



# Synergistic effects of dietary cholesterol and taurine on growth performance and cholesterol metabolism in juvenile turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus* L.) fed high plant protein diets

饲料胆固醇和牛磺酸对大菱鲆幼鱼生长表现和胆固醇代谢的协同作用(高植物蛋白饲料中)

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## ABSTRACT

**本研究是调查胆固醇、牛磺酸和二者在饲料中组合对于大菱鲆生长和胆固醇代谢的影响，在饲喂高植物蛋白饲料基础之上。基础饲料(对照组)是14.5%鱼粉和50%粗蛋白。**  
其他三组等氮和等脂的实验饲料，由基础饲料中添加1%胆固醇、1%牛磺酸和1%胆固醇和1%牛磺酸的组合。  
结果表明WGR在这三组中显著高于对照组。  
TC组有在所有处理中有最高的生长表现。  
血浆总胆固醇、游离胆固醇和低密度脂蛋白胆固醇水平在TC组明显比C组低。  
C组的CYP7A1活性显著比对照组高，并且CYP7A1的活性在T组中是最高的。  
兼并引物扩增的HMG-CoAr的PCR产物是331bp。HMG-CoAr的mRNA水平在TC组显著比C组低。  
这些结果表明1%胆固醇和1%牛磺酸的组合有助于大菱鲆幼鱼在高植物蛋白的饲料中获得更好的生长而没有负面效果。

of cholesterol, taurine and combination of dietary cholesterol and taurine on growth performance and cholesterol metabolism in juvenile turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus* L.) with 14.5% fish meal and 50% crude protein was formulated. Experimental diets were prepared with the supplementation of 1.0% cholesterol and 1.0% taurine to the basal diet, which . The results showed that the weight gain rate in fish fed C-1.0% diet was significantly higher than that in fish fed the control diet. Especially, fish fed TC diet had the highest growth performance among dietary treatments. The plasma total cholesterol, free cholesterol and low density lipoprotein cholesterol levels were significantly lower in fish fed TC diet compared with fish fed C-1.0% diet. Activity of CYP7A1 in fish fed C-1.0% diet was significantly higher than that in fish fed the control diet ( $P < 0.05$ ), and activity of CYP7A1 in fish fed T-1.0% diet was significantly higher than that in fish fed C-1.0% diet ( $P < 0.05$ ). These results suggested that taurine is helpful for juvenile turbot fed high plant protein diets without negative effects.

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## 1. Introduction

牛磺酸是氨基酸衍生物，首次从牛的胆汁中分离出来(Park and Lee, 1998)。在哺乳动物和鱼中，已知牛磺酸在膜稳定、抗氧化、解毒(Wright et al., 1986)、渗透调节(Thurston et al., 1980)与胆汁酸结合(Goto et al., 1996)起到重要的生理作用。但是，虽然牛磺酸能由鱼部分合成，合成的牛磺酸不能满足大部分鱼类的需求(Gaylord et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2005b; Yokoyama et al., 1997, 2001)。抗氧化剂Yokoyama et al.(1997)证明虹鳟能由半胱氨酸合成L-半胱氨酸脱羧酶是肝牛磺酸合成的限速酶(Kim et al., 2005b)，而且这种酶的活性在不同种类和不同大小的鱼中也是不同的(Yokoyama et al., 2001)。当移走鱼粉时，常常补充EAAs，脂肪和矿物质。但是，很多必须营养经常被忽视。例如，多数植物原料缺乏牛磺酸(Yamamoto et al., 1998)。植物饲料中牛磺酸补充提高了牙鲆的WGR和FER(Kim et al., 2005a; Park et al., 2002)虹鳟(Gaylord et al., 2006)和 aktiv性(Takagi et al., 2008)。因此，在饲喂植物饲料时可能需要牛磺酸的补充。

often supplemented when fish meal (FM) is removed. However numerous essential nutrients are often overlooked. For example, most plant-based ingredients are deficient in taurine (Yamamoto et al., 1998). Dietary taurine supplementation improved weight gain rate (WGR) and feed efficiency rate in Japanese flounder (Kim et al., 2005a; Park et al., 2002), rainbow trout (Gaylord et al., 2006), cobia (Lunger et al., 2007) and yellowtail (Takagi et al., 2008) fed plant-based diets. Therefore, taurine supplementation may be required when fish are fed plant-based diets.

Cholesterol is an essential dietary nutrient for a variety of marine crustaceans (Hernandez et al., 1991; Holme et al., 2004; Teshima, 1997)。但是由于脊椎动物能由固醇前体合成胆固醇，有限的调查是关于饲料胆固醇的潜在需求(Deng et al., 2010; National Research Council, 1993; Sealey et al., 2001)。鱼粉富含胆固醇，但在大多数植物饲料中水平低(Cheng and Hardy, 2004; Deng et al., 2010)。另外，饲料胆固醇补充显著提高了叉尾鮰的FI和WGR(Twibell and Wilson, 2004)在SBM饲料中，和牙鲆在含41%SBM饲料中(Chen, 2006)。

(Twibell and Wilson, 2004) fed soybean meal (SBM)-based diet and Japanese flounder fed diet including 41% SBM (Chen, 2006).

