**Kudoa** spp. (Myxozoa) infection in musculature of *Plagioscion squamosissimus* (Sciaenidae) in the Amazon region, Brazil

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**Abstract**

Ninety specimens of *Plagioscion squamosissimus* captured using fishing tackle in the Outeiro district, state of Pará, were examined. Fish were placed in plastic bags containing water, under conditions of artificial aeration, and transported live to the Carlos Azevedo Research Laboratory (LPCA), in Belém, Pará. They were anesthetized, euthanized and necropsied; small fragments of the epaxial and hypaxial muscles were removed for examination of fresh histological sections by means of optical microscopy. In 100% of the specimens analyzed, parasitic pseudocysts were seen to be interspersed within and between the skeletal muscle. These contained pseudoquadrat and/or star-shaped spores that presented four valves and four polar capsules, which were identified from their morphology as belonging to the genus *Kudoa*. This is the first report of *Kudoa* in *P. squamosissimus* in the Amazon region, Pará, Brazil.

**Keywords:** White fish, histology, amazonian region, Myxozoa, parasite, *Plagioscion squamosissimus*.

**Resumo**

Foram observados 90 exemplares de *P. squamosissimus*, capturados com apetrechos de pesca no distrito de Outeiro, estado do Pará. Os animais foram acondicionados em sacos plásticos com água do habitat e aeração artificial, transportados vivos até o Laboratório de Pesquisa Carlos Azevedo (LPCA), em Belém-PA. Foram anestesiados, eutanasiados e necropsiados; pequenos fragmentos da musculatura epi e hipoaxial foram retirados para observação, a fresco e para histologia em microscopia de luz (ML). Em 100% dos exemplares analisados, foi observada a presença de pseudocistos parasitários entremeados, dentro e entre as fibras musculares estriadas esqueléticas, onde observou-se a presença de esporos de formato pseudoquadrado e/ou estrelado, com quatro valvas e quatro cápsulas polares, sendo identificados pela sua morfologia como pertencentes ao gênero *Kudoa*. Este é o primeiro relato de *Kudoa* em *P. squamosissimus* na Amazônia, Pará, Brasil.

**Palavras-chave:** Pescada branca, histologia, região amazônica, myxosporídios, parasito, *Plagioscion squamosissimus*.

**Introduction**

The Amazon region has an abundance and diversity of fish and is very important for commercial and artisanal fishing. The Outeiro district of Belém is located on the island of Caratateua, which is situated 18 km from the main urban area of Belém (the state capital of Pará) and is connected directly to the Icoaraci district. The island is surrounded by the murky, muddy freshwater of the Guajará bay (PEREIRA, 2001). Because of the influence of the bay, a wide variety of fish is available on the island, thereby allowing local subsistence and artisanal fishing. Among the variety of fish species is *Plagioscion squamosissimus* Heckel, 1840, which is popularly known as hake and accounts for one of the largest productions of artisanal and industrial fishing (BARTHEM, 1985; BOEGER & KRITSKY, 2003; VIANA et al., 2006). This species...
has benthopelagic habits and is carnivorous (BARTHÉM, 1985; BOEGER & KRITSKY, 2003; SANTOS et al., 2006; VIANA et al., 2006). In Pará, this species has high commercial value, both in freshwater fishing in the estuary and also possibly due to the changes in salinity in the dry season (BARTHÉM, 1985).

Interest in studying parasites in fish has increased over recent years because of the consequences and economic losses produced by their presence, as well as the hazards that they present to human health, with the possibility of food and/or allergic poisoning. Parasites of the phylum Myxozoa, which includes myxosporidians, have been the subject of many studies recently. The locations of aquatic myxosporidians in their hosts are varied, and they are found in nearly all tissues and organs. The species of this genus are mostly histozoic (intercellular or intracellular) and are often found in the somatic musculature of their hosts. They can also be found in the heart, intestines, gills, brain, kidneys, gallbladder and blood (LOM & DYKOVÁ, 2006; MACIEL et al., 2011).

