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25 Abstract

26 Tetraploid fish, which are considered as key resources of diploid gametes for further breeding  
27 and ploidy manipulation, can be artificially induced by inhibition of the mitotic cell division  
28 with hydrostatic pressure or temperature treatments. Although many attempts have been  
29 made to induce artificial tetraploid strains, successful establishment of viable and fertile  
30 tetraploid strains are rare. In pond loach, *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*, natural tetraploid  
31 individuals are distributed in wild populations and diploid gametes from the tetraploid fish  
32 have been used for various kinds of ploidy manipulation, but artificially induced tetraploid  
33 strains have not been established yet. In the present study, we optimized starting timing of  
34 the heat-shock treatment (41°C for 2 min) to inhibit a mitotic cell division in fertilized eggs of  
35 the normal diploid pond loach between 21 and 51 min after insemination at 20°C incubation  
36 temperature. After the treatment, we observed external appearance of hatching larvae and  
37 flow-cytometrically determined ploidy status of the resultant larvae. Although tetraploid  
38 and diploid/tetraploid larvae were obtained, the treating timings inducing these progeny  
39 varied among crosses. Various kinds of ploidy such as haploidy, diploidy, triploidy,  
40 pentaploidy, hexaploidy, aneuploidy and mosaic were detected in non-optimum heat-shock  
41 timings for tetraploidization. Survivors, a tetraploid and a diploid/tetraploid mosaic male,  
42 matured at the age of one year old, but they produced functional haploid spermatozoa.

43 **Key words:** aneuploid, biotechnology, chromosome, Cobitidae, mosaicism, polyploid

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45 **Introduction**

46 Tetraploid can be theoretically induced by inhibition of the mitotic cell division with  
47 hydrostatic pressure or temperature treatments, but the survival rates of induced tetraploid  
48 are extremely low. Although successful induction of tetraploid by inhibition of mitotic  
49 division has been reported in several fish species, fertile tetraploid fish have been produced in  
50 a very few number of species so far (Piferrer et al., 2009). However, if once tetraploid lines  
51 are established, those can be maintained by cross-fertilization of diploid eggs with diploid  
52 sperm from tetraploids. Furthermore, tetraploids are considered as useful parental fish for  
53 mass production of triploid progeny by cross-fertilization, because they are expected to  
54 produce diploid gametes (Blanc et al., 1986; Chourrout et al., 1986; Chourrout and Nakayama,  
55 1987; Nam et al., 2004). Such diploid gametes from induced tetraploid were also used for  
56 production of higher polyploid individuals, such as pentaploid and hexaploid (Chourrout and  
57 Nakayama, 1987).

58 Mosaicism was often observed in resultant progeny generated from the artificial  
59 induction of tetraploid salmonids (Chourrout, 1982; Chourrout and Nakayama, 1987; Yamaki  
60 et al., 1997). Mosaic fish which consisted of diploid and tetraploid cell populations in the  
61 gonad are behaved to produce haploid and diploid gametes, simultaneously. Thus, tetraploid  
62 progeny could be presumably produced by cross-fertilization between diploid eggs and diploid  
63 sperm from such germ-line mosaic fish possessing tetraploid germ cells. In mud loach  
64 *Misgurnus mizolepis*, haploid sperm were obtained from induced tetraploid males that were  
65 identified flow-cytometrically (Nam and Kim, 2004). In fact, triploid progeny in amago  
66 salmon were obtained from the fertilization of eggs from diploid/tetraploid mosaic female with  
67 haploid sperm from normal diploid male (Yamaki et al., 1999; Yamaki and Arai, 2000). It  
68 suggests that diploid/tetraploid mosaic fish might be useful as a supplier of diploid gametes  
69 when its gonad includes tetraploid germ cells.

70 Although fertile tetraploid pond loach *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus* are found in nature  
71 and various kinds of chromosome manipulation has been done using the diploid gametes form

72 natural tetraploid individuals (Arai 2001). However, in pond loach, artificially induced  
73 tetraploid strains have not been established yet. Artificial tetraploid pond loach can be  
74 considered more applicable than the natural tetraploid for genetic improvement, because the  
75 background of broodstock is very important for the implementation of breeding program.

76 In the present study, the heat-shocking of fertilized eggs from pond loach was  
77 attempted to produce artificially induced tetraploid. In resultant tetraploid and  
78 diploid/tetraploid mosaic survivors, their sperm were obtained and the ploidy status of their  
79 spermatozoa was determined.

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## 81 Materials and Methods

### 82 Collection of gametes

83 Mature females and males were caught during spawning season in Kita  
84 (Iwamizawa-city, Hokkaido, Japan) and transferred to and investigated at Nanae  
85 Fresh-Water laboratory (Nanae, Kameda, Hokkaido, Japan). In each experiment, a single  
86 female and male were used for artificial fertilization. To induce final maturation in the  
87 female and male, injection of hCG (20 IU/g body weight for male and female) was performed  
88 12 hours before spawning. Then, the female and male were separately incubated in each  
89 aquarium kept at 25 °C. According to the previous study (Fujimoto et al., 2004), eggs and  
90 sperm were collected, and sperm were diluted into loach physiological saline (7.5g/L NaCl,  
91 0.2g/L KCl, 0.2g/L MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 0.4g/L CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7.8 by NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) to keep sperm motility. In  
92 the present experiment, eggs batch including overripe eggs was not used for fertilization.

