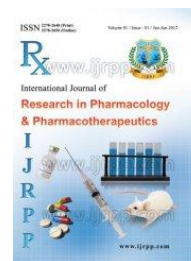




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### GC-MS evaluation of Fatty acid constituents from various tissues of *Macrobrachium scabriculum*

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#### ABSTRACT

*Macrobrachium scabriculum* is a tastiest freshwater prawn belongs to the family Palaemonidae available throughout the year in the river Cauvery. The present study deals with the extraction and GC-MS analysis of fatty acid constituents from various tissues of prawn, such as haemolymph, muscle tissue, gonad and hepatopancreas. The result of the present study reveals that there were 14 types of bioactive components have been identified in GC-MS analysis based on retention time, molecular formula, molecular weight and peak area. The major components such as 9-Octadecenal (5.78%), 7,11-hexa decadienal (3.77%), Methylsalicylate (3.66%), Oxirane tetradecyl (2.14%), 3,5-methyl-5-hexane-3-1 (1.02%) and heptanoic acid 9-decen-1 olester (1.01%) and some minor components were also identified. Among the total fatty acid content polyunsaturated fatty acids and saturated fatty acids showed variations among the tissue.

**Keywords:** *Macrobrachium scabriculum*, Haemolymph, Hepato pancreas.

#### INTRODUCTION

The prawn and shrimps are an excellent sources of both polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids that can regulate prostaglandin synthesis and induce wound healing which are important to human health (Christensen et al., 2001). Total lipid content and fatty acid constituents of prawn have been reported by many investigators (Bottino et al., 1979; Nicholas et al., 1989; Watanabe et al., 1989; Amer et al., 1991, 1993; Saravan Bavan, 1999; Bragagnola, 2001; Chanmugam et al., 2006; Ehigiator and Oterai, 2012 and Arumugam et al., 2012).

The hepatopancreas act as a storage organ, triglycerides and phospholipids being its major components, while the muscle contains mainly phospholipids in the prawn *P. japonicus* (Muriana et al., 1993) and *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (Chanmugam et al., 2006). The percentage of saturated and unsaturated fatty acid content in the tissues of wild prawn *M. rosenbergii* significantly varied during reproductive cycle (Cavalli et al., 2001). Generally, the muscle of prawn contained lower quality of lipid (Saravana Bhavan et al., 2008, 2009). Polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA), Saturated fatty acid (SFA), decosahexanoic acid (DHA)

showed significant difference between *M. rosenbergii* and *P. semisulcatus*. Though informations are available on fatty acids composition of some prawns. No researcher pertaining to fatty acid composition of *M. scabriculum*, hence the present study is aimed to observed the fatty acid composition of fresh water prawn *M. scabriculum* from river Cauvery .

## MATERIALS AND METHOD

For the present study, *M. scabriculum* were collected from river Cauvery (10°48' N and 79°30'E), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India. GC-MS analysis of the ethanol extract of various tissue of *M. scabriculum* was performed using a thermo GC-Trace ultra ver.5.0 thermo MS DSQII and a Gas chromatograph interfaced to a mass spectrometer (GC-MS) equipped with a Elite-ITR-5 MS Capillary standard non-polar column (30 mts, 1Dx 0.25 mm 0.25 mm). For GC-MS detection on electron ionization energy of 70 eV. Helium (99.999%) was used as a carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1.0 ml/min and an injection volume of 2 ml was employed (Split ratio of 10:1). The injector temperature was maintained at 250°C, the ion source temperature at 200°C. The oven temperature was programmed from 110°C (isothermal for 2 min) with an increase of 10°C/min to 200°C than 5°C/min to 280°C ending with 9 min isothermal at 280°C. Mass spectra were taken at 70 eV, a scan interval of 0.5 seconds and fragments from 45-450 Da. The solvent delay was 0 to 2 min and the total GC-MS running time was 36 min. The relative percentage amount of each component was calculated by comparing its average peak area of the total area.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The essential information and regarding the fatty acid components in the tissues of haemolymph, muscle tissue, gonad and hepatopancreas of *M. scabriculum* is depicted in table 1. and fig.1-4. The results indicates that totally 14 (fourteen) fatty acid components were identified in various tissues of *M. scabriculum* based on RT, MW and peak area. The major components identified in the various tissues were 9-octadecanol (5.78%), 7,11-hexadecadienal

(3.77%), methyl salicylate (3.66%) 9-12 octadecadienoic acid (Z,Z) (362%), oxirane, tetradecyl (2.14%, 3,5- Dimethyl 1-5-Hexane-3ol (1.02%) and Heptanoic acid, 9-Decen-1-ol ester (1.01%). The presence of polyunsaturated fatty acids/PUFAs and monounsaturated fatty acid (MUFA) are common in all the tissues. However, the nature of fatty acids slightly vary among the tissues. Similar observations reported the earlier workers. According to Bottino et al. (1979) in *P. aztecus*, the values of 30, 29, 41, fatty acid MUFA, PUSFAs were 30, 29, 41 per cent respectively. The hepatopancreas act as a storage organ, triglycerides and phospholipids being its major components, while the muscle contain mainly phospholipids in the prawn *P. japonicas* (Muriana et al., 1993).

