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Research on the autotriploid and allotriploid abalone induction and phenotypic traits assessment

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01 Background



Background

Abalone
Haliotis

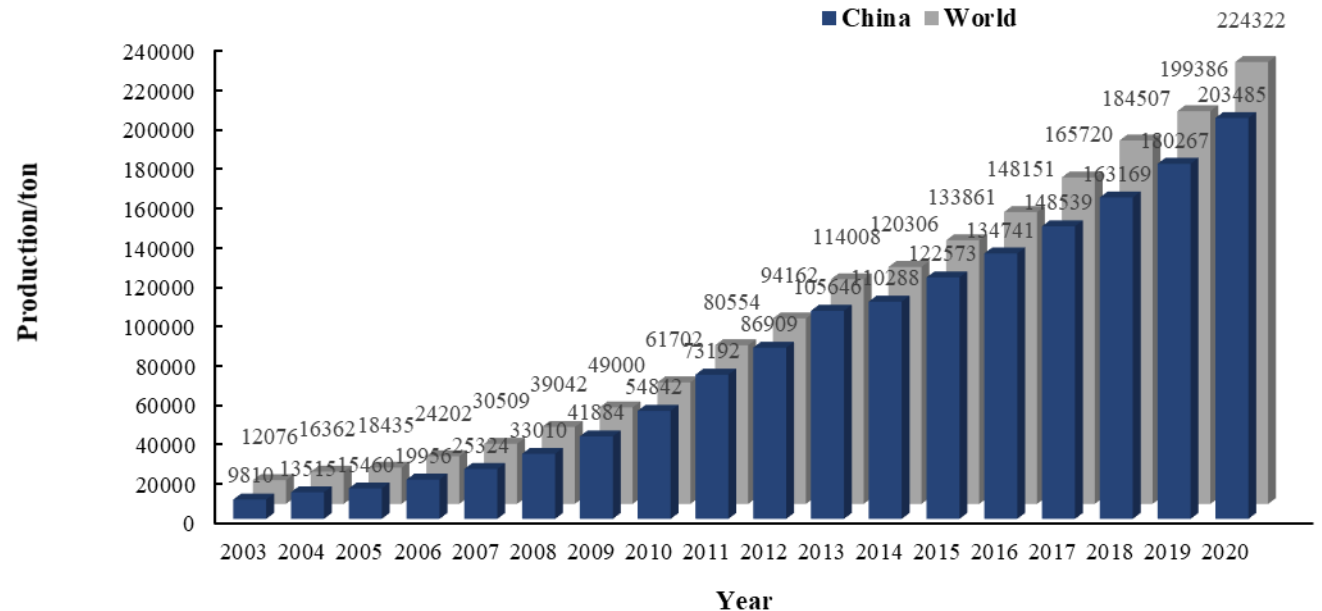
Food sources

Jewellery



■ Status of industry

- Total production in China: **218,700 tons (2021)**
- Proportion of global production: **more than 90%**
- **China is the largest producer and consumer of abalone worldwide**
- Major aquaculture abalone species in China :
Pacific abalone (*Haliotis discus hannai*)



Pacific abalone

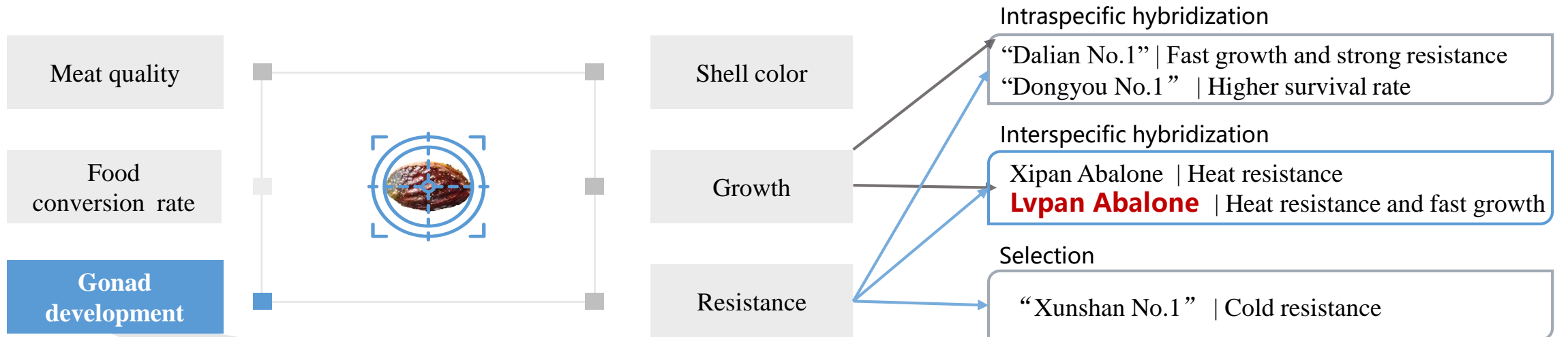
Haliotis discus hannai



Background

■ Genetic breeding of abalone

Mainly based on the traditional breeding techniques of selection and crossbreeding



The negative effects of sexual maturation

- One-year old sexual precocity
- Arrested growth
- Stress responding deficiency according to trade-off

New issues in China abalone aquaculture

Traditional breeding techniques

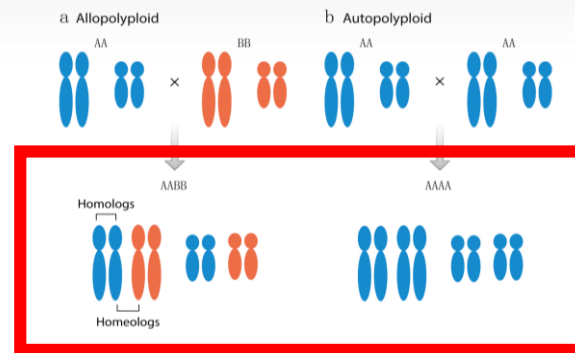
Arrested growth or mortality
(sexual precocity and spawning)

Background

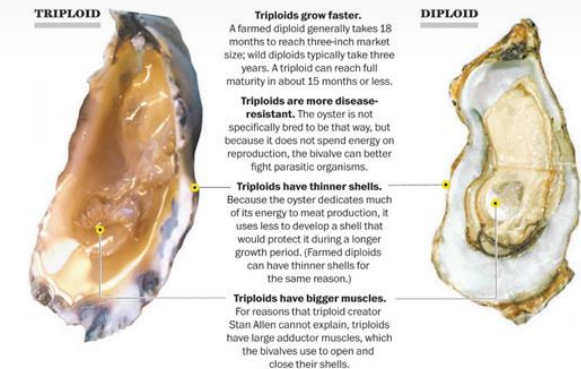
■ Chromosome manipulation—Shellfish triploid breeding

➤ **Triploid: Fast growth, sterility or infertile, avoid the growth retardation or mortality of cultured shellfish caused by precocity or spawning.** (Guo et al. 2009; Song et al. 2010) .

- **Methods:** Physical treatments, chemical treatments and crossing diploids with tetraploids
- **Principles:** Inhibiting polar body I (PB1), inhibiting polar body II (PB2)
- **Types:** **Autotriploid, Allotriploid**
- **Species:** more than 20 molluscan species, including oysters, clams, scallops, mussels, pearl oysters and abalones



Two types of polyploids (Yoo et al. 2014)



The **advantage of triploidy in the Pacific oyster is 14% - 159%**. All-triploid of Pacific oysters and Portuguese oysters produced by tetraploidy have been commercialized in the United States, Mexico, Australia, and China (Yang et al. 2018, 2019).

Background

■ Triploid breeding of abalone

Induction of triploid abalone

H. discus hannai: Induction, growth, thermal tolerance

H. diversicolor diversicolor: Induction

Induction of triploid abalone growth and gonadal development in triploid

H. rubra: Growth, gonadal development

H. laevigata: Induction, growth, gonadal development

H. rufescens (♀) × *H. fulgens* (♂): Induction

H. discus hannai: Induction

1985

1990

1995

2000

2005

2010

2015

2020

The triploid ratio of
H. discus hannai.

