Comparative assessment of the impact of pesticide pollution on the cytomorphology of erythrocytes *Bufotes viridis* (Laurenti, 1768) and *Pelophylax ridibundus* (Pallas, 1771) (Anura, Amphibia)

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This is an open access article distributed under the terms of Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC-BY 4.0) **Abstract.** A comparative assessment of morphological features of erythrocytes *Pelophylax ridibundus* (Pallas, 1771) and *Bufotes viridis* (Laurenti, 1768) living near the territory sprayed with pesticides was carried out. Multidirectional changes in the parameters of erythrocytes in the compared species were revealed, expressed in an increase in the width, area and volume of cells in *P. ridibundus* and a decrease in the values of these parameters in *B. viridis*. The noted changes are considered as different strategies of adaptation of different amphibian species to habitat pollution.

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