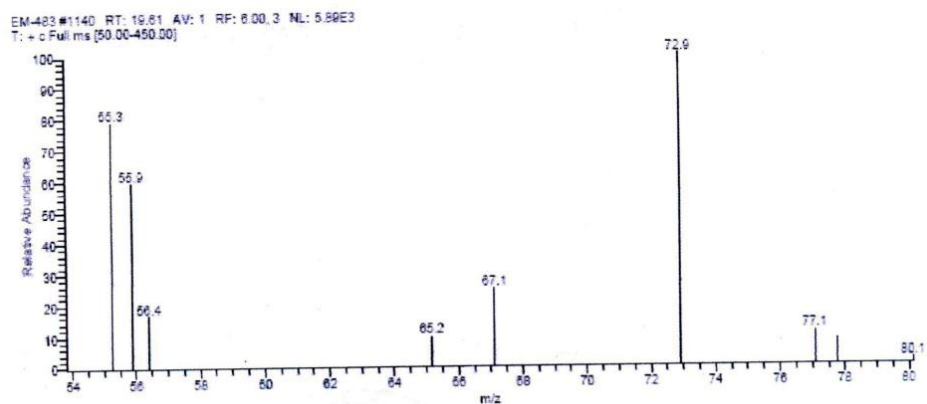
Ession (1995) estimated 54 per cent of fatty acids and 43 per cent of unsaturated fatty acids in some palaemonid prawn species. In *M. rosenbergii* monounsaturated fatty acids is the major fatty acid in early stage, whereas polyunsaturated fatty acid, palmitic, stearic, oleic/raclenic, linolenic, eicosapentaenoic acid are common in adult prawn *M. rosenbergii* (Roustaian, 1999). Bragagnola and Rodriguez (2001) observed high level of polyunsaturated fatty acids in farm reared. *M. rosenbergii* than penaeid species. The polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) are the major fatty acid in *Penaeus vannamei* (Lin et al., 2003). There were 18 fatty acid components such as monosaturated and monoester polysaturated fatty acid (PUFAs) extract fed from shrimp *Aristeus alcocki* waste (Sindhu and Sherief, 2011). The identified inorganic components of *M. scabriculum* by GC-MS analysis was shown in Figures 1-4.

Similar in Merican and Shim (1996) identified four components. Yamar and Celik (2005) reported that palmitic acid (18:0), stearic acid (18:0), DHA and EPA were the most abundantly fatty acid in *P. semisulcatus* and *Metapenaeus monoceros*. In the present study 14 fatty acids compounds were identified from various tissues of *M. scabriculum* indicates that this fresh water prawn is good sources of fatty acids compounds which are essential for human health.

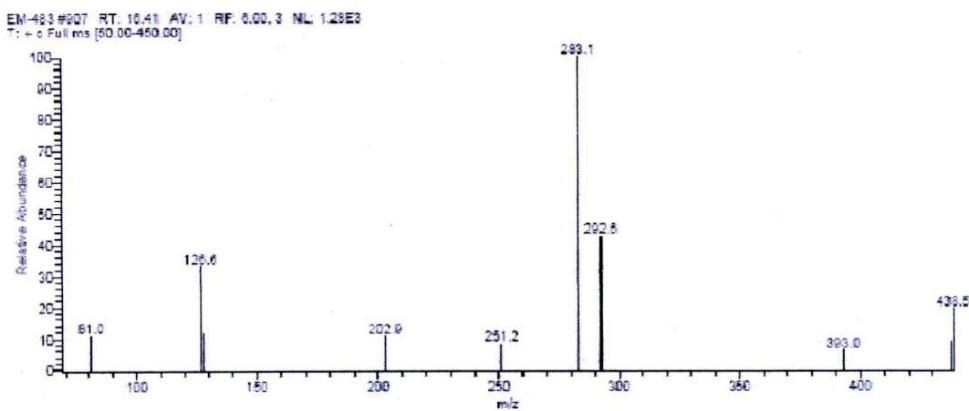
**Table 1. Fatty acid composition of freshwater prawn *M. scabriculum***