< 80%

Induction of triploid abalone and larvae growth

H. discus hannai: Induction, growth, gonadal development

H. midae: Induction, larvae growth

H. diversicolor supertexta: Induction

H. rufescens: Induction larvae growth

H. asinine: Induction

H. rubra: Induction, larvae growth and survival

H. discus hannai: Cytogenetic analysis, transcriptome expression of heat-stress and hypoxia

H. midae: Growth, gonadal development

Triploid abalone: Fast growth, sterility or infertile

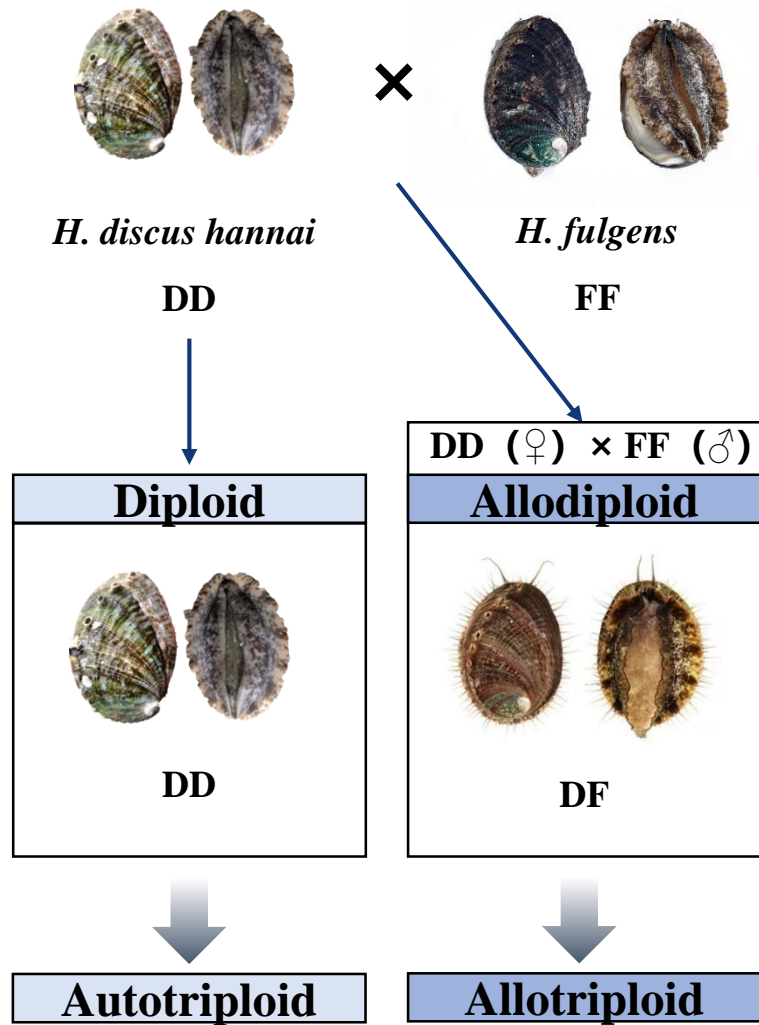
Problems:

- ◆ The results of triploid production were inconsistent.
- ◆ Allotriploid adult have not been obtained.
- ◆ Partial assessment did not identify the ploidy status of individuals within the treatment population.

The number of researches decreased

➔ **Triploid breeding of abalone** ✕ **Production**

Background



Screening of **optimal induction conditions of the chemical induction** for autotriploid (*H. discus hannai*) and allotriploid (*H. discus hannai* ♀ × *H. fulgens* ♂).

Establishing stable and high efficiency triploid breeding technology of abalone



Assessing the **phenotypic traits of autotriploid and allotriploid on a sea-based suspended system** in a subtropical environment and **the thermal tolerance of triploids** in laboratory.

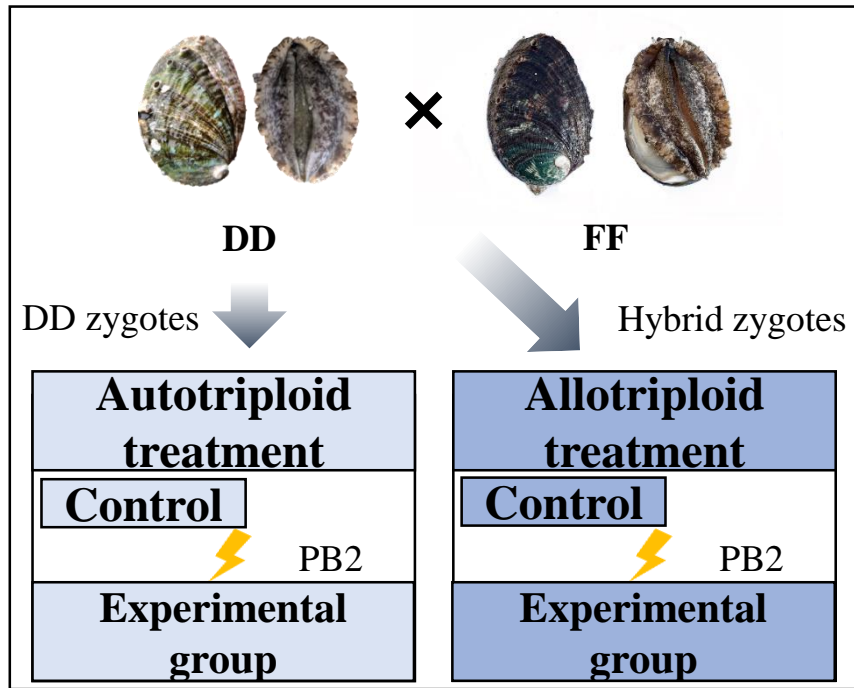
Identifying triploid advantages of abalone



02 Chemical induction of triploid abalone



Chemical induction of triploid abalone



Experimental design for the autotriploid (*H. discus hannai*) and allotriploid (*H. discus hannai* ♀ × *H. fulgens* ♂) induction

- ❑ Study subjects: *H. discus hannai*, DD and *H. discus hannai* ♀ × *H. fulgens* ♂, DF
- ❑ Method: **Chemical induction**
- ❑ Chemicals: **Cytochalasin-B (CB) and 6-dimethylaminopurine (6-DMAP)**
- ❑ Principles: **Inhibiting polar body II (PB2)**
- ❑ Inducing factors: **Four concentrations and three durations**
- ❑ Ploidy determination: **Flow cytometry, triploidy rates of 24 h PF larvae**
- ❑ Hatching index: **cleavage rate and hatching rate (24 PF)**

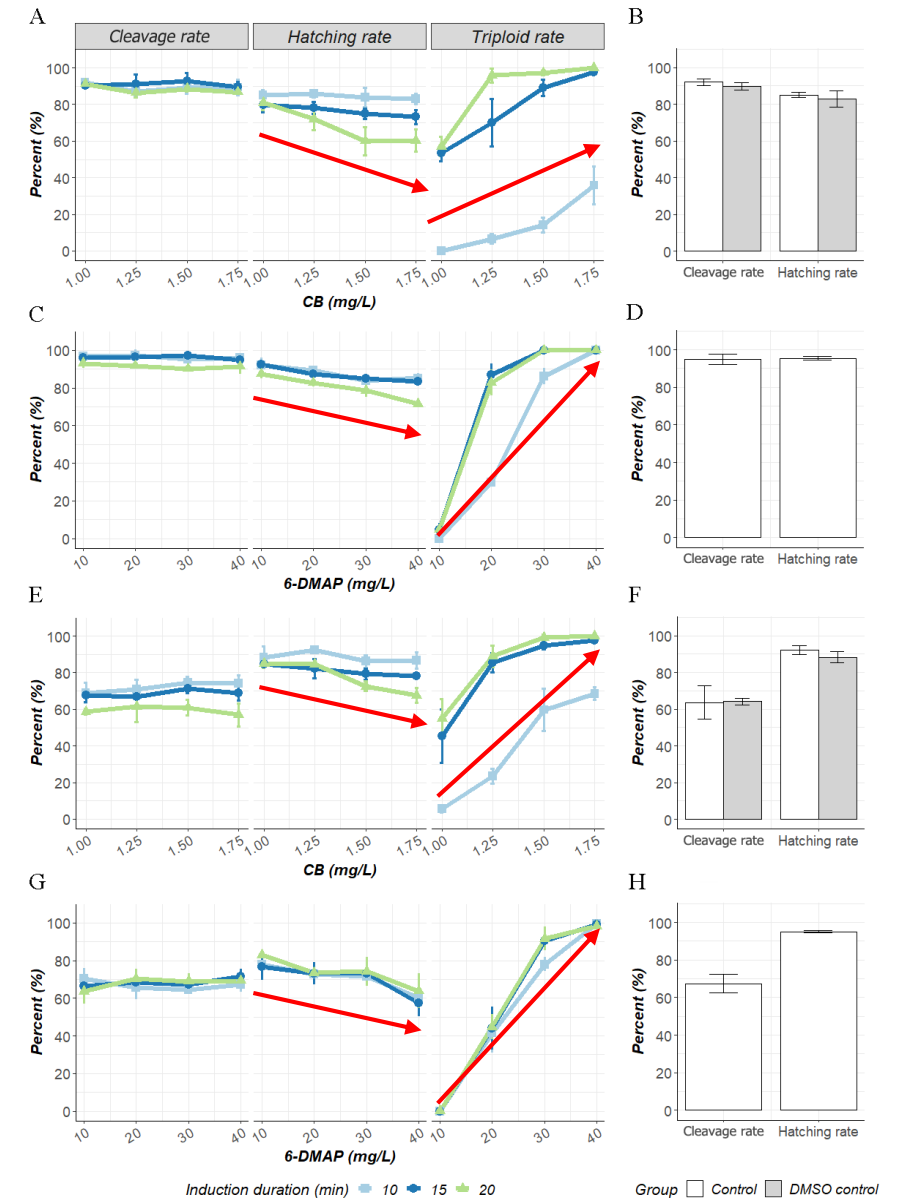
Items	Parents (F × M)	Treatments	Concentrations (mg L ⁻¹)	Starting time	Duration (min)
DDD-CB	10 DD × 5 DD	CB	1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75	70% PB1	10, 15, 20
DDD-6-DMAP	10 DD × 5 DD	6-DMAP	10, 20, 30, 40	70% PB1	10, 15, 20
DDF-CB	10 DD × 5 FF	CB	1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75	70% PB1	10, 15, 20
DDF-6-DMAP	10 DD × 5 FF	6-DMAP	10, 20, 30, 40	70% PB1	10, 15, 20

