

ABSTRACT&REFERENCES

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CHARACTERISTIC OF URETHRAL MICROBIOTA OF MEN WITH IDIOPATHIC URETHRITIS

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Aim: to study the urethral microbiota composition in urogenital infections in men and to determine the sensitivity of isolated microorganisms to antibacterial drugs.

Materials and Methods. 957 samples of biological material from the urethra of men were examined. The identification of the microorganisms was carried out according to the *Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology*. Sensitivity to antibiotics was determined by the disco-diffusion method, using standard disks of industrial production in accordance with the order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No. 167 of 05.04.2007. The mathematical processing of the results was performed, using the computer program «Origin Pro 7.0».

Results of the research. According to the study, the presence of conditionally pathogenic microorganisms was found in 716 people (74.82 % of the total number of the surveyed contingent). Of the subjects studied, 1574 strains were isolated, of which the vast majority consisted of bacteria of the intestinal group (43.52 %) and staphylococci (32.46 %). The incidence of streptococci was 18.61 %, corynebacteria – 3.81 %, pseudomonads – 1.14 %, candida – 0.44 %. When studying the species composition of urethral microbiota, the presence of mono-infection was found in 267 people, in the other 449 persons different associations of representatives of conditionally pathogenic microbiota were detected. The analysis of the level of sensitivity of the studied strains to antibiotics showed that the isolated staphylococci showed the highest sensitivity to ampicillin / sulbactam (81.60 % sensitive strains), most cephalosporins (79.26±4.49 %), carbapenems (93.35±1.38 %), vancomycin (100 %), rifampicin (92.56 %),

most fluoroquinolones (82.68±3.31 %) and linezolid (98.63). Whereas the highest number of susceptible strains of bacteria of the intestinal group was determined for carbapenems (89.64±2.68 %) and Co-trimoxazole (82.19 %).

Conclusions. Isolated bacterial strains of the intestinal group and staphylococci are most commonly found in association with other microorganisms. The analysis of the level of antibiotic sensitivity indicates that staphylococci showed the highest sensitivity to ampicillin/sulbactam, most cephalosporins, carbapenems, vancomycin, rifampicin, most aminoglycosides and linezolid. Whereas the highest number of susceptible strains of bacteria of the intestinal group was determined for carbapenems and Co-trimoxazole. Which makes the use of these antibiotics appropriate for the treatment of diseases of the men's genitourinary system

Keywords: bacterial urethritis, urogenital infections, opportunistic microorganisms, *Staphylococcus*, *Enterobacteriaceae*

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INFLUENCE OF DIFFERENT PHOTOPERIODIC CONDITIONS ON THE PROTEIN AND OIL CONTENT IN SOYBEAN SEEDS (*GLYCINE MAX* (L.) MERR.)

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Aim. Find out the effect of different durations of the photoperiod on the protein and oil content in the seeds of soybean varieties, which differ in response to the photoperiod.

Materials and methods. The experiments used photoperiodically neutral soybean varieties Annushka, Yatran, Ustyia, as well as a short-day variety Khadzhibey. Plants were grown in the field 2016–2018 year at the experimental site of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry of Plants and Microorganisms of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University on plots of 1 m² in triplicate. From seedlings to the third true leaf, the plants grew with a natural long day (about 16 hours at the latitude of Kharkov – 50° N). In this phase, half of the plants were exposed to a short photoperiod for 14 days, darkening the plants with light-tight booths from 17 to 9 hours. After which the plants were grown again under long day conditions until the end of the growing season. The second part of the plants (control) during the entire growing season was grown under natural day conditions. The protein content in the seeds was determined on an infrared analyzer Infracum FT-10 (manufacturer Lumex, RF), according to the manufacturer's method, and oil – according to Rushkovsky. Analyzes were performed in two triplicate. The tables show the mean and standard deviations.