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### 94 Heat shock treatment

95 In order to perform heat-shock treatment, eggs mixed with diluted sperm were spread  
96 on slide glasses placed in square plastic dishes filled with dechlorinated tap water at 20 °C.  
97 Fertilized eggs were incubated at 20 °C in an incubator until the heat-shock treatment. In  
98 order to inhibit the mitotic division of the fertilized eggs, the eggs were transferred into a  
99 water bath set at 41°C and incubated for 2 min at each heat-shock treatment. To optimize  
100 the timing of the heat-shock treatment for induction of tetraploidy, the heat-shock treatments  
101 were performed in every 3 min from 21 to 42 minute post-egg activation (mp) in experiment 1  
102 (Exp. 1), from 30 to 48 mp in experiment 2 (Exp. 2), from 21 to 45 mp in experiment 3 (Exp. 3)  
103 and from 24 to 51 mp in experiment 4 (Exp. 4). The number of fertilized and heat-shock  
104 treated eggs used for each experiment is shown in Table 1. No replicate of heat-shock  
105 treatment was carried out in each experiment. After the heat-shock treatment, the eggs  
106 were washed and cooled twice by a dechlorinated tap water, and then, incubated in plastic  
107 dishes filled with a dechlorinated tap water at 20 °C. Dead eggs were removed and the

108 number of dead eggs was recorded every 12 hours. Rate of survived embryos was estimated  
109 relative to the initial number of eggs used at 1 day post-egg activation (dp). At 3 dp, the  
110 number of larvae was counted and normal larvae were distinguished from abnormal larvae by  
111 their external appearance. Survivors derived from groups of heat-shock treatment in Exp. 1  
112 were attempted to be reared until the sexual maturation to evaluate the ploidy of sperm from  
113 the survivors as tetraploid candidates.

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#### 115 Ploidy analysis

116 DNA content was measured by flow-cytometer (Ploidy Analyzer, Partec GmbH) to  
117 estimate the ploidy level of larvae, somatic cells from caudal fin and sperm according to the  
118 previous study (Fujimoto et al., 2007). In the ploidy determination of larvae, whole  
119 individuals from 4 to 6 dp were used for the measurement of the DNA content. The number  
120 of embryos used for measurement of DNA content in each experiment is shown in Table 2.  
121 To determine the ploidy status of somatic cells, the small pieces of caudal fin were used for the  
122 ploidy analysis in three individuals at three three-month-old individuals and two matured  
123 males showing a male specific secondary sexual characteristic. Sperm samples taken from  
124 the matured males were subjected to determine their ploidy status. In order to compare  
125 relative DNA content, fluorescent peak of somatic cells of diploid fish as a diploid reference  
126 was positioned at channel 100 in each experiment. The values of mean and coefficient  
127 variation of fluorescent peaks, which were detected by the flow cytometer, were automatically  
128 calculated by the analyzer. Then, the values of the peaks corresponding to G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase were  
129 used for determination of ploidy level of samples by the ratio of the peaks to channel 100 as a  
130 diploid value. In various types of aneuploidy observed in the present study, each aneuploidy  
131 was named based on its mean value. For example, if the fluorescent peak of an embryo was  
132 detected between haploid (channel 50) and diploid value (channel 100), the embryo was  
133 determined as aneuploid and named as haploidy-diploidy aneuploid (Fig. 2a).

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136 Results

137 Hatching ability and ploidy status of larvae

138 Survival rates of embryos at age 1 dp, hatching rates of larvae at age 3 dp, rates of  
139 occurrence of normal larvae at age 3 dp are shown in Table 1. Ploidy status of normal and  
140 abnormal larvae is shown in Table 2. Survival rates at 1 dp and hatching rates at 3 dp  
141 considerably varied among control batches from different experiments. More than 50% of  
142 survival embryos and hatching larvae were recorded in control of Exp. 2 and 3, while those of  
143 Exp. 1 and 4 gave less than 50%. Resultant control larvae showed normal appearance in all  
144 the experiments. These normal larvae were diploids.

145 In the batches with heat-shock treatment in Exp. 1, more than half of hatching larvae  
146 appeared as normal larvae from the timing of heat-shock treatment at 24 to 30, 36 and 42 mp.  
147 Although normal larvae from 24 to 30 mp were mostly diploid, tetraploids with normal  
148 appearance were obtained from the timing after 33 mp, especially 42 mp. Typical diploid  
149 and tetraploid peaks of flow-cytometry are shown in Fig. 1a and 1b, respectively. On the  
150 other hand, diploid/tetraploid mosaics were observed in the timing from 24 to 36 mp. A  
151 typical flow-cytometrical histogram of the mosaic is shown in Fig. 1c. In abnormal larvae in  
152 Exp. 1, tendency of occurrence of tetraploid and diploid/tetraploid mosaic larvae were similar  
153 to that of normal larvae. In contrast, various types of ploidy level and mosaicism were  
154 detected in abnormal larvae (Fig. 2). The variation was categorized into five types of chart,  
155 including the single peak of aneuploidy (Fig. 2a), the single peak of euploidy (Fig. 2b, c, d), the  
156 mosaics consisting of multiple peaks of euploidy (Fig. 2e, f, g, h, i), the mosaics consisting of  
157 multiple peaks of aneuploidy (Fig. 2j, k, l) and the mosaics consisting of multiple peaks of  
158 euploidy and aneuploidy (Fig. 2m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t).

159 In Exp. 2, tetraploids and diploid/tetraploid mosaics in both normal and abnormal  
160 larvae were observed in the timing from 36 to 45 mp, although rates of embryonic survival,  
161 hatching of larvae and occurrence of normal larvae in those timings were considerably lower  
162 than those of the timings of 30 and 33 mp. Various kinds of aneuploid and mosaics were

163 particularly observed in abnormal larvae.

164 In Exp. 3, the timing of the heat-shock treatment after 36 mp gave lower rate of normal  
165 larvae than the timing before 33 mp. Very few tetraploids were detected both in normal and  
166 abnormal larvae in this experiment.

167 In Exp. 4, normal larvae frequently appeared at the timing of the heat-shock treatment  
168 of 24, 33 and 36 mp. Normal tetraploid larvae were observed in the timing between 27 and  
169 36 mp in relatively high rates. Although tetraploids and diploid/tetraploid mosaics were  
170 found in abnormal larvae, various kinds of mosaicism and aneuploidy also appeared.

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172 Ploidy status of somatic cells and sperms of survivors from the heat shock treatments

173 After hatching, survivors from the group of heat-shock treatments from 27 to 42 mp in  
174 Exp. 1, in which tetraploid and diploid/tetraploid appeared, were reared until sexual  
175 maturation to check the ploidy of their gamete. Unfortunately, only three fish survived at  
176 three month after hatching because mass mortality occurred before and after feeding stage  
177 due to poor rearing technique. In this mass mortality, the number of dead fish could not be  
178 counted because the bodies were corrupted and cannibalism was observed at that moment.  
179 In three-month-old fish, one fish showed twice value of DNA content when compared with the  
180 DNA content of standard diploid sample (Fig. 3a and 3b), indicating that the fish was a  
181 tetraploid. In the other two fish, distinctive two peaks corresponded to diploidy and  
182 tetraploidy, respectively, were detected in each fish, indicating that they were  
183 diploid/tetraploid mosaics (Fig. 3c). Two out of the three fish survived until sexual  
184 maturation at the age of one year old, and they were males. The first male consisted of  
185 major population of tetraploid cells and minor population of cells with aneuploidy between  
186 triploidy and tetraploidy (Fig. 3d). The second male comprised major population of diploid  
187 cells and minor population of cells with aneuploidy between triploidy and tetraploidy (Fig.  
188 3e). They produced haploid sperm as in normal diploid males (Fig. 3f, 3g and 3h).