Chemical induction of triploid abalone

Summary of concentration, duration effects, and their interaction, on cleavage, hatching and triploidy of four treatments

Source	Dependent variable	<i>P</i>			
		DDD-CB	DDD-6-DMAP	DDF-CB	DDF-6-DMAP
Concentrations	Cleavage rate	0.124 [‡]	0.664 [†]	0.389 [‡]	0.542 [‡]
	Hatching rate	< 0.001[‡]	< 0.001[‡]	0.018[†]	< 0.001[‡]
	Triploid rate	0.042[†]	< 0.001[†]	< 0.001[†]	< 0.001[†]
Duration	Cleavage rate	0.121 [‡]	< 0.001 [†]	< 0.001 [‡]	0.659 [‡]
	Hatching rate	< 0.001[‡]	< 0.001[‡]	0.001[†]	0.274 [‡]
	Triploid rate	< 0.001[†]	0.308 [†]	< 0.001[†]	0.957 [†]
Concentrations	Cleavage rate	0.573 [‡]	0.591 [†]	0.802 [‡]	0.292 [‡]
	Hatching rate	0.014[‡]	0.018[‡]	0.769 [†]	0.940 [‡]
	*Duration	0.990 [†]	0.964 [†]	0.985 [†]	0.996 [†]

- Higher triploid rate induced a low hatching rate and vice versa.
- The **hatching rate and triploid rate of autotriploid and allotriploid** were significantly affected by **CB and 6-DMAP concentration and CB duration**, while the 6-DMAP duration only affected the hatching rate of autotriploid larvae.



Chemical induction of triploid abalone

General evaluation index (I_e) of autotriploid (*H. discus hannai*) by inhibiting PB2 with CB or 6-DMAP

CB (mg L ⁻¹)	Induction duration (min)			6-DMAP (mg L ⁻¹)	Induction duration (min)		
	10	15	20		10	15	20
1.00	0.00 ± 0.00 [†]	49.19 ± 4.07 ^{bc}	54.24 ± 4.97 ^{bc}	10	0.00 ± 0.00 [†]	4.54 ± 3.09 ^c	4.21 ± 0.41 ^c
1.25	6.71 ± 2.84 ^e	64.52 ± 12.06 ^{ab}	81.20 ± 9.04 ^a	20	27.81 ± 1.18 ^d	79.29 ± 4.32 ^{ab}	71.67 ± 6.15 ^{ab}
1.50	14.10 ± 4.74 ^{de}	78.54 ± 6.89 ^a	68.54 ± 8.22 ^{ab}	30	75.17 ± 3.39 ^{ab}	88.95 ± 2.25 ^a	82.23 ± 3.75 ^{ab}
1.75	35.18 ± 11.09 ^{cd}	83.96 ± 4.65 ^a	70.93 ± 7.23 ^{ab}	40	89.23 ± 2.56 ^a	87.47 ± 2.07 ^a	74.78 ± 2.08 ^b

General evaluation index (I_e) of allotriploid (*H. discus hannai* ♀ × *H. fulgens* ♂) by inhibiting PB2 with CB or 6-DMAP

CB (mg L ⁻¹)	Induction duration (min)			6-DMAP (mg L ⁻¹)	Induction duration (min)		
	10	15	20		10	15	20
1.00	5.35 ± 1.60 ^f	41.67 ± 13.38 ^{de}	50.84 ± 10.43 ^{cd}	10	0.00 ± 0.00 [†]	0.00 ± 0.00 [†]	0.00 ± 0.00 [†]
1.25	23.62 ± 4.29 ^{ef}	76.10 ± 7.18 ^{ab}	81.59 ± 5.30 ^a	20	31.95 ± 9.89 ^b	33.81 ± 9.38 ^b	34.54 ± 5.02 ^b
1.50	55.69 ± 10.75 ^{bcd}	81.38 ± 4.79 ^a	77.84 ± 2.94 ^a	30	58.71 ± 5.18 ^a	69.86 ± 5.30 ^a	71.72 ± 9.34 ^a
1.75	64.36 ± 4.65 ^{abc}	82.97 ± 1.06 ^a	73.22 ± 4.41 ^{ab}	40	63.15 ± 7.45 ^a	59.87 ± 7.73 ^a	65.79 ± 8.78 ^a

General evaluation index:

$$I_e = \frac{HR_e}{HR_c} \times TR_e$$

The relative proportion of triploid normal veligers.

● The effective range: CB 1.25 – 1.75 mg/L 15 – 20 min

6-DMAP 30 – 40 mg/L 10 – 20 min



Hatching rate: 57.25% – 85.20%
Triploid rate: 70.22% – 100.00%

● Optimal Induction condition:
Autotriploid: CB 1.75 mg/L 15 min, 6-DMAP 40 mg/L 10 min
Allotriploid: CB 1.75 mg/L 15 min, 6-DMAP 30 mg/L 20 min



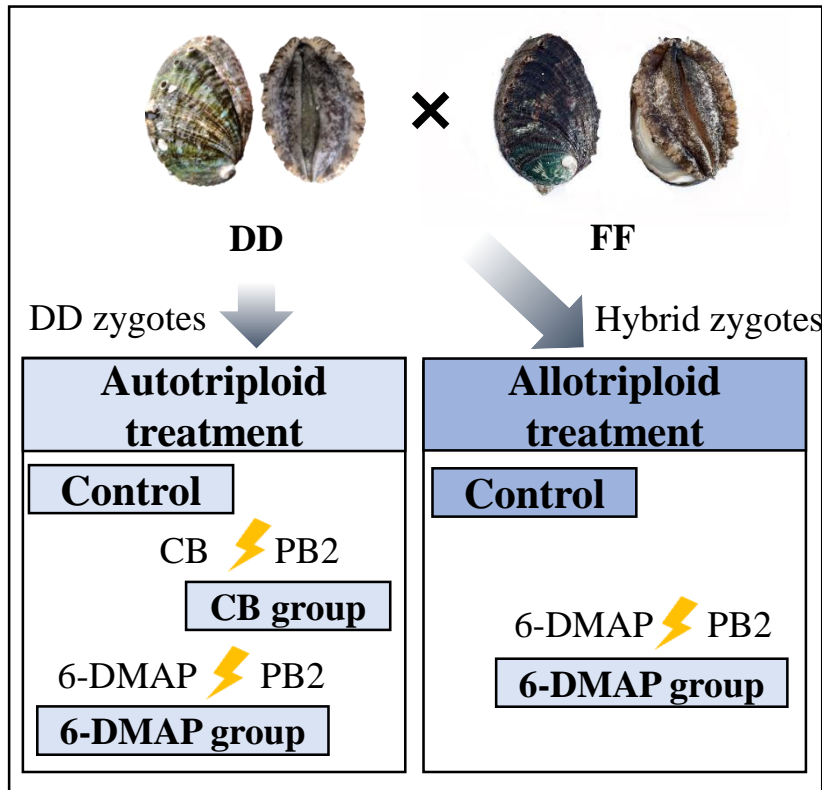
Hatching rate: 73.11% – 85.20%
Triploid rate: 91.66% – 100.00%