No	RT	Name of the compound	Molecular formula	Molecular weight	Peak area (%)
1.	2.12	Butane 1, 1 Diethoxy -3 Methyl	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	160	0.13%
2.	3.32	Tetra Decanoic Acid	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	228	0.32%
3.	6.05	Methyl Salicylate	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	152	3.66%
4.	7.03	3, 5-Dimethyl-5-Hexan -3-01	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	128	1.02%
5.	9.14	2. Decanol – 5, 9- Dimethyl	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O	184	0.09%
6.	9.22	4. Deodecanol	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O	186	0.89%
7.	9.76	Diethyl phthalate	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	222	0.78%
8.	11.04	9-Dodecanoic Acid methylester, (E)	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	212	0.48%
9.	17.11	7, 11-Hexadecadienal	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O	236	3.77%
10.	13.04	9-Octadecenal	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O	266	5.78%
11.	16.07	9-12 Octadecadienoic Acid (Z, Z)	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	280	3.62%
12.	16.24	Oxirane, Tehadecyl	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O	240	2.14%
13.	16.41	Heptanoic Acid, 9-Decen-1 Olester	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	268	1.01%
14.	18.99	Pytol	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O	296	0.19%

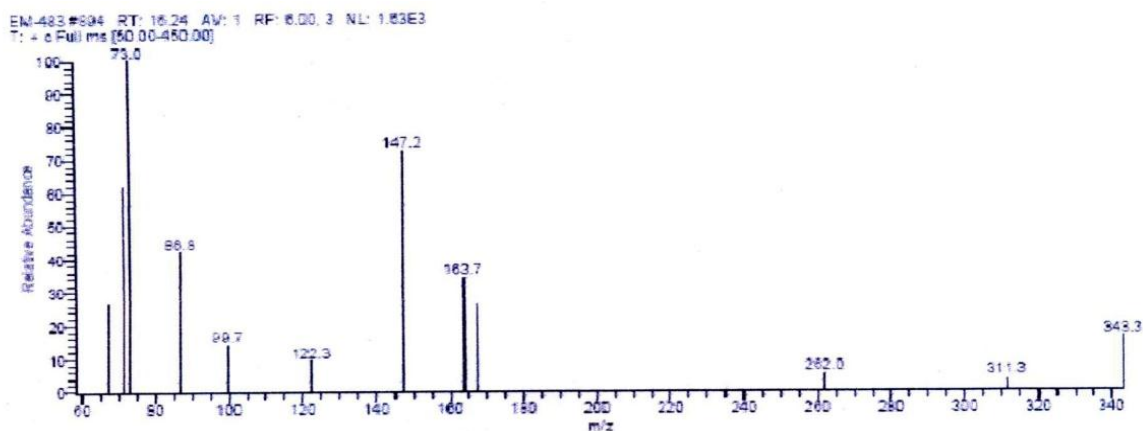
**Fig 1: Mass spectrum of Octadecanoic acid, hexadecadienal, 9- Octadecenal of haemolymph**



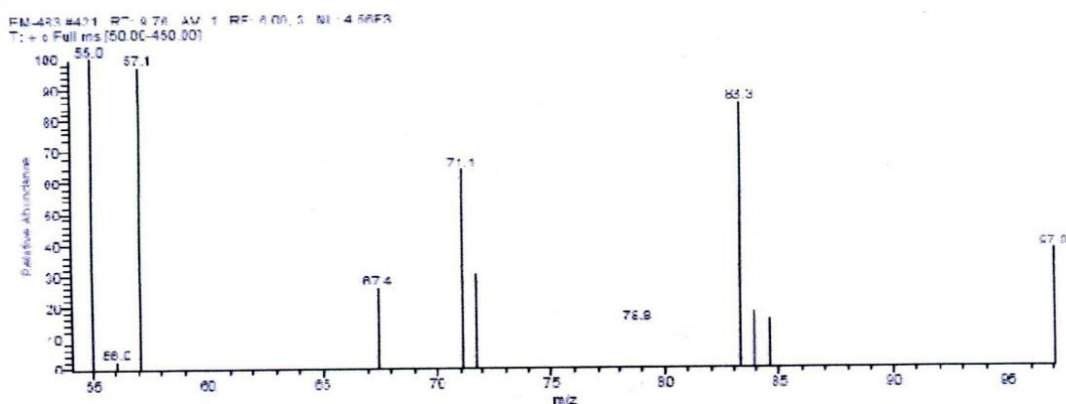
**Fig 2: Mass spectrum of methyl salicylate, Octadecanoic acid, 7,11 Hexadecadienal, 9, Octadecenal of muscel tissue**



**Fig 3: Mass spectrum of 4 – Deocleanol, Oxirane Tetradecyl, 12 – octadecnoic acid, 7,4 – Hexa decadienal and 9- Octadecenal of gonad**



**Fig 4: Mass spectrum of 3,5- Dimethyl -5- Hexan -3-ol, N-Hexa decanoic acid and 9- Octadecenal of hepatopancreas**



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