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191 Discussion

192 In the present study, tetraploids were successfully induced in three out of four  
193 experiments. Successful inductions of tetraploids were observed in the limited periods after  
194 fertilization. However, the optimum periods were different among experimental groups;  
195 33-42 mp in Exp.1, 39-45 mp in Exp. 2, and 27-36 mp in Exp. 4. It is reported that the  
196 optimum timing for inducing doubling of chromosome sets, such as diploidization in  
197 gynogenesis and tetraploidization in normal fertilization, is pro-metaphase at the first  
198 cleavage in masu salmon *Oncorhynchus masou* (Sakao et al., 2003, 2006). Thus, a relative  
199 unit of embryological age, such as  $\tau_0$  (tau zero) (Gomelsky 2003) and first cleavage interval  
200 (Ihssen et al., 1990), has been adopted for standardization of optimum shocking timing for  
201 chromosome doubling. However, differences of developmental rate were observed among  
202 experimental groups and such differences presumably affected determination of the optimum  
203 timing of tetraploidization (Hershberger and Hostuttler, 2007; Sakao et al., 2006). The  
204 different optimum timing for induction of tetraploidy observed in the present study may be  
205 explained by a difference of developmental rate among experimental groups due to the  
206 individual difference of female parents. Thus, in order to induce tetraploidy at high rates,  
207 heat-shock treatment might be required in several timings before first cleavage, or the  
208 relative units as mentioned above to make a prediction of the induction timing of tetraploidy  
209 might be preliminarily measured before tetraploid induction.

210 Variations of survival rates at 1 and 3 dp in control batches were observed among the  
211 experimental groups. Especially control batches of Exp. 1 and 4 indicated lower viability  
212 than those of control batches. However, no large decrease of survival rate from 1 dp to 3 dp  
213 was observed in each control batch. Furthermore, the percentages of normal larvae in  
214 hatched larvae were comparatively high in the all control batches, indicating that most of  
215 embryos surviving beyond 1 dp had normal developmental ability in all the control batches.  
216 In the heat-shock treatment for tetraploid induction, the viability of tetraploid embryos at 1  
217 and 3 dp at optimum timings was different among the experimental groups. Survival rates

218 of embryos at the optimum timings in Exp. 1 and 4 were higher than those in Exp. 2, even  
219 though the survival rate of control in Exp. 2 showed higher level when compared with those of  
220 Exp. 1 and 4. Therefore, the result indicates that the survival rates at 1 dp in control batch  
221 does not become a criterion to decide an ability of eggs for tetraploid induction. Furthermore,  
222 the differences of viability among the experimental groups were expressed within one day  
223 after egg activation, corresponding to the developmental stage of somitogenesis after  
224 gastrulation (Fujimoto et al., 2006). Thus, it suggests that the transition at gastrula stage,  
225 in which dynamic morphological movements occur, might be a critical period of development  
226 for embryos with the treatment of tetraploidisation. No or few tetraploids arose from each  
227 batch of heat-shock timing in Exp. 3, although diploid larvae with normal external  
228 appearance and high survival rates were only obtained in the timing of heat-shock treatment  
229 from 21 to 33 mp. This result might suggest that induced tetraploid embryos in Exp. 3 could  
230 not survive beyond the gastrula period. On the other hand, the frequency of  
231 diploid/tetraploid mosaic was also different among experimental groups. The occurrence of  
232 mosaicism together with tetraploidization process was reported in other fish species  
233 (Chourrout 1982; Sakao et al., 2003; Zhang and Onozato 2004). In the present study, the  
234 diploid/tetraploid mosaic larvae were observed at high frequencies in exp. 1 and 4, in which  
235 tetraploids were induced with high frequency. The diploid/tetraploid mosaic tended to  
236 appear in the heat-shock before the optimum timing, although diploids were also generated  
237 together with the mosaic. It suggests that larvae derived from the timings generating  
238 diploid/tetraploid mosaics are preferably better to be avoided because of contamination of  
239 diploid individuals. In conclusion of the induction of tetraploidy in pond loach, although it is  
240 very hard to predict results of induction of tetraploidy using heat-shock treatment in advance,  
241 tetraploidy could be induced by application of wide range timings of heat-shock treatment.

242 In the present study, diploid sperms were not obtained from the tetraploid and the  
243 diploid/tetraploid pond loach. Instead, they generated haploid sperm. Production of  
244 haploid sperms in tetraploid fish was also reported in mud loach (*Misgurnus mizolepis*

245 Günther, 1888) (Nam and Kim, 2004). These results suggest that the haploid sperm should  
246 originate from diploid spermatogonial stem cells. Thus these diploid/tetraploid mosaic fish  
247 should have diploid cells in the gonad, although somatic cells in other organs were  
248 presumably tetraploid. Consequently, confirmation of diploid gametes is pre-requisite before  
249 the use of the tetraploid and/or diploid/tetraploid mosaic for further chromosome  
250 manipulation and mass production of triploid animals.

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325 Figure legends

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327 Fig. 1. Relative DNA content of embryonic cells in control and heat-shock treated embryos in  
328 pond loach were measured by flow cytometry. In these charts, channel 100 corresponds to  
329 the diploid state. (a) The main fluorescent peak of normal larva in the control embryo  
330 indicates the diploid DNA content (2C). (b) The two main fluorescent peaks of normal larva  
331 in the embryo subjected with heat-shock treatment indicates the diploid (2C) and tetraploid  
332 DNA content (4C). (c) The main fluorescent peak of normal larva in the embryo subjected  
333 with heat-shock treatment indicates the tetraploid DNA content (4C). In these charts of flow  
334 cytometry, doublets and/or G<sub>2</sub>/M phase cell cycle of embryonic cells were detected as small  
335 peaks, which were labeled with asterisk in each chart.