Most species of myxosporidians have pathogenic effects on their hosts. For example, the genus *Kudoa* currently consists of more than 95 species (EIRAS et al., 2014) and causes lesions to the somatic musculature of fish. This may have a significant economic impact through softening of the flesh, with or without formation of macroscopic pseudocysts, which gives rise to postmortem myoliquefaction (ANDRADA et al., 2005). This muscle lysis effect is caused by the action of proteases that the parasites produce and use to soften the muscles of the host in order to promote their own development (ANDRADA et al., 2005). This effect compromises the acceptance of these fish among consumers. Furthermore, there is evidence that consumption of fish that have been infected by *Kudoa* may cause allergic symptoms (MARTÍNEZ DE VELASCO et al., 2007; GRABNER et al., 2012; KAWAI et al., 2012). The present study describes a infection in muscle tissue of *Plagioscion squamosissimus* fish caught in the Amazon Region.

**Materials and Methods**

Ninety specimens of the freshwater fish *P. squamosissimus* Heckel, 1840 (Teleostei, Perciformes), Brazilian common name “pescada branca”, i.e. “white fish”, were collected from the Amazonian estuarine region of Outeiro (1° 14’ S; 48° 26’ W) near the city of Belém. The mean total length of the fish was 12.28 ± 3.67 cm (range: 7.5-18.30) and their mean weight was 25.14 ± 18.48 g (range: 6.12-61.8). They were lightly anesthetized using MS 222 Sigma (Sabdoz Laboratories) diluted in freshwater and after euthanize samples of infected epaxial and hypaxial muscles were taken for optical and electron microscopy studies. For optical microscopy, small fragments (0.5 cm) of parasitized tissue from the palate of the fish were fixed in Davidson solution (neutral buffered formalin, glacial acetic acid, 95% ethyl alcohol and distilled water) for 24 h and were then processed and stained with hematoxylin-eosin (HE), May–Grunwald–Giems and Ziehl–Neelsen (LUNA, 1968). The stained sections were documented using a Zeiss Primo Star optical microscope and Zeiss Axio Cam ERC 5s microscope camera, with micrometrics imaging software. Some fragments containing tissue cysts were analyzed using a differential interference contrast (DIC) microscope (Nomarski). Measurements on the spores were made in micrometers (µm), with minimum and maximum values in parentheses. The dimensions were expressed as means ± standard deviations. To calculate the statistical data, the BioStat 5.0 software was used (AYRES et al., 2007). Parasite prevalence was analyzed according to Bush et al. (1997). The measurements of the spores were made in accordance to Lom & Dyková (1992), under 1000X magnification.

**Results and Discussion**

In fresh preparations of fragments of muscle tissue viewed under an optical microscope, pseudocysts were seen within and between the muscle fibers. When this material was squashed between the slide and cover slip, large numbers of spores of different shapes and sizes were observed (Figure 1). The rectangular or pseudoquadrate format and/or star shape, with four valves and four polar capsules (Figures 2 and 3), was identified from its morphology as belonging to the genus *Kudoa*. The taxonomic classification was as follows:

**Phylum:** Myxozoa Grasse, 1970
**Class:** Myxosporea Bütschli, 1881
**Order:** Multivalvulidae Shulman, 1959
**Family:** Kudoidae Meglitsch, 1960
**Genus:** Kudoa Meglitsch, 1947

The information on the morphological data of the parasite and on the site of infection is corroborated by Heckmann (2012); Moran et al. (1999); Lom & Dyková (1992), who reported that members of the genus *Kudoa* infect muscle tissues of their hosts and can present stary, square or rounded square shape in apical view.