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Dietary taurine supplementation has been shown to affect plasma cholesterol level in rats (Murakami et al., 1996; Yokogoshi et al., 1999), mice (Chen et al., 2005; Murakami et al., 1999), hamsters (Murakami et al., 1996; Yokogoshi et al., 1999), and rats (Murakami et al., 1999). CYP7A1 is a cytochrome P450 enzyme that converts cholesterol to bile acids. In humans, the activity of CYP7A1 is inhibited by statins, which reduce blood cholesterol levels. In fish, the activity of CYP7A1 is inhibited by taurine. Therefore, dietary taurine supplementation may reduce blood cholesterol levels in fish. The mechanism of action of taurine on cholesterol metabolism in fish is not fully understood.

Turbot is a carnivorous species widely cultured in Europe and Asia because of its high quality flesh and rapid growth. A previous study

表明大菱鲆在欧洲和亚洲广泛养殖的肉食性种类，由于高品质肉和快速的生长。之前的研究表明GR与大菱鲆幼鱼的牛磺酸水平关联密切（Conceição et al., 1997）。但是，胆固醇、牛磺酸及它们的组合对大菱鲆幼鱼的生长表现的影响并没有报道。也不清楚饲料牛磺酸含量是如何影响高植物蛋白喂养鱼的胆固醇代谢的。因此，本实验的目的是调查在高植物蛋白饲料中，胆固醇或牛磺酸和二者组合对大菱鲆幼鱼生长表现和胆固醇代谢的影响。

Therefore, the objectives of this study were to investigate effects of either cholesterol or taurine and their combination on growth performance and cholesterol metabolism in juvenile turbot fed high plant protein diets.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Feed ingredients and diet formulation

Taurine (>99.8% purity) and cholesterol (>99% purity) were obtained from Changshu Yudong chemical plant and Tianqi Chemicals (购买牛磺酸(纯度高于99.8%)和胆固醇(纯度高于99%)。FM, SBM and WGM为主要蛋白源，鱼油和豆油作为脂肪源，小麦粉作为糖原。赖氨酸、蛋氨酸、苏氨酸、精氨酸和缬氨酸(晶体氨基酸)补充进去来满足EAA的需要，该需要是根据大菱鲆幼鱼总体氨基酸组分来的(Kaushik, 1998)。基础饲料含14.5%FM和50%粗蛋白。其他三组等氮等脂饲料在基础饲料上添加1%胆固醇，1%牛磺酸，和二者组合。相应的饲料牛磺酸水平是0.12%，1.14%和1.13%。准备时将牛磺酸和胆固醇溶解于水，然后加入蛋白粉、玉米淀粉、小麦粉、鱼油、豆油、赖氨酸、蛋氨酸、苏氨酸、精氨酸和缬氨酸，最后加入L-谷氨酰胺和L-胱氨酸，搅拌均匀，得到的糊状物加入水，搅拌至形成硬面团，硬面团再用饲料粉碎机制粒，在45℃通风炉中干燥12小时，在-20℃下保存。)

Ingredients were ground into fine powder through a 246-μm mesh. Cholesterol was blended into menhaden fish oil and taurine was mixed with menhaden fish oil. The mixture was thoroughly mixed with water to form a dough. The dough was then dried at 45 °C in a vacuum oven for 12 h and stored at -20 °C.

### 2.2. Fish, experimental conditions and samples collection

Juvenile turbot were obtained from Yellow Sea Fisheries Co., Ltd. (Haixiang, Shandong, China). Fish were acclimated to the system and

**Table 1**

Formulation (%), proximate composition (%) and energy content (MJ kg<sup>-1</sup>) of the experiment diets.

	Control	C-1.0%	T-1.0%	TC
Fish meal <sup>a</sup>	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Soybean meal (dehulled)	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00
Wheat gluten meal <sup>b</sup>	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50
Wheat flour	9.55	8.55	8.55	7.55
Fish oil	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Soybean oil	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soybean lecithin (98%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sodium alginate	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ca(H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Vitamin premix <sup>c</sup>	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
Mineral premix <sup>d</sup>	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Amino acid premix <sup>e</sup>	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
Ethoxyquin	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Cholesterol		1.00		1.00
Taurine			1.00	1.00

	Analyzed nutrients compositions (dry matter basis)			
Cholesterol	0.30	1.25	0.40	1.12
Taurine	0.11	0.12	1.14	1.13
Dry matter	93.46	93.87	93.00	94.08
Crude protein	50.44	50.12	51.40	50.40
Crude lipid	13.64	14.61	13.50	14.41
Gross energy (MJ/kg)	21.62	22.92	22.09	22.33
Ash	7.01	7.39	6.88	6.81

Control, a basal diet; C-1.0%, addition of 1.0% cholesterol to the basal diet; T-1.0%, addition of 1.0% taurine to the basal diet; TC, addition of both 1.0% cholesterol and taurine to the basal diet.

<sup>a</sup> Fish meal: steam dried fish meal, (COPENCA Group, Lima, Peru), with crude protein: 74.6%, crude lipid: 9.2%.

<sup>b</sup> Wheat gluten meal: wheat flour was further processed including crude protein: 79.7%, crude lipid: 2.0%.

<sup>c</sup> Vitamin premix supplied the diet with (mg kg<sup>-1</sup> diet) the following: retinyl acetate, 32; vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, 5; DL-α-tocopherol acetate (50% vitamin E), 240; vitamin K<sub>3</sub>, 10; thiamin, 25; riboflavin (80%), 45; pyridoxine hydrochloride, 20; vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (1%), 10; L-ascorbyl-2-monophosphate-Na (35%), 2000; calcium Pantothenate, 60; amine nicotinic acid, 200; inositol, 800; biotin (2%), 60; folic acid, 20; choline chloride (50%), 2500; cellulose, 2473.