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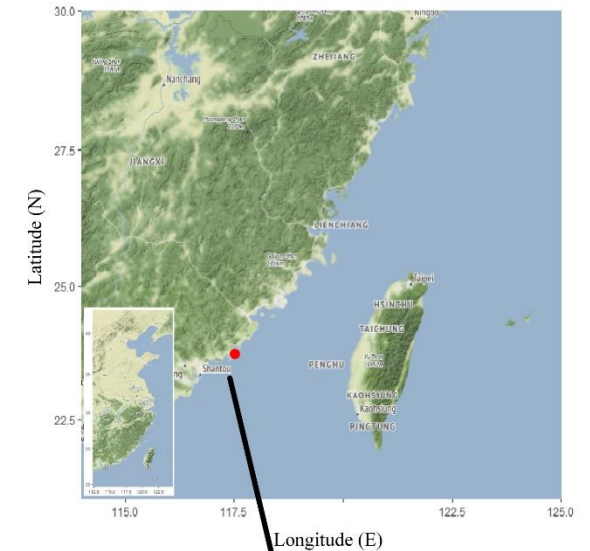
Phenotypic traits assessment



Phenotypic traits assessment of autotriploid and allotriploid



- Materials: **Autotriploid treatment**
Allotriploid treatment
- Location: Zhangzhou, Fujian province, China
- Culture mode: **sea-based suspended systems**
- Initial placement time: **7 mpf**
- Initial shell lengths: 15.00 – 25.00 mm
- Period: **2019.04 – 2021.04 (7 mpf – 30 mpf)**
- Phenotypic traits: **Triploid rate**, survival, **growth** (shell length, body weight, **meat yield**) and the **thermal tolerance**



The sea-based suspended system



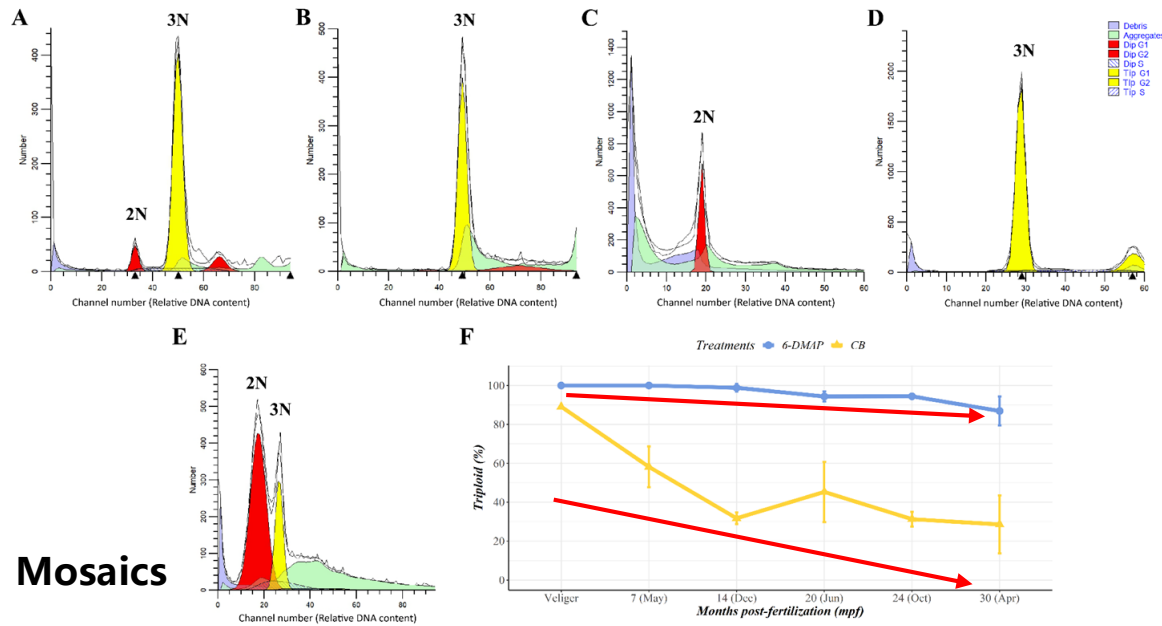
Foot muscle weight

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Foot muscle-soft tissue index:

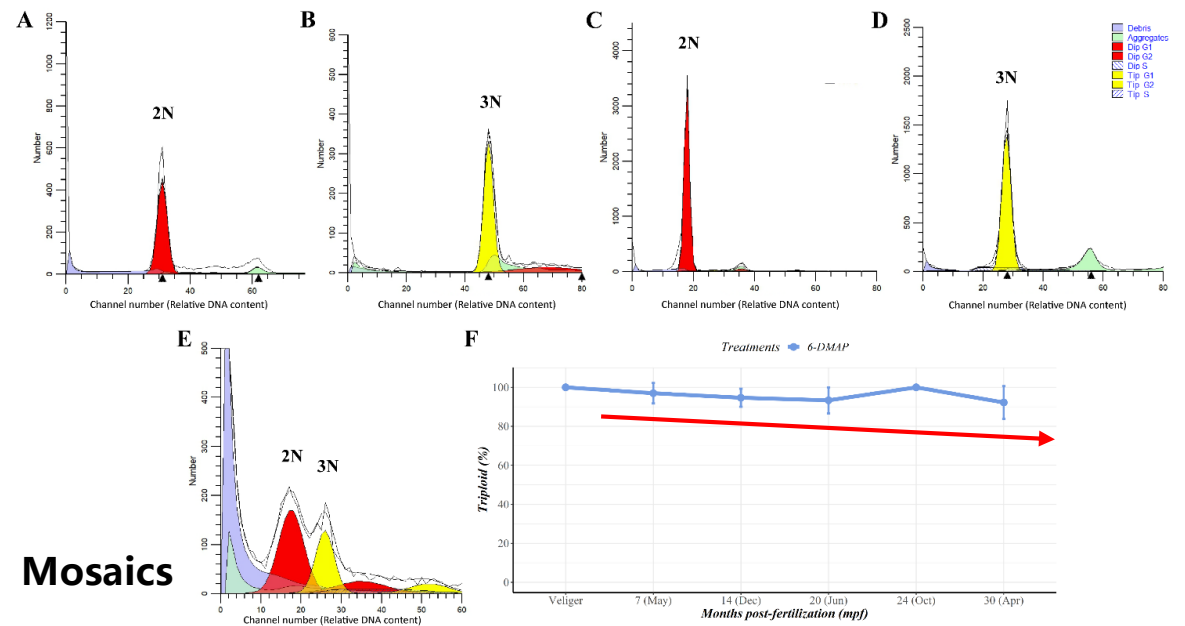
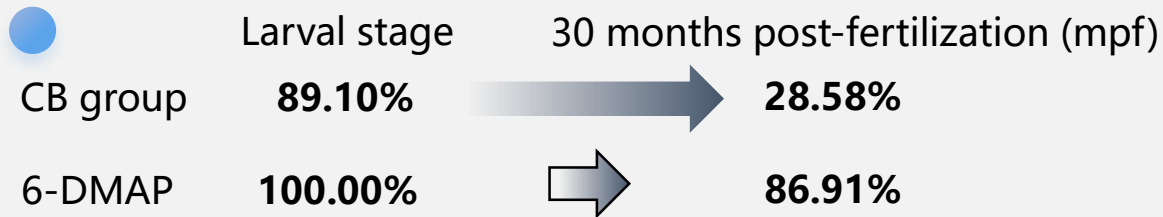
$$FMSI = \frac{\text{Foot muscle weight}}{\text{Body weight} - \text{shell weight}} \times 100$$

Triploid rate



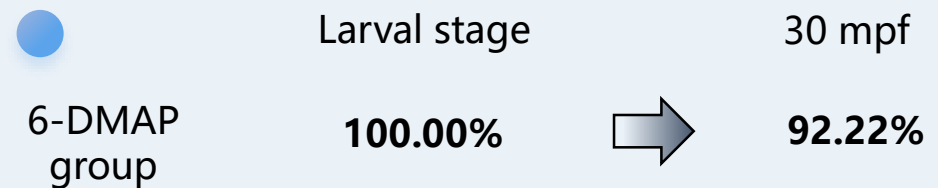
Flow cytometry analysis and proportion of triploid larvae, juveniles, and adults of *H. discus hannai* obtained at different months post-fertilization (mpf) in two treated groups (CB and 6-DMAP)

The ploidy status of autotriploid treatment:

