

DATA EVALUATION RECORD
S 72-2 - ACUTE EC₅₀ TEST WITH A FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATE

1. **CHEMICAL:** Mesotrione **PC Code No.:** 122990

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** 2-amino-4-methylsulfonylbenzoic acid (AMBA)
A metabolite of mesotrione - 99% purity

3. **CITATION:**
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6. **STUDY PARAMETERS:**

Age of Test Organism: <24 hours
Definitive Test Duration: 48 hours
Study Method: Static
Type of Concentrations: Nominal

7. **CONCLUSIONS:** This study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guideline requirements. The 48-hour EC₅₀ value of 160 ppm classifies the test material as practically non-toxic to *Daphnia magna*.

Results Synopsis:

EC₅₀: 160 ppm
NOEC: 100 ppm

95% C.I.: 140-190 ppm
Probit Slope: N/A

FOR AMBA

8. ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY:**A. Classification:** Core.**B. Rationale:** N/A.**C. Repairability:** N/A.**9. GUIDELINE DEVIATIONS:** No deviations of consequence were noted.**10. SUBMISSION PURPOSE:****11. MATERIALS AND METHODS:****A. Test Organisms**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Species</u> Preferred species is <i>Daphnia magna</i>	<i>Daphnia magna</i>
All organisms are approximately the same size and weight?	Not reported
<u>Life Stage</u> Daphnids: 1 st instar (<24 h). Amphipods, stoneflies, and mayflies: 2 nd instar. Midges: 2 nd & 3 rd instar.	1 st instar (<24 h)
<u>Supplier</u>	In-house cultures
All organisms from the same source?	Yes

B. Source/Acclimation

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Acclimation Period</u> Minimum 7 days	Neonates were collected from 19 ±1 day old parents
Wild caught organisms were quarantined for 7 days?	N/A
Were there signs of disease or injury?	No

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
If treated for disease, was there no sign of the disease remaining during the 48 hours prior to testing?	N/A
<u>Feeding</u> No feeding during the study.	No feeding during the study
<u>Pretest Mortality</u> No more than 3% mortality 48 hours prior to testing.	Not reported

C. Test System

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Source of dilution water</u> Soft reconstituted water or water from a natural source, not dechlorinated tap water.	Elendt's M4 <i>Daphnia</i> medium, aerated for >2 hours prior to use
Does water support test animals without observable signs of stress?	Yes
<u>Water Temperature</u> Daphnia: 20°C Amphipods and mayflies: 17°C Midges and mayflies: 22°C Stoneflies: 12°C	20 ±1°C
<u>pH</u> Prefer 7.2 to 7.6.	5.9 - 7.9
<u>Dissolved Oxygen</u> Static: ≥ 60% during 1 st 48 h and ≥ 40% during 2 nd 48 h, flow-through: ≥ 60%.	≥95% of saturation
<u>Total Hardness</u> Prefer 40 to 200 mg/L as CaCO ₃ .	230 mg/L as CaCO ₃

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Test Aquaria</u> 1. <u>Material:</u> Glass or stainless steel. 2. <u>Size:</u> 250 mL (daphnids and midges) or 3.9 L (1 gal). 3. <u>Fill volume:</u> 200 mL (daphnids and midges) or 2-3 L.	Glass 250-mL 200 mL
<u>Type of Dilution System</u> Must provide reproducible supply of toxicant.	N/A
<u>Flow Rate</u> Consistent flow rate of 5-10 vol/24 hours, meter systems calibrated before study and checked twice daily during test period.	N/A
<u>Biomass Loading Rate</u> Static: ≤ 0.8 g/L at $\leq 17^{\circ}\text{C}$, ≤ 0.5 g/L at $> 17^{\circ}\text{C}$; flow-through: ≤ 1 g/L/day.	1 daphnid/40 mL
<u>Photoperiod</u> 16 hours light, 8 hours dark.	16 hours light, 8 hours dark
<u>Solvents</u> Not to exceed 0.5 mL/L for static tests or 0.1 mL/L for flow-through tests.	Solvent: none Maximum conc.: N/A

D. Test Design

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Range Finding Test</u> If $\text{EC}_{50} > 100$ mg/L, then no definitive test is required.	No range finding test reported
<u>Nominal Concentrations of Definitive Test</u> Control & 5 treatment levels; a geometric series with each concentration being at least 60% of the next higher one.	Control, 18, 32, 56, 100, and 180 ppm

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Number of Test Organisms Minimum 20/level, may be divided among containers.	20, 5 per replicate
Test organisms randomly or impartially assigned to test vessels?	Yes
Water Parameter Measurements 1. <u>Temperature</u> Measured continuously or, if water baths are used, every 6 h, may not vary > 1°C. 2. <u>DO and pH</u> Measured at beginning of test and ever 48 h in the high, medium, and low doses and in the control.	Temperature was measured continuously in a surrogate vessel and at 0, 24, and 48 hours in one test vessel. DO of the dilution water and pH of the bulk solutions at time 0 as well as in two replicates at test termination were recorded.
Chemical Analysis Needed if solutions were aerated, if chemical was volatile, insoluble, or known to absorb, if precipitate formed, if containers were not steel or glass, or if flow-through system was used	Samples of the bulk dosing solutions taken at time 0 and samples from one replicate of each group at 48 hours were collected and analyzed by HPLC.

12. REPORTED RESULTS:**A. General Results**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?	Yes, but compliance was to UK GLP
Control Mortality Static: ≤10% Flow-through: ≤5%	No immobilization in the control group
Percent Recovery of Chemical: 1) % of nominal; 2) Procedural recovery; 3) Limit of determination (LOD)	94-100% of nominal, proc. recovery not reported, LOD = 0.043 or 0.044 ppm

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Raw data included?	Yes

Analytical results

Nominal concentration (ppm)	Measured concentration (ppm)	
	Hour of Study	
	0	48
Negative control	<LOD	<LOD
18	17	17
32	32	32
56	55	56
100	87	100
180	170	180

Mortality

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Organisms	Cumulative Number Immobilized	
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study	
			24	48
Control	<LOD	20	0	0
18	17	20	0	0
32	32	20	0	0
56	56	20	0	0
100	94	20	0	0
180	180	20	0	13

Other Significant Results: No signs of toxicity were reported.

B. Statistical Results

Method: moving average angle

48-hr EC₅₀: 160 ppm

Probit Slope: N/A

95% C.I.: 140-190 ppm

NOEC: 100 ppm

13. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS:

Method: binomial probability

48-hr EC₅₀: 160 ppm

Probit Slope: N/A

95% C.I.: not determined

NOEC: 94 ppm

- 14. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:** This study is scientifically sound, fulfills the guideline requirements, and can be classified as **Core**. The 48-hour EC₅₀ was determined to be 160 ppm, which classifies this material as practically non-toxic to *Daphnia magna*.

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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB. (PERCENT)
180	20	13	65	13.1588
94	20	0	0	9.536742E-05
56	20	0	0	9.536742E-05
32	20	0	0	9.536742E-05
17	20	0	0	9.536742E-05

THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT 0 AND +INFINITY CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS 160.4681

WHEN THERE ARE LESS THAN TWO CONCENTRATIONS AT WHICH THE PERCENT DEAD IS BETWEEN 0 AND 100, NEITHER THE MOVING AVERAGE NOR THE PROBIT METHOD CAN GIVE ANY STATISTICALLY SOUND RESULTS.