<sup>d</sup> Mineral premix consisted of (mg kg<sup>-1</sup> diet) the following: FeSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 80; ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 50; CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O, 10; MnSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 45; KI, 60; CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (1%), 50; Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub> (1%), 20; MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 1200; calcium propionate, 1000; zelite, 2485.

<sup>e</sup> Aminoacid premix (g/100 g diet): L-arginine 0.30, lysine-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 0.75, DL-methionine 0.6, L-threonine 0.4, valine 0.5.

fed with the control diet for 2 weeks before the trials. Juvenile turbot (initial body weight: 5.84 ± 0.02 g) were randomly distributed into 12 tanks with flat bottom (filled with 300 L seawater). Seawater, continuously passed 大菱鲆幼鱼(初始体重5.84±0.02g)随机分配到12个平底桶中(添加300L海水)。海水从海边抽到实验地点,通过沙滤进入每个桶中,流速1.5L/min。三个重复的桶随机分配到每个饲料组,40尾鱼称重并储存在每个桶中。饲喂期间(九周),饱食投喂每天两次,在7:00和18:00。一小时后收集残饵,70干燥至恒重然后称重。通过一定方法估计残饵损失。

Before the experiment, 20 fish from the same population were randomly selected for determination of initial whole-body proximate composition. At the end of the experiment, 4 fish of similar weights as the group were sampled for analysis. 实验前,从同一批鱼中随机选择20尾鱼来确定鱼体初始体组分。实验结束,取样相似重量的4尾鱼,储存于-20 来分析体组成,每桶的另外5尾鱼取样来测量形态参数。记录单体重量,体长,肝重和内脏重来计算其状态因子,肝指数和内脏指数。所有实验用鱼条件用丁香酚麻醉(1:10,000)。

每桶的六尾鱼血样使用注射器抽取尾静脉来获取血浆样品,然后离心(4000g10min)在4 ,迅速储存(Shanghai, China)在-80 直至分析。肝脏样品用液氮冷冻并储存于-80 以便后续检测脂肪含量,CYP7A1活性,和用于RNA分离。粪便的收集方法与Deng et al.(2010)描述相同。

centrifugation (4000 g for 10 min) at 4 °C and immediately stored at –80 °C until analysis. Liver samples were frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at –80 °C for subsequent determination of lipid content, activity of CYP7A1, and RNA isolation. The feces collection method was the same as described in Deng et al. (2010).

在饲养期间，水温控制在19-22 °C，  
pH 7.5-8.0，盐度 30-33‰。氨态氮低于  
0.4 mg/L；亚硝酸盐低于 0.1 mg/L，溶解氧高于  
6.0 mg/L。每天向每桶24小时充气。  
During the feeding period, water temperature was controlled at  
19-22 °C, pH 7.5-8.0, salinity 30-33‰. Ammonium nitrogen was  
lower than 0.4 mg/L; nitrite was lower than 0.1 mg/L, dissolved oxygen was  
higher than 6.0 mg/L. Aeration was applied to each tank 24 hours a day.

### *2.3. Chemical analyses*

### 2.3.1. Body composition and energy assays

Dry weight, protein, lipid, ash, and energy were analyzed. The protein was determined by the Kjeldahl method (Association of Official Analytical Chemists, AOAC, 1995) multiplied by 6.25. Lipid was determined by Soxhlet extraction with ether. Ash was determined by incineration at 550 °C. Total energy was determined by Parr 1281 automatic adiabatic calorimeter (Parr, Moline, IL, USA). Duplicate analyses were conducted for each sample.

### 2.3.2. Cholesterol, taurine and total bile acid assays

The concentration of total cholesterol (TC), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) in plasma were determined according to the method described by Deng et al. (2010). The concentration of free cholesterol (FC) in plasma was measured by peroxidase-anti-peroxidase (PAP) complex method using commercial kits (Shanghai Mingdian Biotechnology Co., Ltd.) at 405 nm. The concentration of triglycerides (TG) in plasma was determined by colorimetry at 500 nm. The concentration of total bile acid (TBA) in feces was determined by HPLC method using commercial kits (Shanghai Mingdian Biotechnology Co., Ltd.) at 210 nm.

**血浆中总胆固醇，高密度脂蛋白，和低密度脂蛋白的检测是根据 Deng et al. (2010) 描述的方法来检测。**

**血浆中游离胆固醇通过使用试剂盒过氧化物-抗-过氧化物 (PAP) 复合方法来检测，根据制造商的方案在波长500nm下检测。**

**在从500mg肝脏，饲料和粪便中用氯仿：甲醇 (2:1, v/v) 提出脂肪之后 (Folch et al., 1957)，肝，饲料和粪便中的总胆固醇含量，和肝脏中的游离胆固醇含量就用与血浆检测相同的试剂盒来检测。溶解脂肪体积和氯仿：甲醇 (2:1, v/v) 共同制成 10ml。1ml该提取物作为样品，在纯氮气中干燥，获得的残余物与1ml含100g氚核 X-100/L 的丙二醇混合 (Reagent Grade)。在血浆和肝脏中，胆固醇酯的量通过从总胆固醇中减去游离胆固醇来计算。**

**饲料牛磺酸含量根据Sakai and Nagasawa (1992)的方法通过高表现液相色谱分析法 (HPLC) 来检测。总胆汁酸的分析根据 wa Madani et al. (1998)的方法来完成。每个样品重复分析。**

according to the method of Sakai and Nagasawa (1992). Assay of fecal total bile acid (TBA) was performed according to the method described by Madani et al. (1998). Duplicate analyses were conducted for each sample.

