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Abstract – The homegrown silk moth, Bombyx mori, is a bug from the Bombycidae group of moths. The silkworm is a silk moth's hatchling or caterpillar. It is a creepy crawly of monetary essentialness, being an essential maker of silk. The behavioral physiology of the mulberry silk moth was examined in this study. During the most recent two days of pupal turn of events, incubating conduct was noted. Grown-up male and grown-up female conduct has been appeared to show fiery wing beating in the grown-up male, moving for lovemaking towards the female.

Keywords – Bombyx Mori, Silk Moth, Mulberry, Behavioral Physiology

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INTRODUCATION

The silkworm Bombyx mori is utilized as an astonishing natural model structure and furthermore as a contraption to change over leaf protein into silk. Silkworm hatchlings often experience the ill effects of viral contaminations, causing the silk business's economy to endure hefty misfortunes. Notwithstanding metabolic changes, creepy crawlies show both humoral and cell safe reactions that are compelling against different microbes, for example, microscopic organisms, growths, protozoa, and so on, yet no bug insusceptible reaction during viral contaminations is powerful against physiological modifications. No palatable reports on metabolic changes and sub-atomic systems during viral silkworm contamination are accessible to date.

Very few pros have made endeavors to recognize and depict antiviral proteins in different silkworm disorders (Yao et al., 2006), metabolic changes (Rajasekhar et al., 1992; Manohar, 2006) and histological changes (Manohar, 2006). The method of viral contamination and the action of certain metabolic modifications including silkworm insusceptibility are concentrated in the current article. The study will be valuable in understanding the atomic parts of the function of metabolic changes in infection control and may frame the reason for potential silkworm use in different fields ,, for example, medication and virology.

The term silkworm, while an obscure one actually, has basically come to mean the silkworm mulberry, the caterpillar of the Bombyx moth class of various assortments (or) species. Clearly, these are silk creating caterpillars of other genera, for example, the Eri (Philosamia ricini), the Muga (Antherea assama) and the Tasar (Antheraea mylitta), however the organizations pronounced these worms in India are little to the point that the world overall is commonly mystery, and even in the silk business they have an incredibly inconsequential spot.

The silk-worm mulberry is a totally trained creature that has been remarkable to man for at any rate 4,500 years. Like all other tamed creatures, and undoubtedly like wild creatures, it is additionally dependent upon specific maladies and nuisances to an a lot lesser degree. By the by, our comprehension of silkworm infections is generally current. Regardless of the presence of information back to over 2,000 years before the Christian period (Chitra and Sridhara, 1973), the most punctual unequivocal ailment records are to be found in the primary European sericulture arrangements. The vulnerability of worms to illnesses is plainly perceived and made accessible for the portrayal and meaning of sicknesses. In this, as in a considerable lot of the a lot later sericulture works, the manifestations of a few infections were befuddled and, as was not out of the ordinary, just the most perceptible maladies and their most trademark appearances were noted, for example, the white blooming of worms that had kicked the bucket of Muscardine on the embalmed bodies. Notwithstanding, the significant point is that early information throughout the entire existence of sericulture in Europe indicated that maladies were entrenched among worms. Ensuing work on sericulture kept on tending to the issue of maladies in European silkworms, and a wide range of types of affliction were continuously perceived as side effects of a similar ailment.

Silkworm illness might be partitioned into two classes. Those brought about by certain creature and plant parasites that are handily perceived, not microscopic organisms, and those of a more uncertain nature wherein microorganisms could possibly assume a job. Under the parasitic maladies, Pebrine, muscardine and fly nuisance are significant for needing better names of the primary gathering' parasitic ailments' and the second, decay sickness'. (1) Pebrine brought about by Nosema bombycis (2). Muscardine brought about by Beauveria bassiana and (3) Fly vermin brought about by Tricolyga bombycis. The conspicuous could be Flacherie and Grasserie under decay infections.

