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Description of Blood Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) at High Salinity Fed with Synbiotic Feed

Gambaran Darah Ikan Nila (*Oreochromis niloticus*) Pada Salinitas Tinggi yang Diberi Pakan Sinbiotik

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ABSTRACT

*This study aims to determine the blood profile of saline tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*), which is fed feed containing synbiotics, namely the probiotic bacteria *Bacillus subtilis* and 1% banana flour prebiotic, to prevent pathogen infection by examining blood picture parameters. This study included four treatments and three replications, treatment of artificial feed with the addition of *B. subtilis* 10⁶ CFU/mL, artificial feed with the addition of *B. subtilis* 10⁶ CFU/mL, artificial feed with the addition of *B. subtilis* 10⁶ CFU/mL, and artificial feed with the addition of *B. subtilis* 10⁶ CFU/mL with the number of samples used as many as 20 birds/treatment—observation of blood picture parameters (hematocrit, hemoglobin, erythrocytes and leukocytes). The number of erythrocytes was 5.53x10⁶ cells/mm³ in the artificial food treatment with 10⁶ CFU/ml *B. subtilis*, the lowest in the treatment with the addition of 10⁶ CFU/ml *B. subtilis*, ie 3.53x10⁶ cells/mm³. The highest leukocyte count was achieved in treatment with *B. subtilis* supplement 10⁶ CFU/mL, 2.74x10⁶ cell/mm³. The value of the hematocrit level of saline tilapia is in the same range of 25.96%-56.69%. Results were obtained where treatment with adding synbiotic feed and probiotic *B. subtilis* dose of 10⁶ CFU/mL in the feed increased the immune system response of the saline tilapia.*