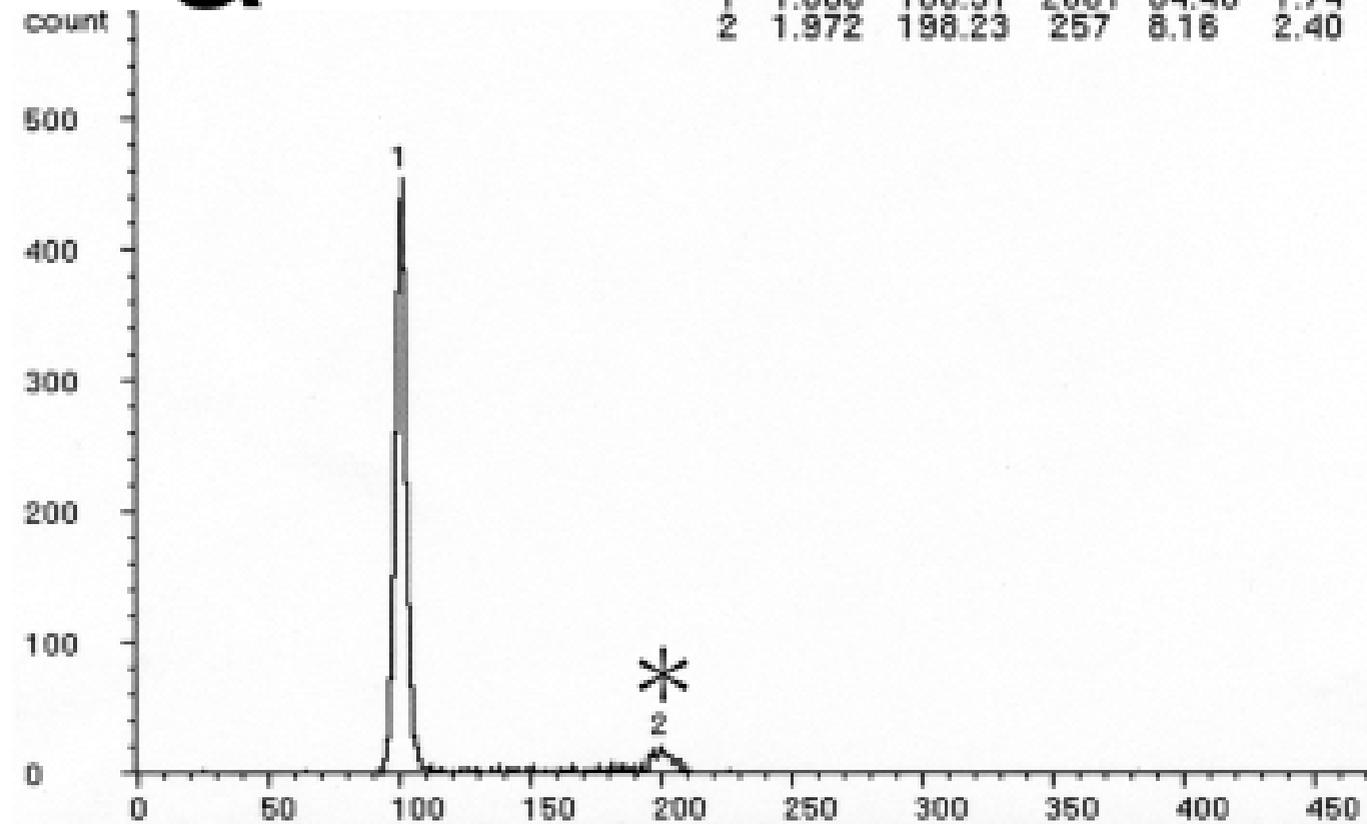
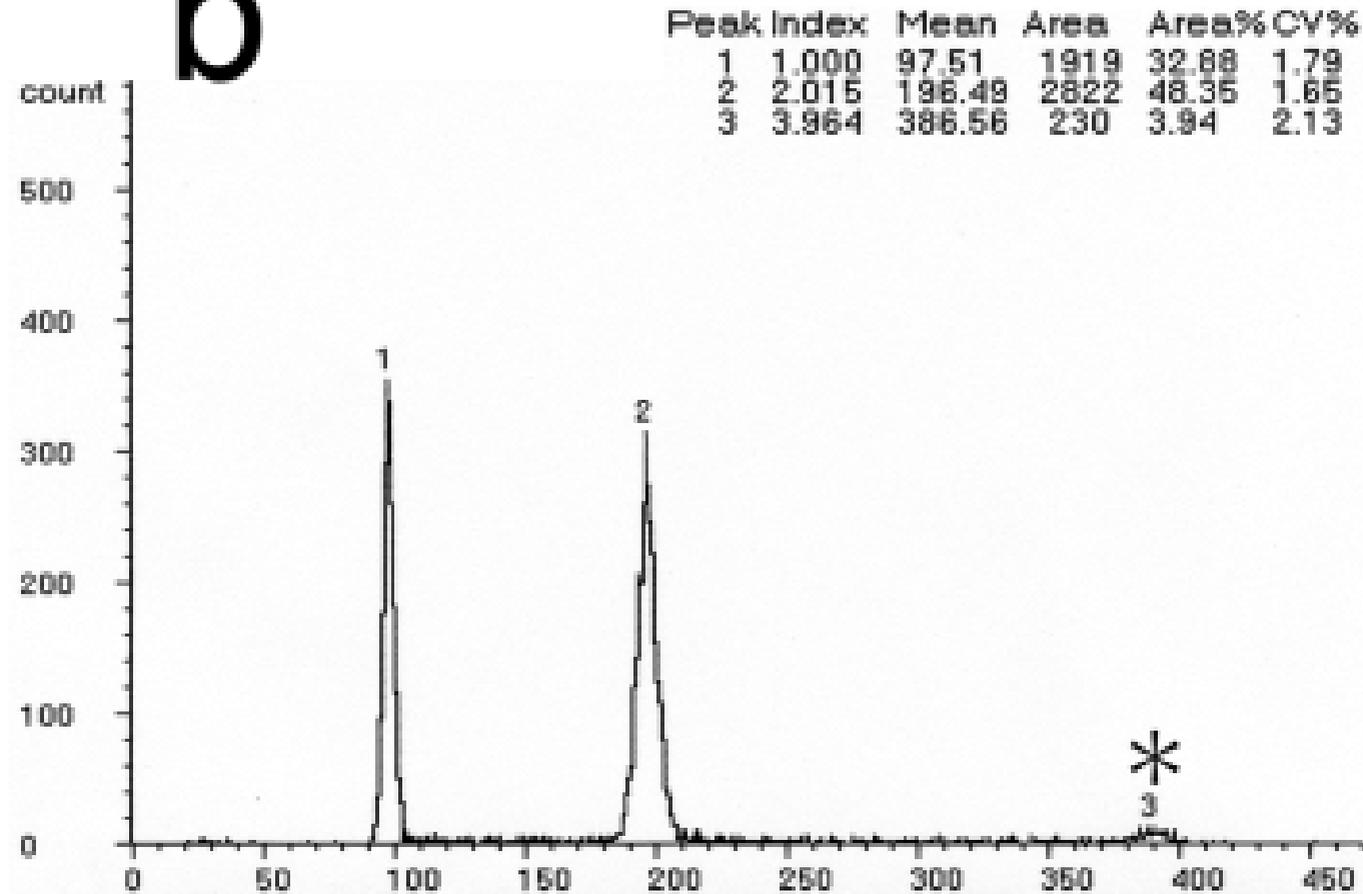
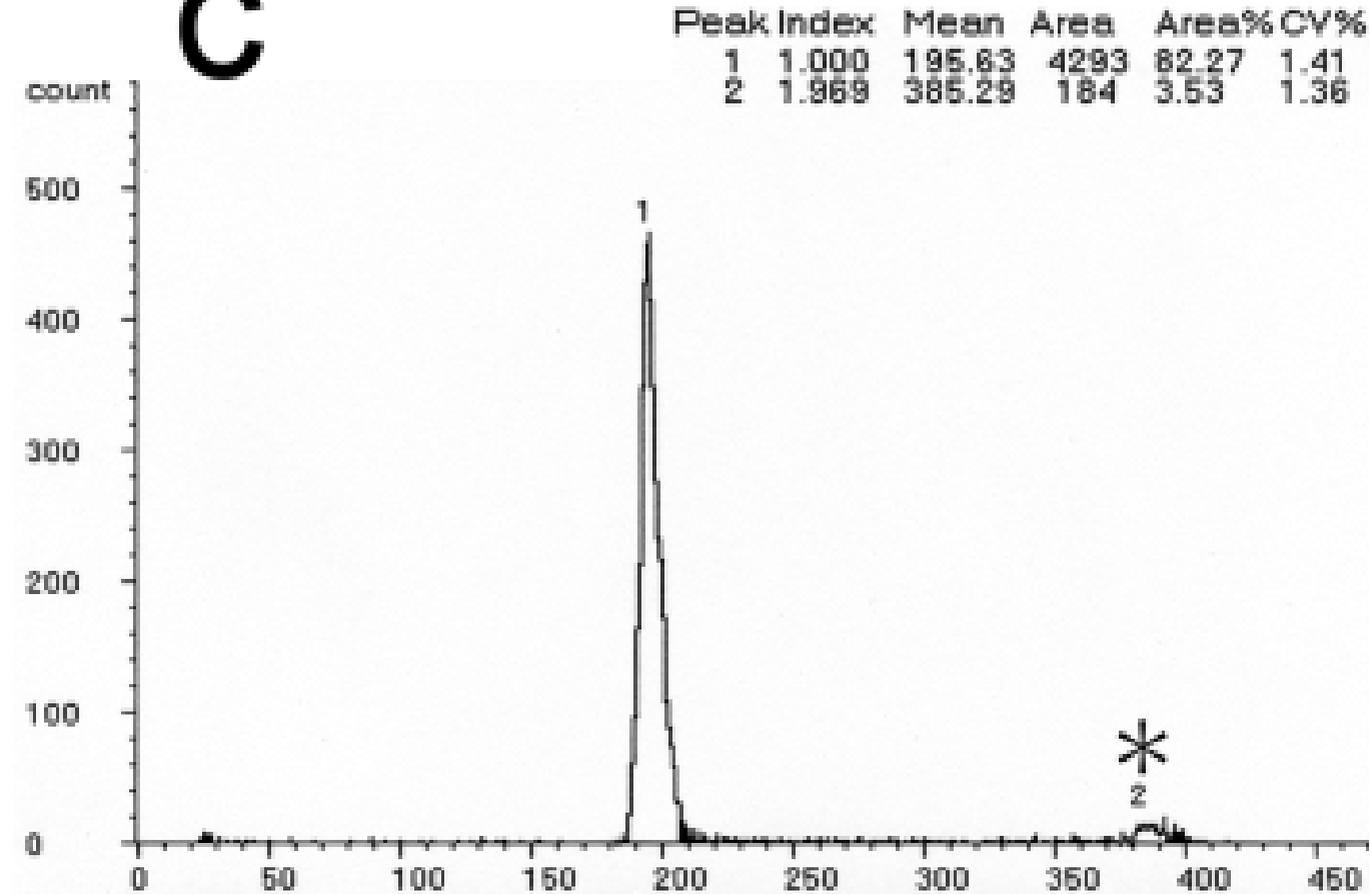
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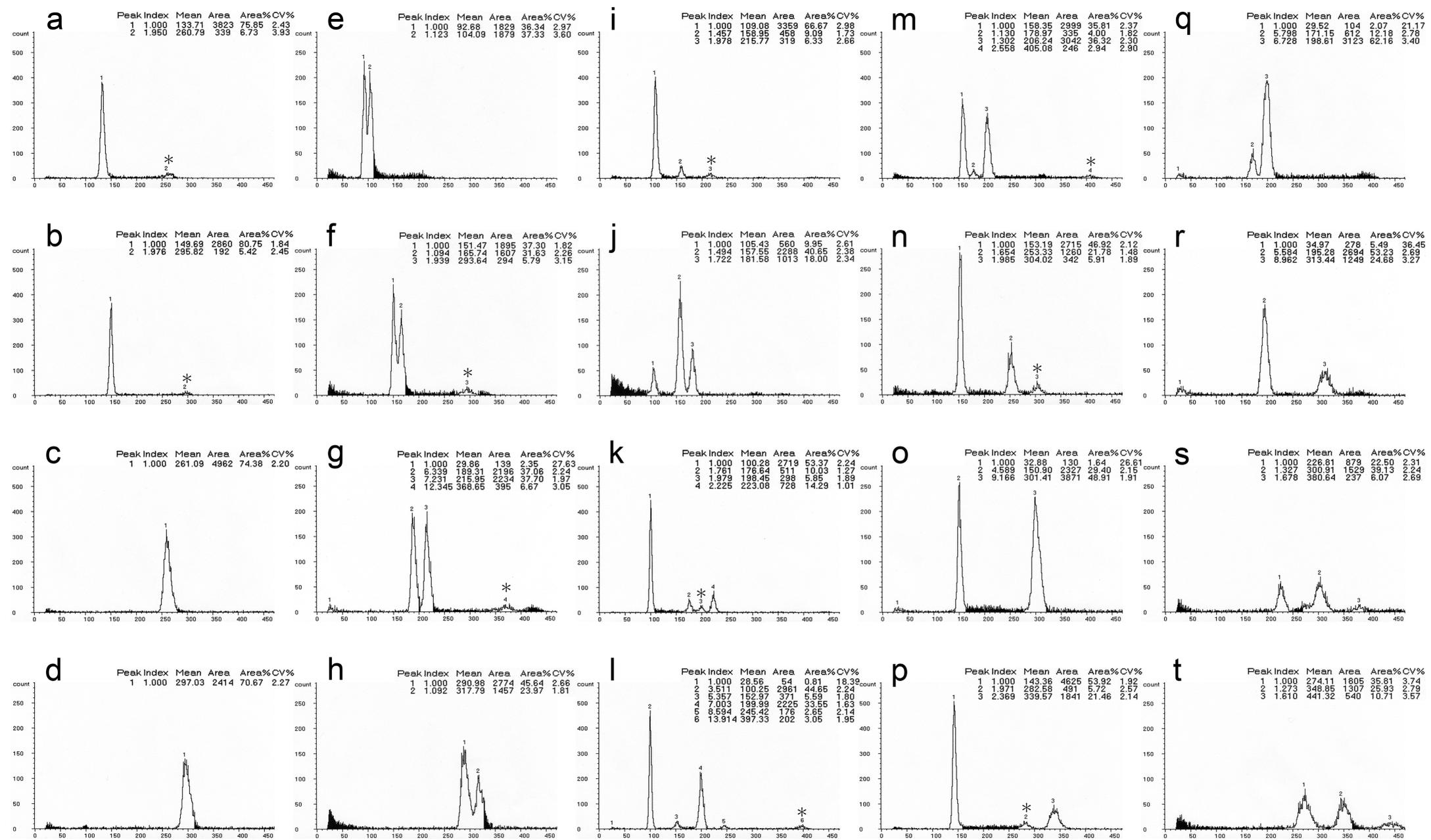
337 Fig. 2. Various ploidy levels in the embryos derived from heat-shock treatment groups in  
338 Experiment 1 were observed in pond loach. In these charts, channel 100 corresponds to the  
339 diploid state. Doublets and/or G<sub>2</sub>/M phase cell cycle of embryonic cells were detected as  
340 small peaks, which were labeled with asterisk in each chart. In aneuploids, they were  
341 named based on the position of the mean value of their fluorescent peaks (ex. a peak detected  
342 between a haploid (1n) value and a diploid (2n) value was named as 1n-2n aneuploid, such as  
343 Fig. 2a). (a) 1n-2n aneuploid, (b) triploid (3n), (c) pentaploid (5n), (d) hexaploid (6n), (e)  
344 1n-2n aneuploid/2n-3n aneuploid mosaic, (f) 3n/3n-4n aneuploid mosaic, (g) 3n-tetraploid (4n)  
345 aneuploid/4n-5n aneuploid mosaic, (h) 5n-6n aneuploid/6n-7n aneuploid mosaic, (i) 2n/3n  
346 mosaic, (j) 2n/3n/3n-4n aneuploid mosaic, (k) 2n/3n-4n aneuploid/4n-5n aneuploid mosaic, (l)  
347 2n/3n/4n/5n mosaic, (m) 3n/3n-4n aneuploid/4n mosaic, (n) 3n/5n mosaic, (o) 3n/6n mosaic, (p)  
348 3n/7n mosaic, (q) 3n-4n aneuploid/4n mosaic, (r) 4n/6n mosaic, (s) 4n-5n aneuploid/6n mosaic,  
349 (t) 5n-6n aneuploid/7n mosaic.