### 2.3.3. Microsomal preparation, total protein content, and CYP7A1 activity analysis

在Tris-HCl缓冲液中(含0.5MKCL, 1mMEDTA和0.1mMPMSF, pH7.4)研磨大约500mg肝组织,以1:4(重量/体积)的比例。min10300g, 4°下的20min离心后,再使用超离心准备上清液(粗物质)。因为超离心,上清液被溶解于相同的Tris-HCl缓冲液至大约6ml体积,在105000g 4°离心60min。Prep (Rasmussen et al., 2011)。然后微粒小球悬浮在含50mM Tris - HCl, 10 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 0.1 mM EDTA, 20% 甘油(pH 7.4)的缓冲液中,并储存在-80°,以便后面的蛋白质和酶分析实验。

根据Bradford (1976) 的方法来分析蛋白质在微粒子中的含量, 使用牛血清蛋白作为标准。CYP7A1的活性使用商品鱼CYP7A1 ELISA试剂盒来检测。每个杨重重复分析。

using bovine serum albumin (Sigma A-2153) as a standard. The

activity of CYP7A1 was measured using a commercial fish CYP7A1 ELISA kit (purchased from R&D, Minneapolis, USA). Duplicate analyses were conducted for each sample.

#### **2.3.4. RNA extraction, cDNA synthesis and partial sequence cloning of HMG-CoA reductase gene**

Total RNA was extracted from turbot liver using Trizol Reagent (Invitrogen, USA). The quantity and quality of isolated RNA was determined by spectrophotometry with an Nano Drop® ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nano-Drop Technologies, Wilmington, DE, USA), and electrophoresed on a 1.2% denaturing agarose gel to test the integrity. Three microgram (3 µg) of total RNA was subjected to reverse transcription by PrimerScript® RT Enzyme using Oligo-dT primer (Takara, Japan) in 1 µL Trizol Reagent来从大菱鲆肝脏中提取总RNA。用分光光度法来检测提取的RNA数量和质量，用Nano Drop® ND-1000分光光度计，在1.2%变性琼脂糖凝胶电泳来检测完整性。

根据Reagent的说明，3µg总RNA通过 PrimerScript®反转录酶使用Oligo-dT引物在10µL中体系中来反转录。

(NP) HMG-CoAr的一对兼并引物是F

chic5 (5'-GCACATCTACTCCARTTYCA RA A-3') 和R  
(AA) (5'-CGGACATGCAGCCGAAR CARCACAT-3')，是根据人，家鼠，猪，非洲爪蛙，鸡，欧洲鲈，大西洋鲑，斑马鱼的HMG-CoAr氨基酸序列，通过使用CODEHOP软件来设计的。用PCR来获取HMG-CoAr片段来扩增HMG-CoAr的cDNA片段。PCR过程如下：开始变性步骤是在94 °C 2min，然后是循环35次在94 °C 变性30s，在55 °C 引物退火30s，在72 °C 引物延伸1min，最后在72 °C 延伸5min。PCR片段在1.2%琼脂糖凝胶中由于长度不同而电泳并且克隆成pMD-18T菌体。在导入大肠杆菌DH5 <sup>E</sup>感受态细胞之后，再通过蓝白色选择在含氨苄西林的LB平板上识别重组体，并用PCR来确认。在每个PCR片段中的3个阳性克隆来在两个方向测序，这些结果序列已被证实，并在NCBI中集群分析。

After transforming into the competent cells of *Escherichia coli* DH5 <sup>E</sup>, the recombinants were identified through blue-white color selection in ampicillin-containing LB plates and confirmed by PCR. Three positive clones in each PCR fragment were sequenced in both directions and these resulting sequences were verified and subjected to cluster analysis in NCBI.

### 2.3.5 Real-time PCR analysis of HMG-CoA reductase mRNA expression

Total RNA from individual liver samples, using 3 individuals per tank, was extracted from turbot liver using Trizol Reagent (Invitrogen, USA)。来自个体肝样品的总RNA，使用每个桶3个个体，用Trizol Reagent从大菱鲆肝中提取，在1.2%变性琼脂糖凝胶电泳来测试完整性。根据厂家的说明，20mg的总RNA用重组DNA酶I（无RNA酶）处理，来移除可能存在的DNA污染物。总RNA的数量和质量用Nano Drop® ND-1000分光光度计来评估。所有样品在260/280nm的吸收比率范围是2.00到2.40，表明RNA样品的纯度令人满意。根据reagent的说明，纯化的RNA通过PrimerScript®反转录酶使用Oligo-dT引物和Random 6 mers在20μl体积中来进行反转录。PCR引物用Primer Premier 5.0根据克隆的大菱鲆HMG-CoAr基因核苷酸序列来设计。实时定量PCR分析通过在一个最终25μl体积包含2 × SYBR® PremixExTaq™，每个引物0.5μl，1μl cDNA混合物中使用PCR仪来进行。HMG-CoAr基因特异性引物HMG-CoAr F 和 HMG-CoAr R应用于评估大菱鲆中HMG-CoAr mRNA水平。参考 -肌动蛋白基因被用作内部控制。实时定量PCR扩增开始在95°C持续30s，然后循环，在95°C 5s，在56.2°C 25s，在72°C 30s。每个PCR分析没有模板控制运行。四次的稀释用来评估每个分析的PCR效率，定量为6个含量。引物扩增效率对每一对引物最优化，结果是对HMG-CoAr 0.9847，对 -actin 0.9772。CT斜率(HMG-CoAr CT - actin CT)绝对值是0.0187，表明对目的基因的相对量 CT计算可以使用。HMG-CoAr 表达水平通过2<sup>-ΔΔCT</sup>法来计算(5)，这个值代表相对于校准值n倍的差异(Livak and Schmittgen, 2001)。