Some studies on other host species have already recorded spores of stellate Kudoa format infecting the somatic musculature, like *Kudoa histolytica* Pérand, 1928; *Kudoa cruciformum* Matsumoto, 1954; *Kudoa kabatai* Shulman and Kovaleva, 1979; *Kudoa bengalenensis* Sarkar and Mazumder, 1983; *Kudoa mirabilis* Naidenova and Gaevskaya, 1991; *Kudoa cyngnlosii* Obiezie and Lack, 1994; and *Kudoa miniauriculata* Whitaker et al., 1996; and also in pseudoquadrate format: *Kudoa funduli* Hahn, 1915; *Kudoa clupeidae* Hahn, 1917; *Kudoa crumenae* Iversen and Van Meter, 1967; *Kudoa alliaria* Shulman and Kovaleva, 1979; *Kudoa amamiensis* Egusa and Nakajima, 1980; *Kudoa caudata* Kovaleva and Gaevskaya, 1983; and *Kudoa leistomi* Dyková et al., 1994 (MORAN et al., 1999).

The infection site observed was limited to the skeletal muscles of the host (*P. squamosissimus*), and pseudocysts could not be viewed macroscopically in any infected animal. According to Abdel-Ghaffar et al. (2012), most of the genus *Kudoa* form macroscopic pseudocysts in muscles and cause economic problems with regard to sale of infected fish. On the other hand, like in the results from the present study, little or no inflammatory reaction has been found associated with parasitosis (ANDRADA et al., 2005; CASAL et al., 2008; BURGER & ADLARD, 2010; HEINIGER & ADLARD, 2012; GRABNER et al., 2012; HEINIGER et al., 2013). According to Grabner et al. (2012), *Kudoa* species were found in the muscle tissue of *Paralichthys olivaceus*, but no cyst formation or myoliquefaction was visible. On the other hand, myoliquefaction was found in *Paralichthys orbignyanus* parasitized by *Myxobolus* sp. (EIRAS et al., 2007). In *Trichiurus lepturus*, parasitic cysts were
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found in somatic muscle fibers, but with no inflammatory reaction (ANDRADA et al., 2005). In Aequidens plagiozonatus, Kudoa aequidens was reported with ultrastructural data; this was first reported in Brazilian aquatic fauna in the subopercular muscles, thus emphasizing that no direct inflammatory responses were found in the fibers but, rather, free spores that had disintegrated between myofibrils, which indicated that muscle liquefaction was associated with presence of spores (CASAL et al., 2008).

The biometric data on the spores of Kudoa spp. in apical view and stellate format comprised length of $9.70 \pm 0.14$ µm and width of $9.33 \pm 0.25$ µm. The four polar capsules in piriform shape consisted of two larger and two smaller capsules, with lengths of $4.05 \pm 0.07$ µm and $3.63 \pm 0.18$ µm and widths of $1.28 \pm 0.32$ µm and $1.15 \pm 0.14$ µm, respectively. Spores of pseudoquadrade square format presented length of $5.63 \pm 0.18$ µm and width of $5.60 \pm 0.07$ µm; the four polar capsules were equal in size and had a piriform shape, with length of $1.75 \pm 0.24$ µm and width of $0.98 \pm 0.06$ µm. Table 1 shows measurement data relating to spore sizes, shapes, lengths and widths of some polar Kudoa species capsules, in comparison with the data of the present study.

From comparisons of morphological species of the genus Kudoa, it could be seen that the length, width and polar capsule measurements of the Kudoa species of the present study differed from the species previously studied, thus giving evidence that there must be two new species. Previously, in fish from the Amazon River, only K. aequidens had been described by Casal et al. (2008) in Aequidens plagiozonatus (common name: cará pixuna).

Examination of the histological sections revealed that the parasite Kudoa spp. was presented within and between the muscle fibers (Figure 4-7), with 100% prevalence. The extent of the damage and the fate of the infected muscle fibers shows that it is possible that full replacement of mature spores may occur, within and between skeletal muscle fibers, thus causing changes to the swimming behavior of the fish and making them more vulnerable to predators. This was also found by Dyková et al. (2009), who observed that the muscle fibers infected with K. inornata were completely replaced by spores.