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351 Fig. 3. Relative DNA content of somatic cells of survivors from the heat shock treatments at

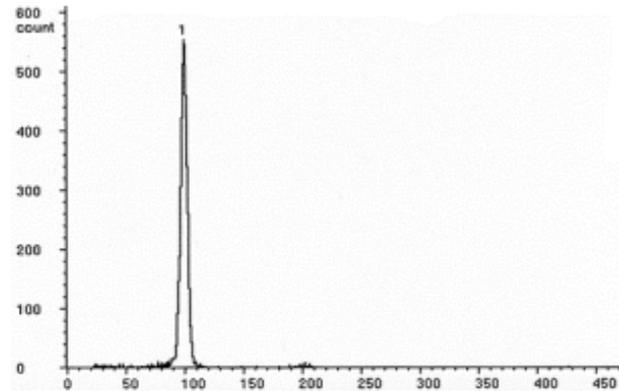
352 three-month-old, and somatic cells and sperms of those at one year old were measured by flow  
353 cytometry in pond loach. In these charts, channel 100 corresponds to the diploid state. In  
354 aneuploids, they were named based on the position of the mean value of their fluorescent  
355 peaks (ex. a peak detected between a haploid (1n) value and a diploid (2n) value was named as  
356 1n-2n aneuploid, such as Fig. 2a). (a) Caudal fin of diploid (2n) individual (standard, control  
357 non-heat-shocked specimen), (b) Caudal fin of tetraploid (4n) individual (3-month-old  
358 heat-shocked specimen), (c) Caudal fin of 2n/4n individual (3-month-old heat-shocked  
359 specimen), (d) Caudal fin of triploid (3n)-4n aneuploid/tetraploid mosaic individual  
360 (heat-shocked specimen), (e) Caudal fin of 2n/3n-4n aneuploid mosaic individual  
361 (heat-shocked specimen), (f) Sperm of 2n individual (standard, control non-heat-shocked  
362 specimen), (g) Sperm of 3n-4n aneuploidy /tetraploid mosaic individual (heat-shocked  
363 specimen), (h) Sperm of 2n/3n-4n aneuploid mosaic individual (heat-shocked specimen).