Mulberry silkworm, B. mori is influenced by various maladies brought about by infections, microbes, parasites and microsporidia. These sicknesses are known to happen in practically all the silkworm raising regions of the world making impressive harm the silkworm cover crop. Various measures have been recommended for the anticipation and control of these infections, care is likewise should have been taken to see that they are not presented to pressure conditions like temperature, mugginess, terrible ventilation and dietary insufficiency which may make them effectively helpless to viral maladies (Kobayashi et al., 1981). The silkworm, B. mori is a fragile endeavor effectively vulnerable to various illnesses because of its constant taming. Various microbes cause ailments to silkworm hatchlings. The vulnerability of the silkworm relies on the crossovers (Chinnaswasmy and Deavaiah, 1984; Baumann et al., 1991).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Biochemical estimations

All biochemical estimations were carried out in selected tissues viz. At various phases of improvement, the Haemolymph and Fatty body of the silkworm as demonstrated as follows.

Mulberry Cultivation

The silkworm is a monophagous bug, Bombyx mori, and feeds on mulberry leaves ravenously. Thus, the quality of mulberry leaf apparently influences the development of silkworm, and thereby the quality of the cocoon too. The M5 Variety was suitable for temperate region and contains various nutrients in requisite proportions for productive rearing of the silkworm larvae.

Collection of Tissues

Fat body was isolated by mid dorsal dissection of pupae and placed in Bombyx mori ringer (Yamaoka et al., 1971). Haemolymph was collected from pupae by making puncture on their dorsal surface with fine needle.

Statistical analysis

The experimental data was statistically analyzed in terms of mean, standard deviation (SD), test of significance and percent changes. In spite of the fact that the mean and SD were determined utilizing M.S. Utilizing the Graphpad (www.graphpad.com/fast calcs/file cfm/) and Percent Change (www.percent-change com/file php) software, Excel, the trial of criticalness and percent changes were determined on the web. The information was additionally deciphered as far as the Compound Periodical Growth Rate (CPGR), as given by Sivaprasad (2012), so as to make significant determinations.

RESULTS

Behavioural Aspects

Were observed in different stages in the life cycle of the silk worm, Bombyx mori. All these events were recorded with the help of video system. Silk worm, Bombyx mori was a voracious feeder except during molting. The 3rd instar larvae, on day-1 showed slow movements and low feed consumption. On day-2, the feed consumption was faster, and the larval movements were slow, but increased when compared to day-1 of 3rd instar. Later, the feeding rate was increased further and the larval movements also were faster than the previous day. Later on, the larval movement slowed down and the larva entered into moulting, shedding older cuticle and no feeding took place and the larvae started hiding under the leaves.

During 4th instar on day-1 the larva again started feeding, showed crawling movements on the surface of leaves. On day-2 and day-3 vigorous movement increased feeding rate and crawling on the surface of the leaves. But on day-4 of 4th instar, the movements were became slow, the rate of feeding also decreased and the larva enters to moulting. During the 4th moult the larva does not feed, there were no movements of the body and comes to the upper layers of the leaves.

In 5th instar, the larvae showed vigorous movement, increased food consumption and crawling on the surface of leaves from day-2 to day-6. On day-7, feeding rate of the larvae was decreased and the larvae entered into pre-pupal stage. Later on, the larva spined a cocoon around itself by showing movement of the head in the form of “8”. Pupal stage, which was a non-feeding as well as a non-motile stage, did not show any marked change in behavior during first half of the pupal development. During the most recent two days of pupal turn of events, incubating conduct was watched. Behaviour of adult male and adult female was observed that the adult male showed vigorus wing beating, moving towards female for copulation. After copulation, the female layed eggs.

From the results of the present study, it was obvious that in initial phase of each larval instar, slow and crawling movements were exhibited and the movements became faster vigorous during middle of each instar. Finally the larval movements became very slow and the larva undergoes moulting. At the end of the 5th instar, the larva spins a cocoon by moving its head in the form of 8. During last day of pupal life eclosion behaviour was observed. Males showed vigorous wing beating and females layed eggs in distinct manner after copulation.

Despite the fact that the momentum study on silkworm development and conduct is a primer one, it gives new experiences into the techniques for raising and taking care of sericulture and opens new entryways for additional field research.