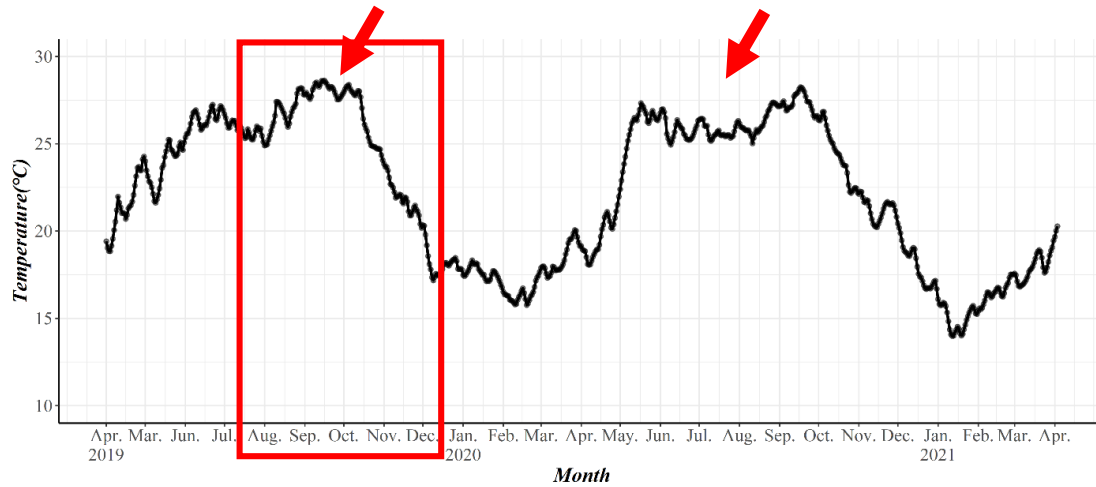


Flow cytometry analysis and proportion of triploid larvae, juveniles, and adults of *H. discus hannai* ♀ × *Haliotis fulgens* ♂ obtained at different months post-fertilization (mpf) in two treated groups (CB and 6-DMAP)

The ploidy status of allotriploid treatment:



Incremental survival rate of autotriploid treatment

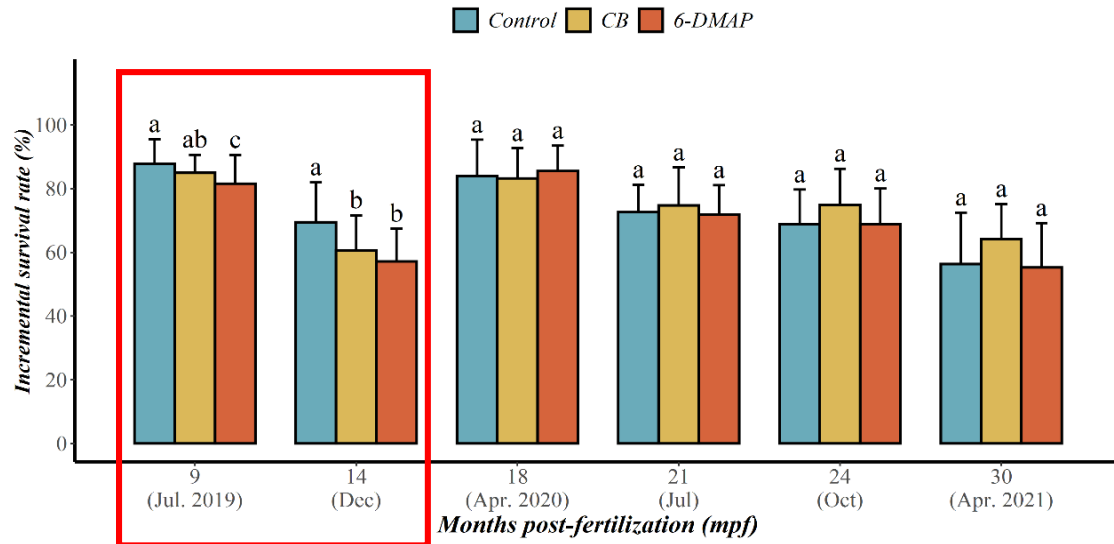


Triploid advantage:

$$TA = \frac{P_{3N} - P_{2N}}{P_{2N}} \times 100$$

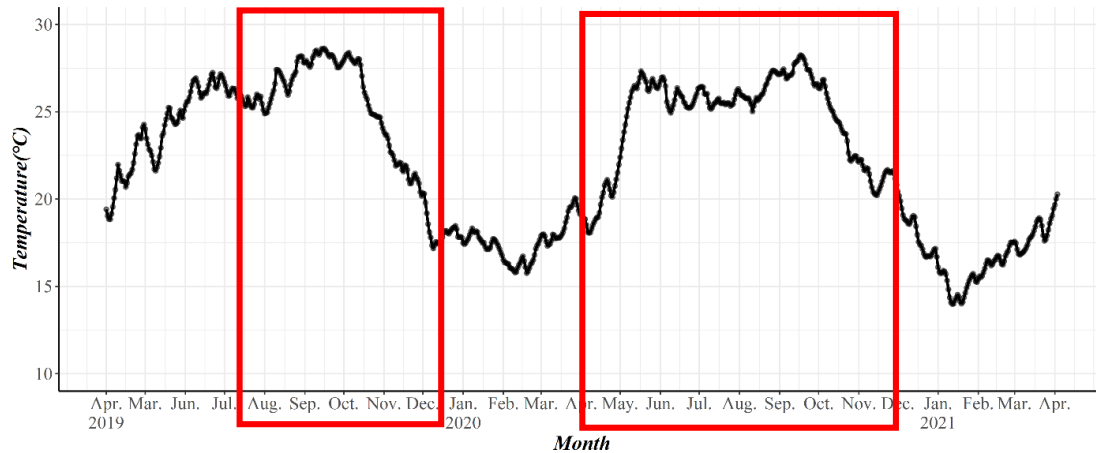
Triploid advantage (TA) for incremental survival rate in two groups (CB and 6-DMAP)

Group	Months post-fertilization					
	9 (Jul)	14 (Dec)	18 (Apr)	21 (Jul)	24 (Oct)	30 (Apr)
TA (%) CB	-3.17	-12.72	-0.84	2.90	8.76	13.88
6-DMAP	-7.05	-17.71	1.89	-1.10	0.05	-1.90



- Water temperature: 13.98 – 28.63 °C (2019.04 – 2021.04); **High-temperature periods: 23.48 – 28.63 °C** (mid-May to mid-October).
- Incremental survival rate: **Significant decreases** of CB and 6-DMAP group **during the first high-temperature period.**