**a****b****c**

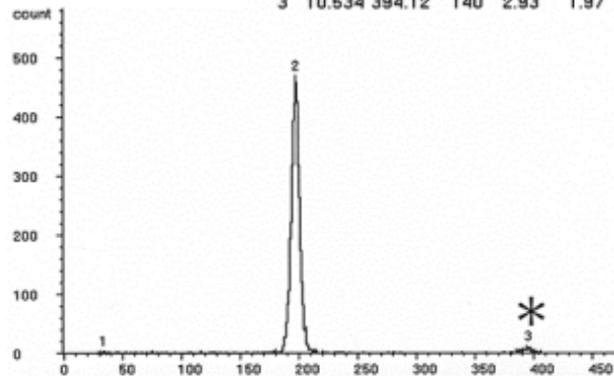


**a**

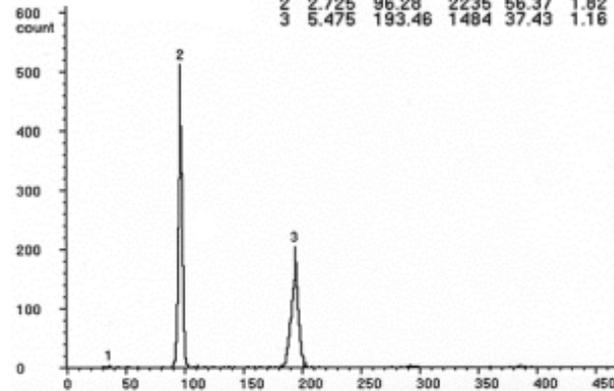
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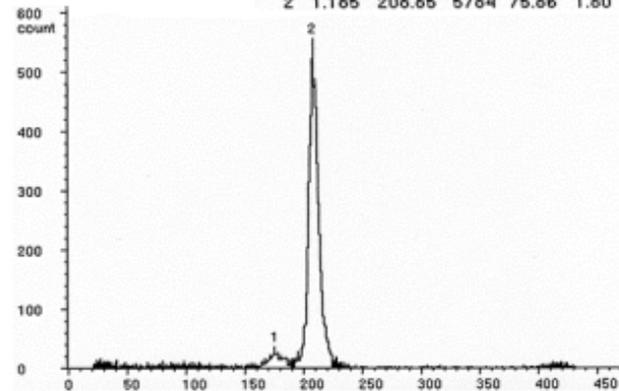
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**c**

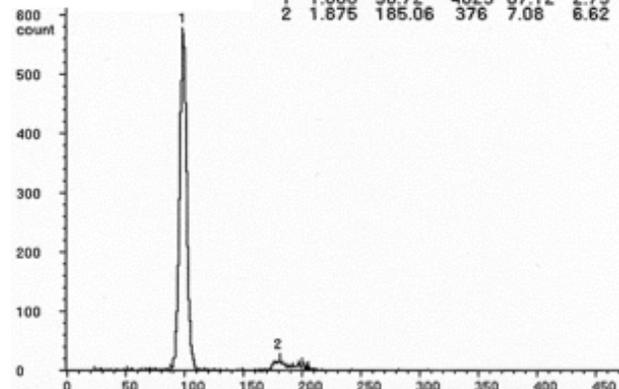
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**d**

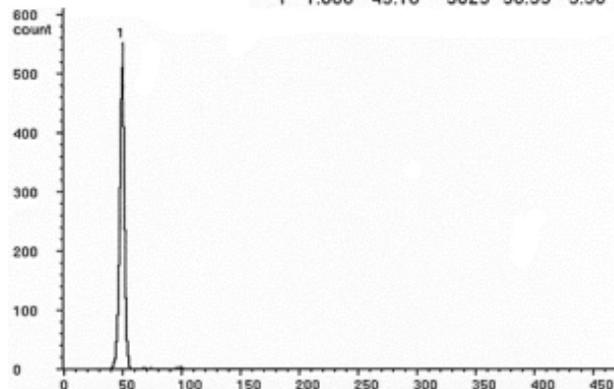
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**e**

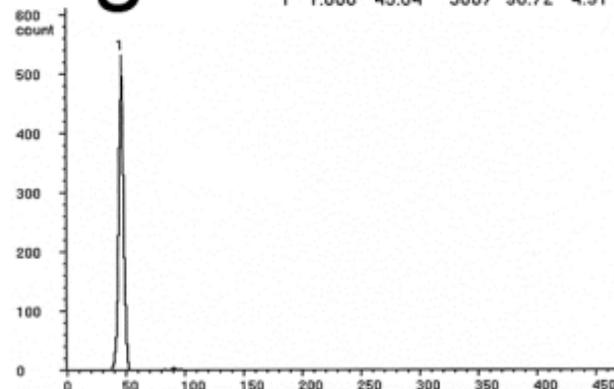
Peak Index	Mean	Area	Area%CV%
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2	1.875	185.06	376 7.08 6.62

**f**

Peak Index	Mean	Area	Area%CV%
1	1.000	49.18	3023 98.53 3.56

**g**

Peak Index	Mean	Area	Area%CV%
1	1.000	45.84	3007 98.72 4.91

**h**

Peak Index	Mean	Area	Area%CV%
1	1.000	53.81	3541 98.09 5.11

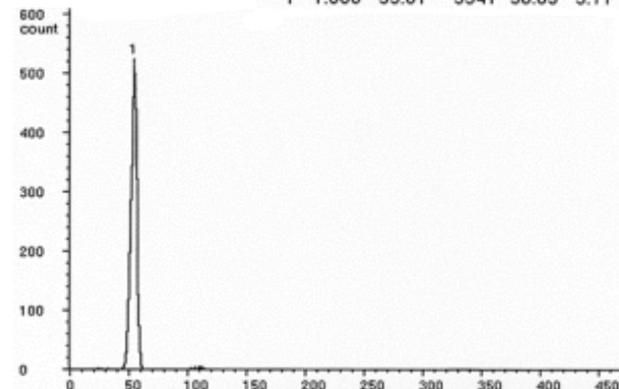


Table 1

Rate of survival embryos at 1 day post-egg activation (dp), hatched larvae at 3 dp and normal hatched larvae at 3 dp in control and heat-shock treated groups of pond loach, *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*