Since presence of Kudoa spores in the fish host can cause lesions in its muscles, this disease has a significant economic impact because of postmortem myoliquefaction. This muscle lysis effect comes from the action of proteases, thereby leaving the muscle of the host softened (ANDRADA et al., 2005) and compromising the acceptance of the fish among consumers. Furthermore, there is evidence that consumption of fish infected with Kudoa may cause allergy symptoms or food poisoning (MARTÍNEZ DE VELASCO et al., 2007; GRABNER et al., 2012; KAWAI et al., 2012).

The observations under the microscope in the present study provide the first confirmation that the presence of infection in the musculature of P. squamosissimus is related to parasitism by two different spores of the genus Kudoa. There is a high possibility that these two new species are treatable, but analyses using transmission electron microscopy and molecular biology are necessary in order to determine the species. Studies of this nature are of great relevance, since parasitism by Kudoa may damage the muscles of the host,
| Species / author | Host | Spore form | Spore measurements (in µm) | Polar capsules |
|-----------------|------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| *Kudoa* sp. (This study) | *Plagioscion squamosissimus* | Stellate | 9.70±0.14 (9.6-9.85) 9.33±0.25 (9.15-9.5) 4.05±0.07* (4.00-4.10) 1.28±0.32** (1.05-1.5) 3.63±0.18 (3.5-3.75) 1.15±0.14 (1.05-1.25) | 5.63±0.18 (5.6-5.85) 5.60±0.07 (5.40-5.60) 1.75±0.24 (1.4-2.00) 0.98±0.06 (0.90-1.1) |
| *K. lunata* | *Arnoglossus laterna* | Stellate | 3.2 6.8 2.15 1.25 | 6.5 9.5 2.5 2.1 |
| *K. aequidens* sp. n./ (Casal et al., 2008) | *Aequidens plagionotus* | Pseudoquadrad | 5.4 5.9 2.7 | 6.5 9.5 2.5 2.1 |
| *K. inornata* sp. n./ (Dyková et al., 2009) | *Cynoscion nebulosus* | Pseudoquadrad | 15.7±0.6 (14.1–16.6) 4.2±0.4 (3.7–5.1) 2.3±0.2 (1.9–2.6) | 3.5±0.41 (4–5.2) 4.55±0.44 (4–5.2) 1.5±0.22 (1.5–2) 0.75±0.14 (0.5–1) |
| *K. thunni* n. sp./ (Matsukane et al., 2011) | *Thunnus alalunga* | Pseudoquadrad | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 |
| *K. leptacanthae* n. sp./ (Heiniger & Adlard, 2012) | *Zanamia leptacantha* | Pseudoquadrad | 8.93 (8.3–9.6) 13.29 (12.0–14.2) 2.45 (1.9–3.2) 2.48 (1.7–3.0) | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 |
| *K. ogawai* n. sp./ (Yokoyama et al., 2012) | *Hyperoglyphe japonica* | Pseudoquadrad | 15.7±0.6 (14.1–16.6) 4.2±0.4 (3.7–5.1) 2.3±0.2 (1.9–2.6) | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 |
| *K. lemniscati* n. sp./ (Miller & Adlard, 2012) | *Lutjanus lemniscatus* | Pseudoquadrad | - 15.7±0.6 (14.1–16.6) 4.2±0.4 (3.7–5.1) 2.3±0.2 (1.9–2.6) | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 |
| *K. azevedoi* / (Mansour et al., 2013) | *Trachurus trachurus* | Pseudoquadrad | 3.5±0.41 (4–5.2) 4.55±0.44 (4–5.2) 1.5±0.22 (1.5–2) 0.75±0.14 (0.5–1) | - 8.3 2.8 1.3 |

C: Length; L: Width. * Length capsule larger. ** Width capsule larger. com - Capsule lowest length. lm - Capsule width smaller.

Figure 4-7. Optical micrographs: Cysts of *Kudoa* spp. parasitizing muscle fibers (*). *P. squamosissimus*. 4 - Staining with hematoxylin-eosin, 5 – Staining in Ziehl-Neelsen, 6 and 7 – Staining in May Grunwald-Giemsa. Bar = 5 µm.
which is considered to be the finest area of the fish, thus causing commercial losses.

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