Incremental survival rate of allotriploid treatment

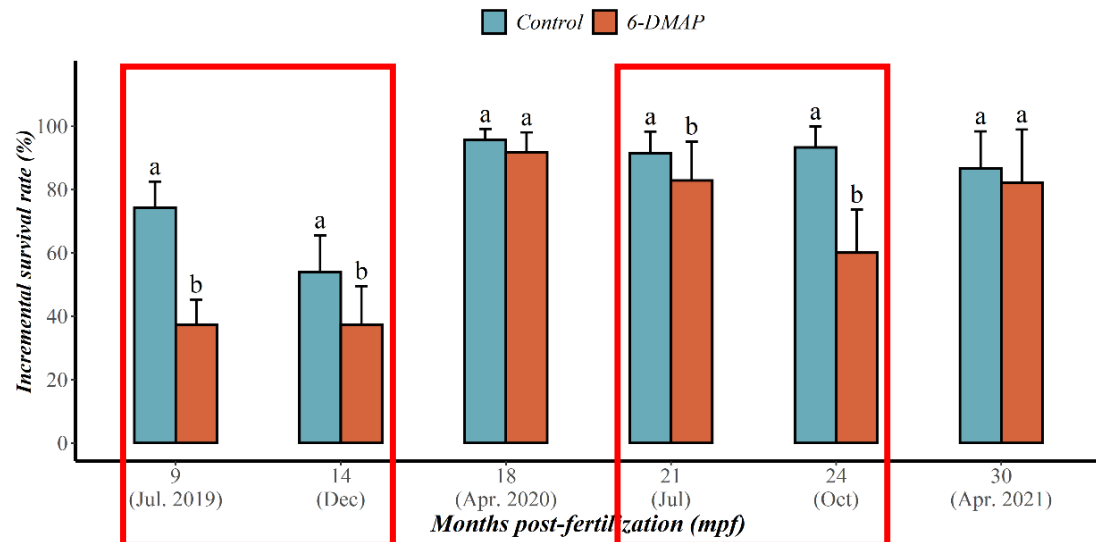


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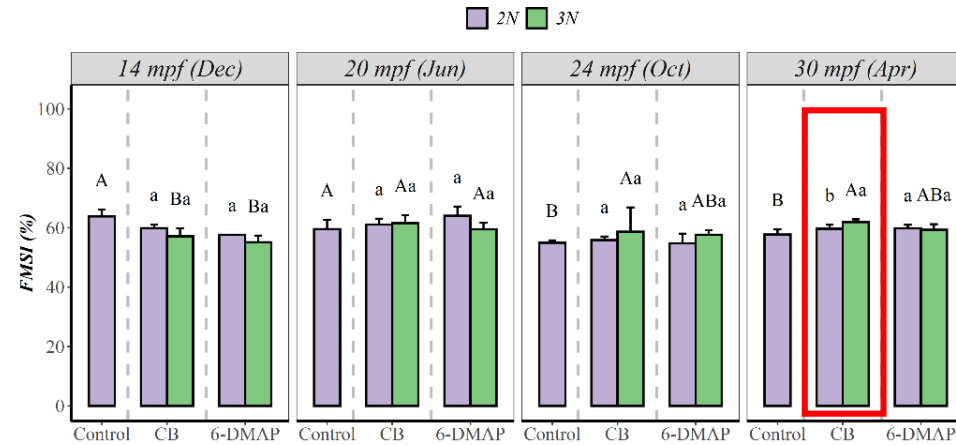
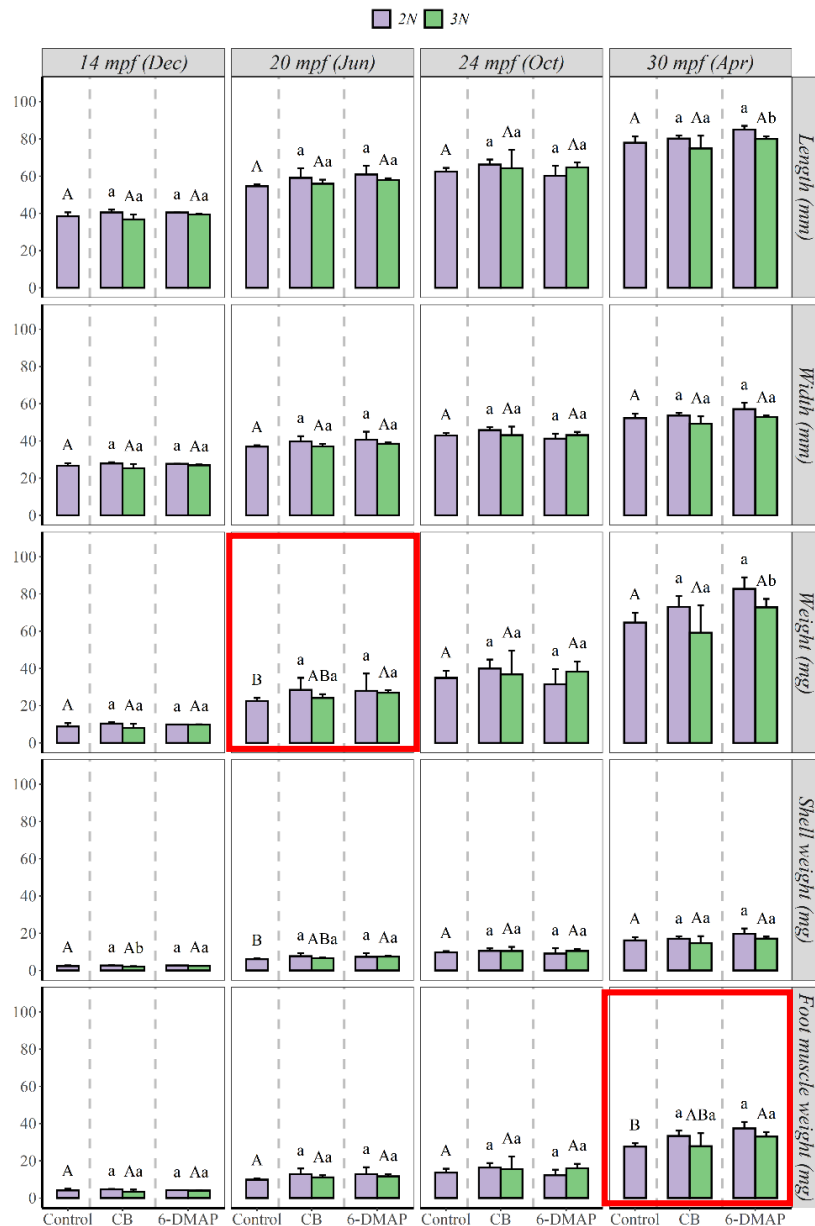
Triploid advantage (TA) for incremental survival rate in 6-DMAP group

Group	Months post-fertilization					
	9 (Jul)	14 (Dec)	18 (Apr)	21 (Jul)	24 (Oct)	30 (Apr)
TA (%) 6-DMAP	-49.75	-30.81	-4.01	-9.35	-35.61	-5.13



● **Significant decreases** of Incremental survival rate in 6-DMAP group **during the initial stage and the high-temperature period** (Jul – Dec and Apr – Dec).

Growth and meat yield of autotriploid treatment

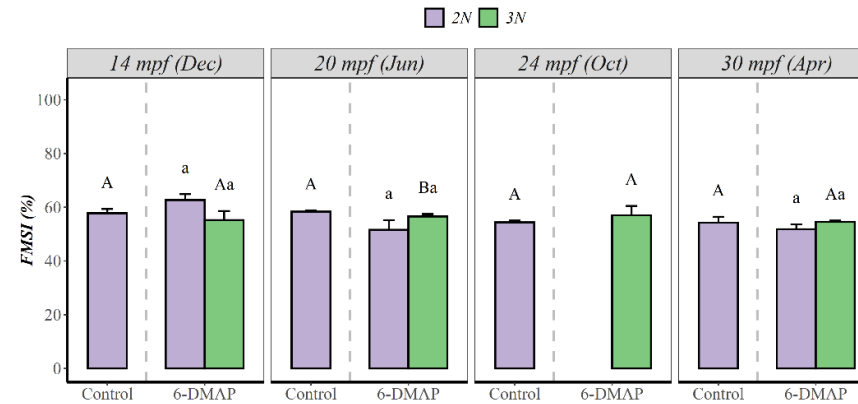
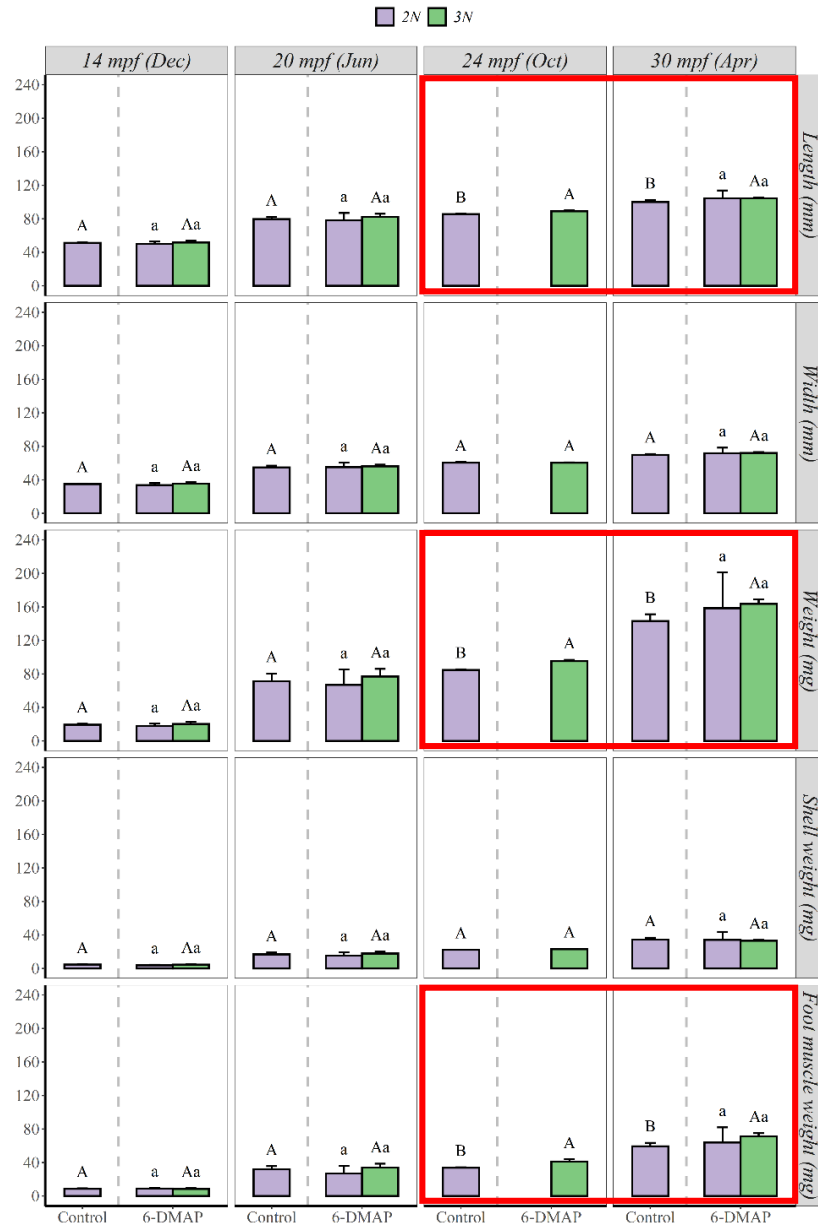