Experimental group	Timing of heat-shock (minute post-egg activation)	No. of used eggs	Rate of survival embryos at 1 dp (%)	Rate of hatched larvae at 3 dp (%)	Rate of normal larvae at 3 dp (%)
#1	control	187	43.9	41.7	91.0
	21	759	34.4	0.3	0.0
	24	837	55.0	31.4	88.6
	27	1047	55.5	35.0	79.8
	30	642	48.6	38.6	60.5
	33	1464	60.2	18.7	39.4
	36	862	49.1	45.8	72.7
	39	427	14.1	4.0	11.8
	42	614	36.3	29.3	76.1
#2	control	338	74.3	72.8	93.9
	30	494	45.1	37.0	51.9
	33	785	34.0	28.2	63.8
	36	809	19.9	13.1	58.5
	39	993	19.0	11.9	58.5
	42	1178	13.2	8.9	80.0
	45	749	15.9	11.9	64.0
	48	279	1.4	0.4	0.0
#3	control	366	87.4	85.2	97.8
	21	219	48.9	43.8	82.3
	24	219	52.5	43.8	83.3
	27	200	40.5	32.5	76.9
	30	440	60.9	48.6	79.9
	33	317	34.4	30.3	64.6
	36	300	9.3	6.0	38.9
	39	244	1.2	0.4	0.0
	42	243	4.9	3.3	62.5
	45	223	14.3	12.1	74.1
#4	control	151	45.0	45.0	98.5
	24	282	26.2	24.8	81.4
	27	383	20.1	13.3	23.5
	30	249	26.1	21.3	37.7
	33	364	41.5	39.8	83.4
	36	354	29.4	29.1	83.5
	39	175	1.1	1.1	50.0
	42	264	5.3	2.3	0.0
	45	218	25.7	21.6	29.8
	48	217	0.0	0.0	0.0
	51	127	17.3	8.7	0.0

Rate of survival embryos at 1 dp and hatched larvae at 3 dp were calculated as percentages of the number of survival embryos at 1 dp and the number of hatched larvae at 3 dp to the number of egg used in each group, respectively. Rate of normal larvae in total hatched larvae at 3 dp was calculated as percentages of the number of normal larvae at 3 dp to the number of total number of hatched larvae at 3 dp in each group.

Table 2

Ploidy level of larvae with normal and abnormal external appearance derived from control and heat-shock treated groups of pond loach, *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*

Experimental group	Timing of heat-shock (minute post-egg activation)	Total No. of normal larvae	Ploidy level of normal larvae <sup>1</sup>						Total No. of abnormal larvae	Ploidy level of abnormal larvae <sup>1</sup>					
			No. of diploid (2n)	No. of tetraploid (4n)	No. of other euploids <sup>2</sup>	No. of aneuploids	No. of 2n/4n mosaic	No. of other mosaics <sup>3</sup>		No. of 2n	No. of 4n	No. of other euploids <sup>2</sup>	No. of aneuploids	No. of 2n/4n mosaic	No. of other mosaics <sup>3</sup>
#1	control	22	22	0	0	0	0	9	4	0	0	4	0	1	
	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	2	0	0	1	1	
	24	20	17	1	1: triploid (3n)	0	1	0	19	13	0	2: 3n	0	1	3
	27	28	13	3	0	0	12	0	32	7	2	1:3n	1	10	11
	30	34	26	0	1: 3n	1	4	2	37	16	0	1: 5n, 2: 6n	2	8	8
	33	36	4	14	1: hexaploid (6n)	0	14	3	32	0	16	4: 6n	0	4	8
	36	46	11	16	1: 3n, 1: pentaploid (5n), 5: 6n	0	9	3	36	10	7	1:3n, 5: 6n	1	5	7
	39	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	0	9	2: 6n	1	0	3
	42	48	0	47	0	0	0	1	37	1	18	1: 5n, 2: 6n	7	0	8
#2	control	32	32	0	0	0	0	14	11	0	0	1	0	2	
	30	20	19	0	1: 3n	0	0	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	
	33	18	18	0	0	0	0	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	
	36	19	14	1	0	0	4	0	32	19	1	1: 5n	3	4	4
	39	18	3	14	0	0	1	0	40	8	23	1: 6n	0	2	6
	42	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	40	3	29	0	0	0	8
	45	17	0	17	0	0	0	0	29	0	26	0	1	0	2
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
#3	control	16	16	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	
	21	15	15	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	
	24	16	16	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	
	27	15	15	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	0	1	
	30	15	14	0	0	0	1	0	12	9	0	1:3n	0	1	1
	33	15	14	0	0	0	0	1	10	7	0	0	2	0	1
	36	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	2	1
	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	42	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
45	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
#4	control	16	16	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1: haploid	0	0	0	
	24	22	20	0	0	0	1	1	10	6	0	0	0	4	0
	27	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	13	2	4	0	1	1	5
	30	20	0	15	0	0	4	1	15	0	5	0	2	3	5
	33	24	0	23	0	0	1	0	12	1	5	1:3n	0	0	5
	36	29	0	27	0	0	0	2	9	0	7	0	0	0	2
	39	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	0	0	0	2	1
	45	13	11	0	0	0	1	1	6	2	0	0	0	3	1
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	0	3	0	0	0	4	

<sup>1</sup>Normal and abnormal larvae were categorized by their external appearance.

<sup>2</sup>Other euploids include haploid, triploids, pentaploids and hexaploids as shown in this table.

<sup>3</sup>Other mosaics include euploids mosaics except diploid-tetraploid mosaic, aneuploids mosaic and euploid-aneuploid mosaic as shown in figure 2.