CATCTTCTCCCTGTT-3') was used for internal control. The real-time PCR amplification began with 30 s at 95 °C, followed by 35 cycles of 5 s at 95 °C, 25 s at 56.2 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C. No template controls were run

for each PCR assay. A four-fold serial dilution was used to assess PCR efficiencies for each assay, quantifying six concentrations. The primer amplification efficiency was optimized for each pair of primers, resulting in: 0.9847 for HMG-CoAr and 0.9772 for  $\beta$ -actin. The absolute  $\Delta C_T$  value (HMG-CoAr  $C_T$  –  $\beta$ -actin  $C_T$ ) of the slope is 0.0187, which indicated the  $\Delta\Delta C_T$  calculation for the relative quantification of target genes might be used. The expression level of HMG-CoAr was calculated by  $2^{-\Delta\Delta C_T}$  method, and the value stood for n-fold difference relative to the calibrator (Livak and Schmittgen, 2001).

#### 2.4. Calculations and statistical methods

Growth parameters were calculated as follows:

Weight gain rate, WGR (%) =  $100 \times [(\text{final body weight} - \text{initial body weight})/\text{initial body weight}]$ .

Feed intake, FI (%/d) =  $100 \times \text{total amount of the feed consumed (g)} / [(\text{initial body weight} + \text{final body weight})/2]/\text{days}$ .

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Software SPSS, 11.5 was used for all statistical evaluations. All data were subjected to one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey's test. Differences were regarded as significant when  $P < 0.05$ .

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Survival rate, growth performance and somatic indexes

Survival rate was higher than 96% in all treatments (Table 2), and no significant difference was found among dietary treatments ( $P > 0.05$ ). FI of fish fed T-1.0% diet was significantly lower than that of

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FBW和WGR在补充了胆固醇，牛磺酸或二者后显著增加，TC组  
的生长最好。  
FCR在T组合TC组显著低于对照组。PPV,EPV,CF,VSI在各处理  
中无显著差异。

fish fed the control diet ( $P < 0.05$ ). No significant differences were detected among dietary treatments with respect to PPV, EPV, CF, or VSI ( $P > 0.05$ ).

#### 3.2. Body composition

The whole-body lipid content in fish fed C-1.0% diet was significantly higher than that of T-1.0% diet ( $P < 0.05$ )。T-1.0%组的总体脂肪含量显著高于对照组，而T组显著低于对照组。

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总体蛋白含量没有显著差异。

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differences in whole-body protein content of fish among dietary treatments ( $P > 0.05$ ).

#### 3.3. Plasma, liver and feces cholesterol

Fish fed C-1.0% diet showed significantly higher plasma TC, FC, cholesterol esters, HDL-C and LDL-C levels compared to the control diet, ( $P < 0.05$ , Table 4). The plasma TC, FC and LDL-C levels were

**Table 2**  
Growth performance and survival of turbot fed the experimental diets ( $n = 3$ ).

	Control	C-1.0%	T-1.0%	TC	Pooled S.E	F value	P value
IBW <sup>1</sup>	5.83	5.84	5.84	5.84	0.0048	0.083	0.967
FBW <sup>2</sup>	24.3 <sup>a</sup>	26.7 <sup>bc</sup>	26.1 <sup>b</sup>	27.7 <sup>c</sup>	0.4096	12.853	0.002
WGR <sup>3</sup>	316.9 <sup>a</sup>	357.1 <sup>bc</sup>	346.4 <sup>b</sup>	374.2 <sup>c</sup>	7.0227	10.763	0.004
FI <sup>4</sup>	1.89 <sup>b</sup>	1.96 <sup>c</sup>	1.83 <sup>a</sup>	1.91 <sup>b</sup>	0.0151	17.948	0.001
FCR <sup>5</sup>	0.97 <sup>b</sup>	0.97 <sup>b</sup>	0.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.0064	8.133	0.008
PPV <sup>6</sup>	31.4	31.2	31.0	32.7	0.3126	1.824	0.221
EPV <sup>7</sup>	26.1	26.0	25.6	26.9	0.3019	1.629	0.247
SR <sup>8</sup>	99.2	99.2	96.7	96.7	0.8613	0.632	0.615
CF <sup>9</sup>	3.21	3.29	3.28	3.32	0.0381	0.285	0.835
HS <sup>10</sup>	1.39 <sup>ab</sup>	1.76 <sup>b</sup>	1.09 <sup>a</sup>	1.50 <sup>ab</sup>	0.1072	2.207	0.165
VSI <sup>11</sup>	5.62	5.67	5.51	5.50	0.1035	0.124	0.943

Values in the same row with no common superscripts are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ).