Triploid advantage (TA) for productive traits in triploid (3 N) within two treated groups and control diploid

Productive traits	14 mpf (Dec)		20 mpf (Jun)		24 mpf (Oct)		30 mpf (Apr)	
	CB 3N	6-DMAP 3N	CB 3N	6-DMAP 3N	CB 3N	6-DMAP 3N	CB 3N	6-DMAP 3N
Shell length	-4.31	2.51	2.40	6.70	2.88	3.60	-3.90	2.62
Shell width	-5.23	1.11	0.50	4.23	0.41	0.45	-5.70	1.19
Body weight	-9.03	10.96	7.52	19.80	5.50	9.79	-8.46	12.64
Shell weight	-13.59	2.89	8.91	22.84	7.75	7.86	-9.29	5.75
Foot muscle weight	-16.23	-1.52	12.66	18.30	13.77	17.45	0.85	19.57
FWSI	-10.48	-13.65	3.35	-0.12	6.75	4.89	7.22	2.70

- Triploids in the 6-DMAP group showed superior growth in **body weight** at 20 mpf. **TA = 19.80%**.
- After the end of the maturation season (30 mpf), **significant increase in foot muscle weight (19.57%) and FMSI (7.22%)** were found in the 6-DMAP and CB group triploids.

Growth and meat yield of allotriploid treatment



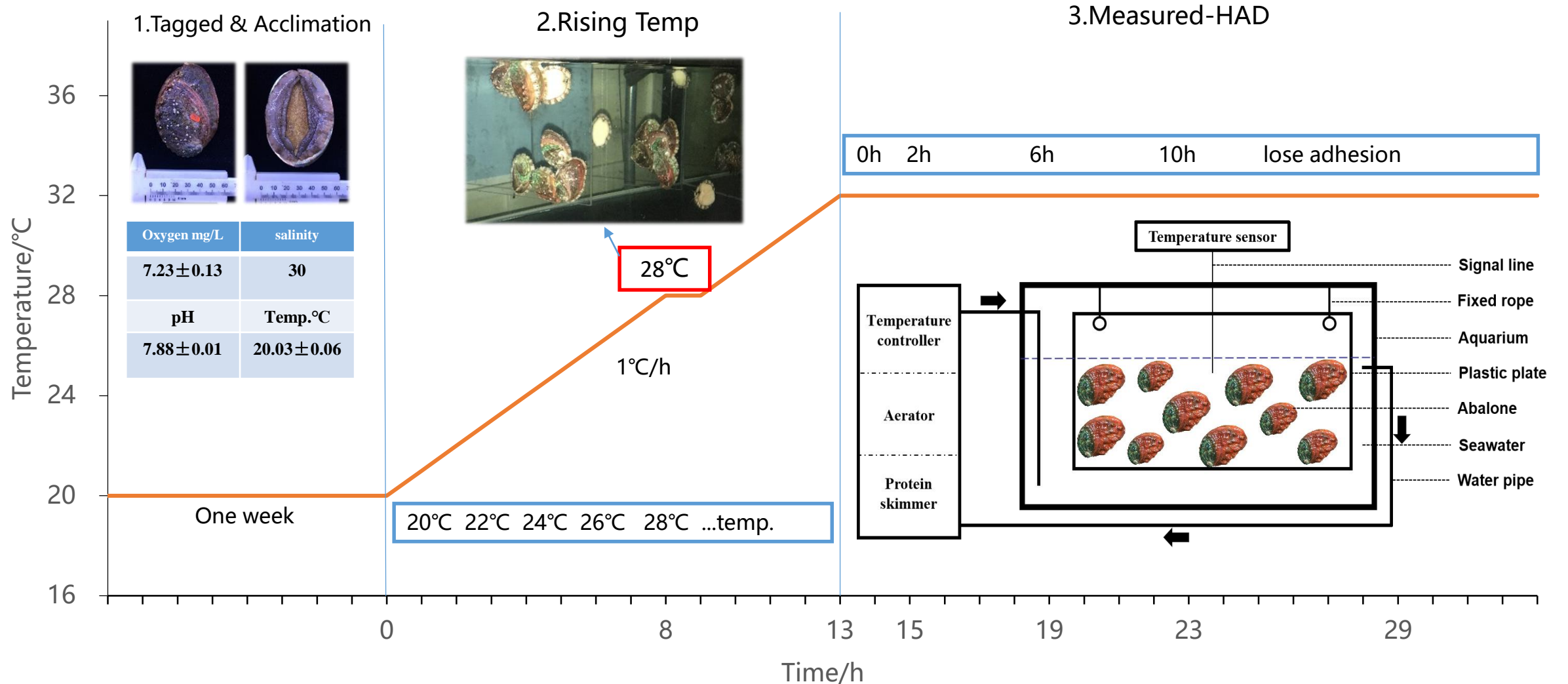
Triploid advantage (TA) for productive traits in triploid (3 N) within 6-DMAP group and control diploid

Productive traits	Months post-fertilization			
	14 mpf (Dec)	20 mpf (Jun)	24 mpf (Oct)	30 mpf (Apr)
Shell length	0.84	3.29	3.97	4.40
Shell width	1.40	2.33	-0.08	3.29
Body weight	4.27	8.01	12.55	14.32
Shell weight	-1.69	6.02	3.42	-3.94
Foot muscle weight	-1.98	6.99	22.16	19.80
FWSI	-4.51	-2.99	4.85	0.59

The shell length (4.40%), body weight (14.32%) and foot muscle weight (19.80%) of the 6-DMAP group allotriploids were significant increase during the maturation season (24 mpf) and after the season (30 mpf).

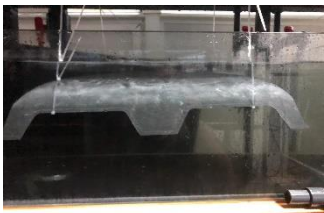
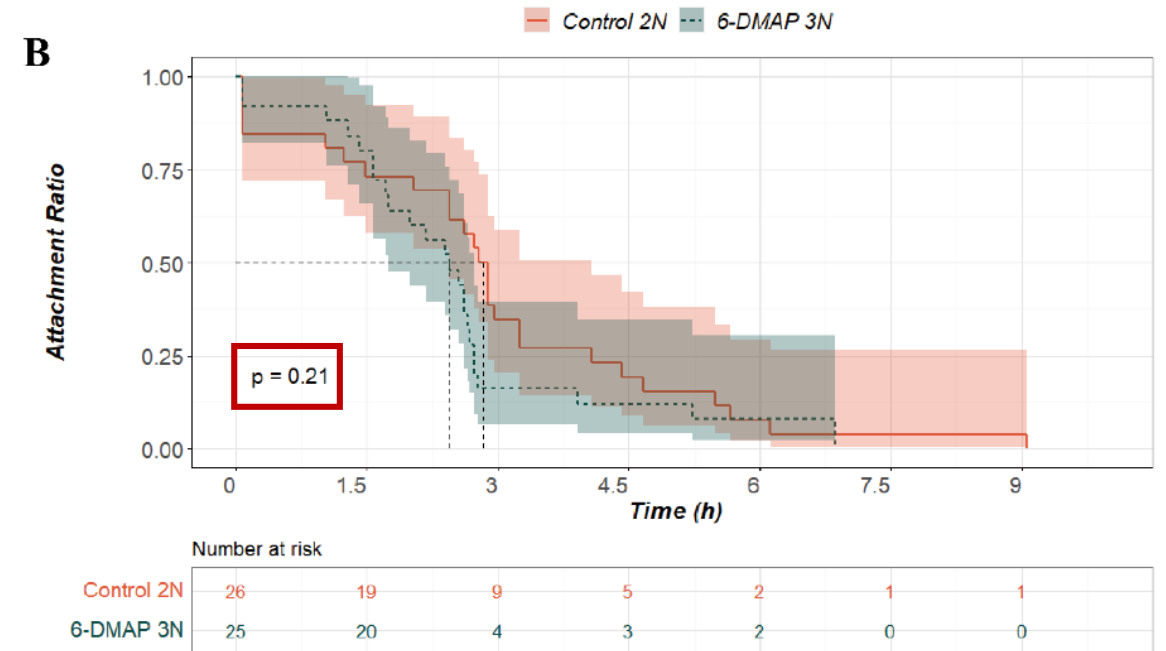
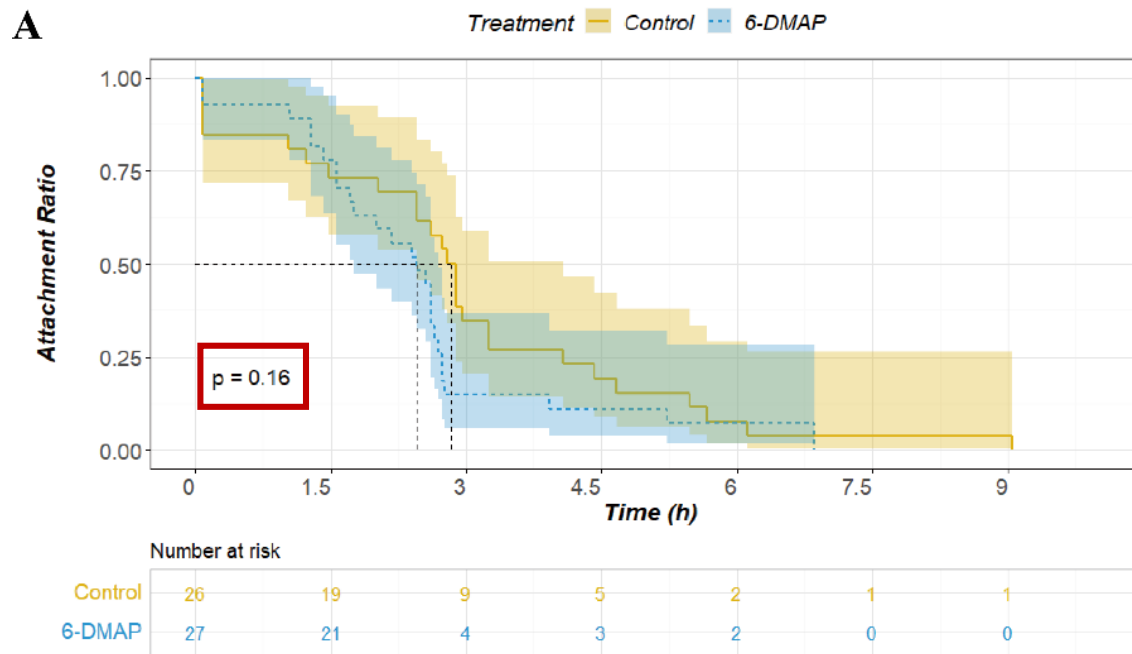
Thermal tolerance of autotriploid