Results. The protein content in seeds under the influence of a short photoperiod increased, decreased or did not change, compared with the content on a long day, regardless of the type of photoperiodic reaction of the studied varieties. The oil content in the seeds of all varieties, regardless of their photoperiodic reaction, exposed to a short photoperiod, as a rule, was lower than in the seeds of plants that were grown on a long day. Changes in the protein and oil content in the seeds of soybean varieties with different day lengths did not depend on the type of photoperiodic reaction.

The content of both protein and oil in seeds varied in different varieties and in different years of research. The degree of variation in different varieties was different.

Conclusions. Different photoperiodic conditions ambiguously influenced the protein content in the seeds of soybean varieties with different photoperiodic reactions, although in some years there was a tendency to increase it under the influence of a short photoperiod. Apparently, it is determined by the genotype of the variety and the meteorological conditions of the growing season.

The oil content in the seeds of the studied varieties, which differ in the type of photoperiodic reaction, decreased under the influence of a short day, compared with the content under long day conditions.

Apparently, the process of accumulation of protein and, especially, oil in soybean seeds is subject to photoperiodic control. Its mechanisms need in-depth studies at the level of physiological and biochemical processes.

Keywords: soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.), Photoperiod, development rate, protein, oil

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DIVERSITY OF SOILS, VEGETATION AND BIOTOPES OF THE REGIONAL LANDSCAPE PARK “BALKA KOBYLNA”

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The article considers the patterns of spatial organization of vegetation and soil cover and the biotopic diversity of the regional landscape park, the territory of which has recently become part of the Emerald Network.

The aim of the study is to find out the current state of the diversity of soils, plant communities and biotopes of the territory of the regional landscape park “Balka Kobylna”.

Materials and methods. When conducting the geobotanical work, generally accepted methods were used. The soil diagnostics was carried out using soil genetic, morphological and laboratory experimental methods. Biotopes are identified in accordance with the developments, presented in the National Habitat Catalogue of Ukraine; the lower levels of the biotopic hierarchy correspond to the syntaxa of the latest “Prodrôme of the vegetation of Ukraine”.

Results. The composition of the typological units of the soil cover and the features of their spatial differentiation were ascertained, the diversity of plant communities was evaluated, and the patterns of the mutual arrangement of soil and plant territorial units were revealed. It was shown, that the communities of the true steppes are confined to southern chernozems with different degrees of development; on sod-steppe soils, the vegetation of the true steppes is replaced by petrophytogenic one. A classification scheme of biotopes of the territory of the RLP was compiled, represented by six types of the highest classification units; lower levels of the biotopic hierarchy represent the syntaxonomical division of vegetation.

Conclusions. As a result of studying the soil cover of RLP “Balka Kobylna”, 23 soil varieties, included in eight soil types, were identified. 30 formations and 8 cenostuctures of communities with the dominance of a certain species that did not receive the status of formations in the dominant classification were identified. In addition to the six natural types, we noted some synanthropic phytocoenoses in RLP. The typological scheme of biotopes of RLP “Balka Kobylna”, compiled on the basis of the “National Habitat Catalogue of Ukraine”, includes 6 types of the highest hierarchical level, 8 units of biotopes of the second level, 11 – of the third one, 6 – of the fourth one (including three more subtypes). The results of the studies indicate the high zoological value of the investigated territory and are the basis for the management activity on the lands of the protected object and the development of measures for the biodiversity restoration

Keywords: soils, plant communities, biotopes, diversity, regional landscape park, spatial differentiation

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METHODICAL APPROACHES OF ESTIMATION OF PROBIOTICS' QUALITY AND RATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THEIR USAGE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