<sup>1</sup> IBW, initial body weight.

<sup>2</sup> FBW, final body weight.

<sup>3</sup> Weight gain rate, WGR (%) =  $100 \times [(FBW - IBW) / IBW]$ .

<sup>4</sup> Feed intake, FI (%/d) =  $100 \times \text{total amount of the feed consumed (g)} / [(\text{IBW} + \text{FBW})/2]/\text{day}$ .

<sup>5</sup> Feed conversion rate, FCR = total amount of the feed consumed (g)/weight gained (g).

<sup>6</sup> Protein productive value, PPV (%) =  $100 \times (\text{whole-body protein gain/protein consumption})$ .

<sup>7</sup> Energy productive value, EPV (%) =  $100 \times (\text{whole-body energy gain/energy consumption})$ .

<sup>8</sup> Survival rate (SR) (%) =  $100 \times (\text{final fish number}/\text{initial fish number})$ .

<sup>9</sup> Condition factor, CF =  $100 \times \text{fish weight}/(\text{body length})^3$ .

<sup>10</sup> Hepatosomatic index, HSI (%) =  $100 \times (\text{liver weight}/\text{body weight})$ .

<sup>11</sup> Viserosomatic index, VSI (%) =  $100 \times (\text{visceral weight}/\text{body weight})$ .

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#### 3.4. Activity of CYP7A1

The fish fed T-1.0% diet had the highest activity of CYP7A1 ( $P < 0.05$ )。T组的CYP7A1活性最高，C组CYP7A1活性显著高于对照组。在大菱鲆肝脏中的CYP7A1活性在对照组和TC组中没 higher activi 有显著差异。 The acti difference between the control and TC diet ( $P > 0.05$ )。

#### 3.5. Cloning of partial cDNA sequence of the HMG-CoAr and expression of HMG-CoAr in liver

The PCR product amplified by the degenerate primers was 331 bp, and its nucleotide sequences was significantly homologous to yellow-tail *Seriola quinqueradiata* (GenBank accession number: AB218826)

**Table 3**  
Proximate composition in whole body of turbot fed the experimental diets (% diet on wet basis;  $n = 3$ ).

	Control	C-1.0%	T-1.0%	TC	Pooled S.E	F value	P value
Moisture	76.5	76.2	76.9	76.4	0.1209	2.548	0.129
Crude protein	15.1	15.1	15.0	15.2	0.0756	0.374	0.774
Crude lipid	4.9 <sup>b</sup>	5.4 <sup>c</sup>	4.6 <sup>a</sup>	4.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.1146	3.163	0.086
Ash	3.5 <sup>b</sup>	3.2 <sup>a</sup>	3.3 <sup>a</sup>	3.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.0391	6.435	0.016

Values in the same row with no common superscripts are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ).

**Table 4**

Lipid profiles in plasma, liver and feces of turbot fed the experimental diet (n=3).

	Control	C-1.0%	T-1.0%	TC	Pooled S.E.	F value	P value
Plasma (mmol/L)							
Total cholesterol	3.27 <sup>a</sup>	7.13 <sup>c</sup>	2.66 <sup>a</sup>	5.63 <sup>b</sup>	0.5594	67.025	0.000
Free cholesterol	2.03 <sup>a</sup>	3.59 <sup>c</sup>	1.51 <sup>a</sup>	2.89 <sup>b</sup>	0.2566	18.958	0.001
Cholesterol esters	1.23 <sup>a</sup>	3.54 <sup>b</sup>	1.15 <sup>a</sup>	2.74 <sup>b</sup>	0.3287	18.506	0.001
HDL-C <sup>1</sup>	2.09 <sup>ab</sup>	4.46 <sup>c</sup>	1.85 <sup>a</sup>	3.42 <sup>bc</sup>	0.3699	7.664	0.010
LDL-C <sup>2</sup>	1.43 <sup>a</sup>	2.88 <sup>b</sup>	1.42 <sup>a</sup>	2.10 <sup>a</sup>	0.2080	8.484	0.007
HDL-C/LDL-C	1.46	1.52	1.31	1.66	0.1847	0.376	0.798
Liver (g/kg wet liver)							
Total cholesterol	2.97 <sup>a</sup>	4.03 <sup>b</sup>	3.44 <sup>ab</sup>	4.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.1799	3.720	0.061
Free cholesterol	1.22	1.38	1.22	1.41	0.0388	2.340	0.150
Cholesterol esters	1.75 <sup>a</sup>	2.65 <sup>b</sup>	2.22 <sup>ab</sup>	2.66 <sup>b</sup>	0.1501	3.510	0.069
Faeces (g/kg dry matter)							
Total cholesterol	5.0 <sup>a</sup>	19.8 <sup>b</sup>	5.1 <sup>a</sup>	19.9 <sup>b</sup>	2.2487	134.14	0.000
Bile acid	0.72	0.82	0.73	0.85	0.0299	1.240	0.357