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Thermal tolerance of autotriploid

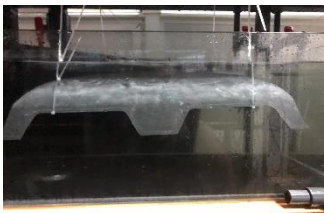
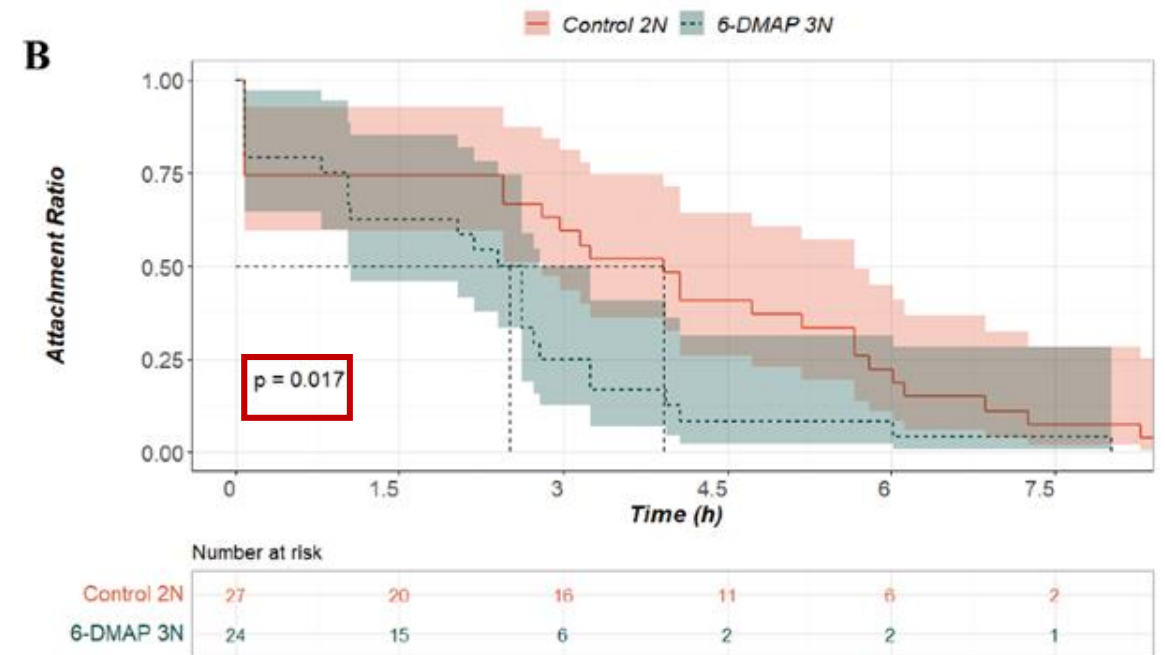
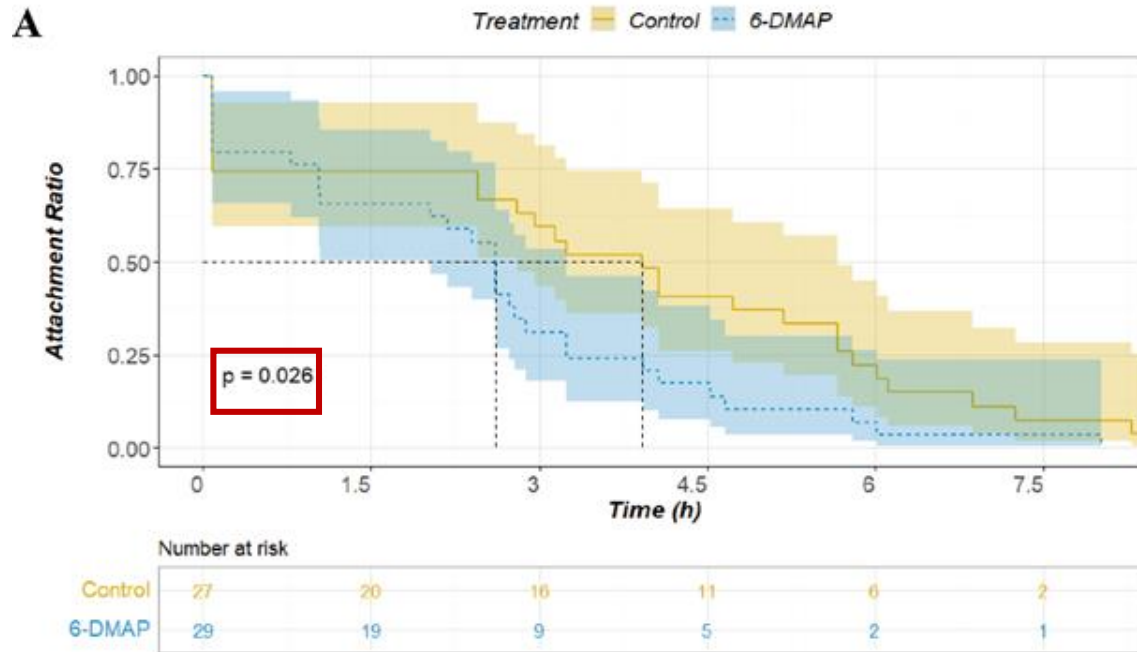
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- Autoploid: No difference in thermal tolerance between autotriploids and diploids.**

Thermal tolerance of allotriploid

- Heat stress attachment duration (HAD) was applied to assess the thermal tolerance of diploids and triploids, which were derived from the control and 6-DMAP groups in **allotriploid treatment**, respectively.



- Allotriploid: **The thermal tolerance of allotriploid decreased significantly.**

04 Conclusion



Conclusion

01.

Highly efficient procedure for inducing autotriploid (*H. discus hannai*) and allotriploid (*H. discus hannai* ♀ × *H. fulgens* ♂) using chemical method was established. A relatively high rate of triploid individuals was obtained, ranging from **91.66% to 100.00%** using optimal parameters.

02.

The disadvantage of survival has been found in autotriploid and allotriploid.

03.

Autotriploid and allotriploid showed **the advantages of growth and meat yield**. It may be attributed to the hypothesis of the diversion of energy from gonadal to somatic growth.

04.

There was no difference in thermal tolerance between autotriploids and diploids but the thermal tolerance of allotriploid decreased significantly.

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