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Recently probiotics have been started to be commonly used as a subsidiary therapy during many illnesses, such as intestinal and urogenital infections, diseases of the gastrointestinal and respiratory tract, also joints and connective tissue lesions, some cancers, allergies, dermatological and dental diseases. However, there are still no summary guidelines for selection and estimation of probiotic strains for different clinical cases. Thus, we have made a general conclusion of estimation of probiotics' quality and development of rational principles of probiotic therapy usage in clinical practice during the treatment of patients with the most common diseases and for their prevention. There are described key principles of implementation of step-by-step estimation of probiotic culture quality in foodstuff according to regulations of World Health Organization, European Union, Ukraine and other countries. The requirements are presented for the evaluation of safety of probiotic cultures, which include testing of their in vitro and in vivo activity in different experimental models, as well as a study of their therapeutic efficacy in clinical practice in the treatment of patients and in long periods after probiotic therapy. Also there are some evidences of possible side effects, risks or low efficiency that depends on individual characteristics of the gut microbiota quantitative and qualitative composition of each patient and stage, heaviness of clinical course of each specific disease. That's why it is very important to take all circumstances of patients' status into account and collect all previous stored knowledge of probiotics' usage

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SPECIES STRUCTURE OF THE BIRD COMMUNITIES OF THE MIDDLE UZH RIVER FLOW IN ZAKARPATTIA PROVINCE OF UKRAINE IN THE NESTING PERIOD

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breeding period by the ratio of the number of species and their abundance, the shares of dominant, background and rare species, the types of nesting and feeding, landscape and ornitho-geographic aspects. The main factors for the formation of the species diversity and the peculiarities of the species structure of bird communities have been identified.

The goal of the study was to investigate and analyze the species structure of bird communities to determine the intensity of the urbanization impact onto the natural ecosystems in this segment of the Uzh valley.

Material and Methods. Data were collected during the 2016–2018 years during nesting periods. The bird censuses were conducted by the route method, followed by processing of the collected data.

Results and discussion. Within the study period, 71 bird species have been identified here. The bird population density is 839.64 ind./km². Birds of forest landscapes (47.9 %) are dominant. Tree-nesting (in crowns, hollows, and shrubs) birds composed in total 60.6 %. The share of zoophagous birds is 57.7 %. By the fauna type, trans-Palaearctic species are dominant: 42.3 %.

By the fauna type, transpalaearctic species are dominant (42.3). The urbanization of the Uzh valley is evidenced by the presence of a group of synanthropic bird species, which are inseparably linked to rural settlements, located along the river (share of all species – 12.7 %, share of total bird population – 17.15 %).

Conclusions. The species structure of birds communities during the nesting season in the middle Uzh river flow evidences that the impact of urbanization on natural ecosystems of the river valley is low despite the close location of villages

Keywords: river Uzh valley, bird community structure, dominant and subdominant species, synanthropes, Zakarpattia region

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Analyzing the literature data, it was found, that the majority of ephemeroids that grown in the territory of Ukraine are directly or indirectly influenced by humans, which leads to accelerated rates of decrease in their number. Urban factors influence not only the species structure of populations, but also their absolute quantitative indicators.

The purpose of the research was to study the floristic composition of ephemerooid plants in the territory of a landscape park of local importance «Nemyrivske Pobuzhyya» near the village of Gvozdiv, Nemyriv, district of Vinnytsia region.

Materials and methods. The study of the floristic composition of ephemerooid plants in the territory of the landscape park of local importance «Nemyrivske Pobuzhyya» was carried out by the expedition-route method, as well as by the accidental-regulatory method - laying of accounting sites with an area of 1 m². The systematic identification of plants was determined using a designator. The abundance of species was

determined by the Gult-Drude scale (with the addition of *A. Uranov* and *P. Yaroshenko*). The meeting coefficient (%) was determined by the formula: $R = a \times 100/n$.

Results. It was revealed, that on the territory of Nemyrivske Pobuzhyya the structure of the ephemerooid plants includes 27 species of plants, belonging to 19 genus, 14 families, 12 orders and 2 classes. Such orders as Ranunculales (7 species or 25.9 % of the total ephemerooid species), Papaverales (4 species or 14.8 %), Liliales (4 species or 14.8 %), Amaryllidales (3 species or 11.1 %), Capparales (2 species or 7.4 %) are represented by the largest number *Anemone sylvestris* L., *Ficaria verna* L., *Viola odorata* L., *Galanthus nivalis* L. were dominant among the species.

