to the cost of air pump and tubing under atmospheric air supply. The total cost per 5 g. for live fry was increased from 0.20 to 0.10 L.E and from 0.21 to 0.11 L.E through increasing stocking density from 30 to 120 g/l; meanwhile it was increased from 0.20 to 0.43 L.E and from 0.21 to 0.57 L.E with increasing transport duration from 2 to 6 h. with 30 g/l stocking density under both systems of aeration.



**Fig. 7. Effect of study parameters on the total cost per 5 g. for live fry with cuboids container**

**Table 1. Effect of stocking density, duration of transportation, methods of aeration and different containers shapes on water quality, survival ratio and transportation cost**

parameters	Water quality measurement, survival ratio and transportation cost			
	Oxygen concentration (g/l)	pH values	Ammonia concentration (g/l)	Survival ratio (%)
Stocking density = 30 g/l	3.76 a	6.62 a	3.24 a	77.25 a
Stocking density = 60 g/l	3.15 b	6.77 b	3.93 b	74.92 b
Stocking density = 90 g/l	2.52 c	6.90 c	4.39 c	69.10 c
Stocking density = 120 g/l	2.88 d	7.04 d	5.14 d	57.41 d
Transportation duration = 2 h	3.62 a	6.74 a	3.00 a	81.52 c
Transportation duration = 4 h	2.88 b	6.83 b	4.15 b	71.77 b
Transportation duration = 6 h	2.13 c	6.92 c	5.38 c	55.72 b
Containers shape = polyethylene bags	2.40 b	6.86 a	3.64 c	71.90 a
Containers shape = cylindrical	3.21 a	6.77 b	4.23 b	70.89 a
Containers shape = cuboids	3.03 a	6.86 a	5.14 a	66.21 b
System aeration = pure oxygen	3.51 a	6.77 a	3.38 a	77.73 a
System aeration = air atmospheric	2.25 b	6.89 b	4.98 b	61.61 b

## Conclusion

Analysis of the results of the current research can led to the following conclusions:

Oxygen concentration and survival ratio decreased in all treatments regardless of aeration system or stocking density used. Stocking density of 30 g/l and 2 h transport duration resulted in the highest oxygen concentration under different aeration systems and container shapes used.

pH values and total ammonia concentration increased in all treatments regardless of aeration system or stocking density used.

Stocking density of 30 g/l and 2 h transport duration resulted in the lowest pH values under different aeration systems and container shapes used.

Total cost incurred using polyethylene bags was lower than that incurred using containers under all stocking densities, transport durations and aeration methods, total cost incurred using pure oxygen supply was higher than that incurred using atmospheric air supply in polyethylene bags under all stocking densities and transport durations. This result was reversed in containers.

It can be recommended that using polyethylene bags with stocking



density of fry 30 g/l and pure oxygen supply at 2 hours duration of fry transportation are better than using open containers at the same treatment due to:

Survival ratio using bags was higher than others, water quality was better under bags treatments, and total cost associated with using polyethylene bags was lower than that associated with other containers.

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## تقييم الطرق المختلفة لنقل زريعة أسماك المبروك الفضي وتأثيرها على جودة المياه ونسبة الإعاشة

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تحتل مصر المركز ١١ على مستوى العالم من حيث إنتاج الأسماك، كما تحتل المركز الأول في العالم العربي (أكثر من ٩٢% من إنتاجه). ويصل إجمالي الإنتاج السمكي في مصر من المصادر المختلفة وفق إحصائية عام ٢٠٠٩ إلى ٧٠٥,٤٩٠ ألف طن (٣٨,٧٢% إنتاج المصايد، ٦١,٢٨% من الإستزراع السمكي). يعتبر نقل الزريعة من أهم مقومات تقدم قطاع الثروة السمكية مما جعل الحفاظ عليها من المتطلبات الضرورية للثروة السمكية. أجريت هذه الدراسة في المعمل المركزي لبحوث الثروة السمكية بالعباسة بمحافظة الشرقية في المفرخ السمكي بالمعمل خلال عام ٢٠٠٩ لوضع أسس علمية صحيحة لإنتاج عمليات نقل زريعة المبروك الفضي في النظم المفتوحة والنظم المغلقة. وقد تم دراسة المعاملات التالية: ثلاثة أنواع من الأوعية (أكياس من البولي إيثيلين والأوعية

الأسطوانية والأوعية المستطيلة المصنوعة من البلاستيك المقوي) سعة ٥ لتر من نفس نوعية مياه الحوض، وأربع كثافات مختلفة (٣٠، ٦٠، ٩٠، ١٢٠ جم/لتر)، ونظامين مختلفين للتهوية (الأكسجين النقي والهواء الجوي)، وثلاثة أزمنة للنقل (٢، ٤، ٦ ساعات) وذلك لتقييم تأثير هذه العوامل على مقاييس جودة المياه وتقليل نسبة الفاقد أثناء النقل. أوضحت نتائج الدراسة: ارتفاع تركيز الأكسجين أثناء النقل في أكياس البولي إيثيلين (٧,١٢ جم/لتر) مقارنة بالأوعية الاسطوانية (٥,٠٣ جم/لتر) والأوعية المستطيلة (٤,٩٧ جم/لتر) باستخدام ٣٠ جم/لتر زريعة خلال زمن نقل ٢ ساعة باستخدام نظام تهوية بالأكسجين النقي. انخفاض رقم pH أثناء النقل في أكياس البولي إيثيلين (٦,٣٥) مقارنة بالأوعية الاسطوانية (٦,٤٣) والأوعية المستطيلة (٦,٤٦) باستخدام ٣٠ جم/لتر زريعة خلال زمن نقل ٢ ساعة باستخدام نظام تهوية بالأكسجين النقي. انخفاض تركيز الأمونيا الكلية أثناء النقل في أكياس البولي إيثيلين (١,١ جم/لتر) مقارنة بالأوعية الاسطوانية (١,٤ جم/لتر) والأوعية المستطيلة (١,٥ جم/لتر) باستخدام ٣٠ جم/لتر زريعة خلال زمن نقل ٢ ساعة باستخدام نظام تهوية بالأكسجين النقي. ارتفاع نسبة الإعاشة أثناء النقل فسي أكياس البولي إيثيلين (٩٧,١١%) مقارنة بالأوعية الاسطوانية (٩٢,٦٠%) والأوعية المستطيلة (٨٧,٧٣%) باستخدام ٣٠ جم/لتر زريعة خلال زمن نقل ٢ ساعة باستخدام نظام تهوية بالأكسجين النقي. انخفاض التكاليف الكلية عند استخدام أكياس البولي إيثيلين (٠,٠٩ جنيهه) أقل بالمقارنة بالتكاليف باستخدام كلا من الأوعية الأسطوانية (٠,١٠ جنيهه) والمستطيلة (٠,١٠ جنيهه) باستخدام مصدر للأكسجين النقي خلال زمن نقل ساعتين. توصى الدراسة عند نقل زريعة المبروك الفضي: استخدام أكياس البولي إيثيلين. استخدام كثافة تحميل ٣٠ جم/لتر. استخدام مصدر تهوية الأكسجين النقي. الزمن المناسب لعملية نقل زريعة المبروك الفضي ٢ ساعة. وذلك لانخفاض قيمة pH وانخفاض تركيز الأمونيا الكلية والتركيز الموائم من الأكسجين مما أدى إلى نسبة إعاشة عالية وتكاليف نقل مناسبة في زريعة المبروك الفضي.