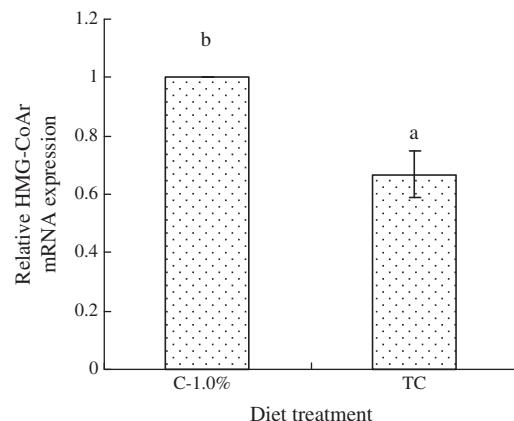
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<sup>1</sup> HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol.<sup>2</sup> LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

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#### 4. Discussion

FM contains approximately 500–700 mg taurine per 100 g dry matter, while plant proteins, such as SBM, contain only trace amounts of taurine (Yamamoto et al., 1998). Therefore, replacement of FM with plant protein source results in lower dietary levels of taurine. It has been reported that growth and feed efficiency of red sea bream (Takagi et al., 2006), cobia (Lunger et al., 2007), rainbow



**Fig. 2.** Relative 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-Coenzyme A reductase (HMG-CoAr) mRNA levels in liver of turbot *Scophthalmus maximus* L. after being fed the experimental diets including C-1.0%, and TC diets. HMG-CoAr mRNA levels were evaluated by real-time quantitative PCR and expressed relative to  $\beta$ -actin levels. Data of the two experimental diets are presented as mean  $\pm$  S.E. (n=3). Different letters above the bars denote significant differences between diet groups at the P<0.05 level.

trout (Gaylord et al., 2006, 2007) and yellowtail (Takagi et al., 2008) fed low levels of FM in diets based on high plant protein sources are improved by dietary taurine supplementation. In the present study, fish fed high plant protein diets with 1.14% taurine (T-1.0%) had significantly higher WGR compared to fish fed diet with 0.11% taurine (control). Thus, juvenile turbot appears to have a requirement for taurine when fish was fed high plant protein including SBM and WGM. This result was supported by the findings of Conceição et al. (1997) who reported that growth rates were positively correlated

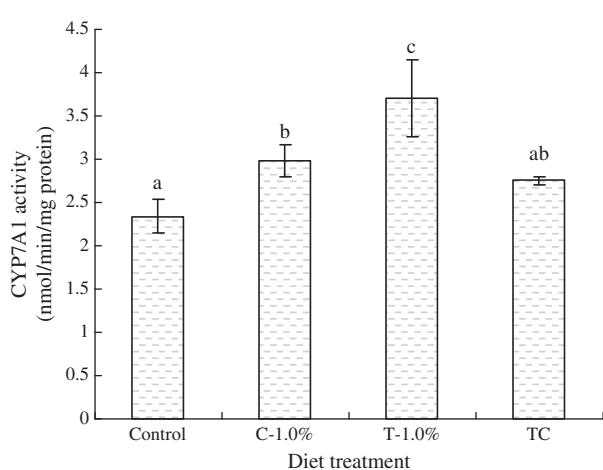
鱼粉每100g干物质中包含大约500–700mg牛磺酸，但是植物蛋白，如SBM，只含有很少的牛磺酸(Yamamoto et al., 1998)。因此，用植物蛋白源替代鱼粉会导致饲料牛磺酸水平下降。已有报道，真鲷(Takagi et al., 2006)，军曹鱼(Lunger et al., 2007)，虹鳟(Gaylord et al., 2006, 2007)和黄尾鱼(Takagi et al., 2008)饲喂低鱼粉高植物蛋白饲料的生长和饲料效率由于饲料牛磺酸的补充而提高。

在本研究中，高植物蛋白饲料含1.14%牛磺酸WGR显著高于饲料含0.11%牛磺酸(对照组)。由此，大菱鲆幼鱼似乎在当饲喂高植物蛋白包括SBM和WGM时对牛磺酸有需求。这个结果由Conceição et al.(1997)的发现所支持，他报道在大菱鲆幼鱼中GR与牛磺酸水平很相关。牛磺酸是氨基酸衍生物并且拥有刺激鱼类摄食的特点，例如低分子量，氮含量，水溶性和酸性(Carr, 1982)。牛磺酸在欧洲鲈(Martinez et al., 2004)，虹鳟(Gaylord et al., 2006)，黄尾鱼(Takagi et al., 2008)，牙鲆(Kim et al., 2005b)中用作主要的诱食剂。但是，在本实验中，T组的FI显著低于对照组。这就可能是牛磺酸的促进生长作用不是由于饲料摄入的增多。生长的促进可以归于一些与辅助作用相关的生物现象，如膜建立，抗氧化，解毒作用(Wright et al., 1986)，渗透调节(Thurston et al., 1980)，与胆汁酸结合(Goto et al., 1996)。但是，当与饲喂鱼粉饲料时，如之前报道的在虹鳟(Gaylord et al., 2006)和牙鲆(Chatzifotis et al., 2008)中(一样，牛磺酸补充并没增加生长。似乎表明饲料牛磺酸的水平，与一些内源性产物结合，对于维持生长是充足的。