Conclusions. It was established, that *Galanthus nivalis* L. is one species that is growing at the researched area and registered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species; and two species (*Allium ursinum* L. and *Galanthus nivalis* L.), included in the «European Red List». 6 species of ephemerooids are included in the Red Book of Ukraine: *Leucogonum vernum* L., *Allium ursinum* L., *Galanthus nivalis* L., *Crocus reticulatus* Stev. ex Adams., *Pulsatilla grandis* Rupr. and *Pulsatilla pratensis* L. (Mill). 4 species of plants have the status of rare plants of regional importance: *Anemone sylvestris* L., *Dentaria bulbifera* L., *Dentaria quinquefolia* M. Bieb. and *Primula veris* L.

Keywords: ephemerooid plants, species structure, density, coefficient of occurrence, rare plants

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THE INFLUENCE OF MONOCHROMATIC LIGHT WITH DIFFERENT WAVELENGTHS ON THE GROWTH OF AQUARIUM PLANTS

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The aim of our work is to determine the growth efficiency of aquarium plants under conditions of their separate monochromatic illumination (red, yellow, green and blue waves) under continuous exposure for 60 days at 20–22 °C.

Materials and Methods. For the study, we selected aquatic plants, living in different layers of the water column – hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum* L., 1753), *Echinodorus* (*Echinodorus quadricostatus* Fasset, 1955) and *Pistia stratiotes* L., 1753). All aquariums were wrapped in black paper to eliminate outside lighting. Over the water surface, 6 LEDs of the FYL-3014 SRC brand were fixed. These LEDs generated waves with a length of $\lambda=660$ nm (red), 590.2 nm (yellow), 574 nm (green) and 470 nm (blue). The total power of the waves of different colors was regulated using variable resistors. Irradiation of plants was carried out continuously. In the process of the research, we repeatedly measured the mass, length of leaves and plant roots.

Result. We determined that the growth of the mass, leaves, and roots of *Echinodorus quadricostatus* and *Ceratophyllum demersum* is maximum, when illuminated by blue waves (the total increase in morphometric parameters is 31 % and 37 %, respectively). Smaller growth of plants was noted for red waves (16 % and 33 %). Yellow and green waves suppressed a mild increase of their parameters by 5–6 %. For

Pistia stratiotes the maximum growth was noted primarily for the plant mass for red light waves (14 %), for blue and green the parameters remained almost unchanged. The monochromatic yellow light led to the degradation of this plant. The averaged effect of the total effect of monochromatic waves in all studied parameters of various aquatic plants is estimated. According to our data, blue and red light quite effectively support the growth of all aquatic plants, when illuminating the water system with yellow and green waves, the growth of aquatic plants is minimal.

Conclusions. It was revealed, that the efficiency of light absorption by various aquatic plants is significantly different, while the main factor of such differences is their species composition, but not the depth of the plant in the water column. Such plants as *Pistia stratiotes*, *Ceratophyllum demersum* and *Echinodorus quadricostatus* exhibit the intensive growth under the influence of blue or red light. In this case the maximum growth of the mass, root length, linear size of leaves in 60 days reaches 30–35 % (for different types of plants). Influence isolated green and yellow light in aquatic plants gives a slight positive growth effect (5–8 %), or even lead to the inhibition of growth and death (*Pistia stratiotes*). Obviously, the monochrome illumination of aquarium systems can be used to minimize energy costs during growing industrial aquatic plants for food purposes, as well as for propagating individual decorative species. Our data show that the growing of studied aquatic plant species is most effective (energy saving, plant growth rate) under the influence of blue or red light, and possibly a combination of both. We say that the selection of aquarium plants for growing or aquarium design goals must be carried out, taking into account the specifics of their response to the selected frequency of light waves. We can recommend additional illumination of aquatic plants with green and yellow light in an aquarium only for design purposes

Keywords: monochromatic waves, lighting, aquarium plants, morphometric parameters, growth

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