Table 1: Growth of silk worm, Bombyx mori during 3rd, 4th and 5th larval instars

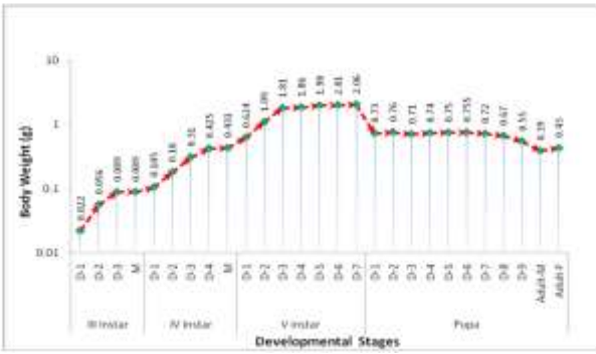
Stage	Day	Statistical Parameters	Weight (g)
III Instar	Day 1	Mean SD	0.02175 ±0.0005
	Day 2	Mean PC SD	0.05600 (157.4713) ±0.0008*
	Day 3	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.08878 (58.5268) ±0.0010* 101.14%
3rd moulting		Mean PC SD	0.08880 (0.0282) ±0.0007**
IV Instar	Day 1	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.10475 (17.9617) ±0.0010* 9.076%
	Day 2	Mean PC SD	0.17635 (68.3532) ±0.0001*
	Day 3	Mean PC SD	0.30968 (75.6025) ±0.0007*
	Day 4	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.42558 (37.4263) ±0.0081* 59.57%
4th moulting		Mean PC SD	0.43125 (1.3335) ±0.0040**
V Instar	Day 1	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.62378 (44.6435) ±0.0155* 21.067%
	Day 2	Mean PC SD	1.08630 (74.1493) ±0.0023*
	Day 3	Mean PC SD	1.80500 (66.1604) ±0.0055*
	Day 4	Mean PC SD	1.85760 (2.9141) ±0.0037*
	Day 5	Mean PC SD	1.98470 (6.8422) ±0.0017*
	Day 6	Mean PC SD	2.01475 (1.5141) ±0.0171*
	Day 7	Mean PC SD CPGR	2.05885 (2.1889) ±0.0120* 22.02%

*Statistically significant (P values:< 0.001).
**Statistically not significant.

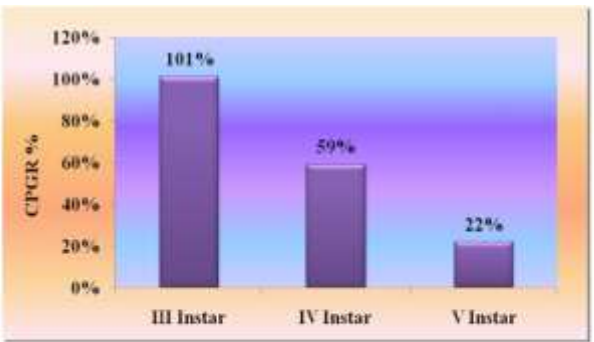
Table 2: Silkworm development, Bombyx mori during pupal and grown-up stages

Stage	Day	Statistical parameters	Weight
Pupa	Day 1	Mean SD	0.72770 ±0.0109*
	Day 2	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.75790 (4.1501) ±0.0040* 4.15%
	Day 3	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.70830 (-6.5444) ±0.0085* -6.5%
	Day 4	Mean PC SD	0.73803 (4.1967) ±0.0100*
	Day 5	Mean PC SD	0.75170 (1.8529) ±0.0053*
	Day 6	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.75460 (0.3858) ±0.0046** 2.13%
	Day 7	Mean PC SD	0.71580 (-5.1418) ±0.0021*
	Day 8	Mean PC SD	0.66930 (-6.4962) ±0.0004*
	Day 9	Mean PC SD CPGR	0.55170 (-17.5706) ±0.0088* -9.91%
Adult male		Mean PC SD CPGR	0.38825 (-29.6266) ±0.0059* -29.62%
Adult female		Mean PC SD CPGR	0.42705 (-22.5938) ±0.0112* -22.59%

**Statistically not significant. *Statistically significant (P values: < 0.001).



Graph 1: Growth pattern of Silk worm, Bombyx mori during larval, pupal and adult stages



Graph 2: Larval growths of silkworm, Bombyx mori during the 3rd, 4th and 5th instar larval stages

CONCLUSION

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