Similarly, cholesterol is rich in FM, but only low levels are present in most plant sources (Cheng and Hardy, 2004; Deng et al., 2010). It is also rich in FM, but only low levels are present in most plant sources (Cheng and Hardy, 2004; Deng et al., 2010).也有报道表明，在基于植物蛋白源的饲料中叉尾鮰(Twibell and Wilson, 2004)，牙鲆(Chen, 2006; Deng et al., 2010)的生长，能由饲料胆固醇补充提高。但是，大西洋鲑(Bjerkeng et al., 1999)，杂交条纹鮰(Sealey et al., 2001)和牙鲆(Deng et al., 2010)在鱼粉饲料上补充胆固醇抑制了生长。因此，胆固醇补充可能是在植物蛋白基础上有需要。另外，在本实验中，胆固醇好牛磺酸的组合比T组和C组或对照组提高了大菱鲆幼鱼的生长。这样，观察到的胆固醇和牛磺酸系统促进生长效果可以被解释为使含SBM和WGM的饲料(缺乏牛磺酸和胆固醇)又达到营养平衡。

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**Fig. 1.** Activity of cholesterol 7 $\alpha$  hydroxylase (CYP7A1) in liver of turbot *Scophthalmus maximus* L. fed the experimental diets. Data of the four experimental diets are presented as mean  $\pm$  S.E. (n=3). Different letters above the bars denote significant differences between diet groups at the P<0.05 level.

C-1.0% ( $P > 0.05$ ) or the control ( $P < 0.05$ ) (Table 2). Thus, the observed synergistic growth-promotion effect of combined cholesterol and taurine can be explained by a re-equilibration of the diet containing SBM and WGM, which was short of taurine and cholesterol.

In the present study, the whole-body lipid content in fish fed C-1.0% diet was significantly higher than the control diet while that in fish fed T-1.0% diet was significantly lower than the control diet. Dietary addition of 1.0% cholesterol significantly resulted in higher apparent digestibility. In this experiment, C group had the highest total lipid content, followed by T group, and then by control group. In the SBM diet, adding 1% cholesterol significantly increased total lipid content. In this study, high plant protein diet containing 1.25% cholesterol can improve lipid utilization, increasing total lipid storage, compared with control diet. Gaylord et al. (2006) reported that adding 0.5–1.5%牛磺酸 to the diet did not affect total lipid content. Therefore, the effect of adding牛磺酸 on total lipid storage needs further research.

involved in the whole-body lipid storage of fish fed plant-based diets with taurine supplementation needs further elucidation.

Taurine may interfere with lipid metabolism of fish, which had been shown in other animals where taurine exhibits hypolipidemic effects (Militante and Lombardini, 2004). Furthermore, the plasma cholesterol-lowering effects of taurine supplementation have been well demonstrated (牛磺酸可能会干涉到鱼脂肪的代谢, 这在其他动物中有所表现, 牛磺酸有降脂肪的效果(Militante and Lombardini, 2004))。另外, 牛磺酸补充对血浆胆固醇的降低效应已经在大鼠(Murakami et al., 1996; Yokogoshi et al., mice and 1999), 小鼠(Chen et al., 2005; Murakami et al., 1999) , 仓鼠(Murakami et al., 2002) , 人类(Mizushima et al., 1996)中有所证明。在大鼠, 小鼠和仓鼠中, 牛磺酸增加了胆汁酸的合成, 同时增加了CYP7A1 mRNA的表达活性, 这是在肝胆汁酸合成中的限速酶(Murakami et al., 1996, 1999, 2002; Yokogoshi et al., 1999), 表明通过刺激CYP7A1增加了胆固醇向胆汁酸的转化, be the primary mechanism. In this experiment, compared with C group, TC group total plasma cholesterol was significantly lower than C group. This may be due to the increase in CYP7A1 activity caused by taurine supplementation, because taurine can increase the conversion of cholesterol to bile acids by improving CYP7A1 activity (Table 4, Fig. 1).

The liver cholesterol-lowering effects of taurine supplementation have been well established in rats or mice fed high cholesterol diet (Chen et al., 2005; Gandhi et al., 1992; Park and Lee, 1998; Yan et al., 1993). The cholesterol metabolism is affected by de novo

补充牛磺酸降低肝胆固醇的效果已经在饲喂高胆固醇饲料的大鼠和小鼠中证明了(Chen et al., 2005; Gandhi et al., 1992; Park and Lee, 1998; Yan et al., 1993)。胆固醇代谢受到肝内源胆固醇合成的影响。胆固醇的生物合成由负反馈机制控制, 关键酶是HMG-CoA-R(Maita et al., 2006)。在本实验中, TC组鱼肝的HMG-CoA-R mRNA的相对表达显著低于C组。但是, TC组与C组相比, TC, FC和胆固醇酯水平并没改变。因此, 牛磺酸补充可能抑制了高胆固醇饲料中鱼肝的胆固醇合成。可能的机理是牛磺酸补充导致高胆固醇的高植物蛋白饲料的鱼肝脏优先储存胆固醇, 然后引发了血浆胆固醇降低效果。

cholesterol synthesis in liver of fish based on fish fed high cholesterol diet. A possible mechanism is that taurine supplementation led to a prior storage of cholesterol in liver of fish fed high plant protein based on high cholesterol diet, and then caused plasma cholesterol-lowering effects.

In conclusion, the results of the present study showed that supplementation of either cholesterol or taurine and their combination in diet. 总之, 本实验的结果表明补充胆固醇, 牛磺酸或二者组合能够显著提高植物蛋白饲料的大菱鲆幼鱼的生长表现。而且, 当饲喂含高胆固醇的高植物蛋白饲料时, 补充牛磺酸的血浆胆固醇降低效应归因于降低了胆固醇的合成能力, 由于减少了HMG-CoA-R mRNA的相对表达。

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