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Daphnia sp., Acute Immobilisation Test

This test is designed to determine the effects of the test material on *Daphnia magna*.

Juvenile *Daphnia magna*, less than 24 hours old at the start of the test, are exposed to the test material for a period of 48 hours. Studies can be performed as either static, no renewal over the 48 hour exposure period, or semi-static with renewal of the test media after 24 hours.

Immobilisation of the *Daphnia* at 24 hours and 48 hours is recorded and compared with the control group. *Daphnia* are considered to be immobilised if they are not able to swim within 15 seconds. Samples are taken for analysis at the start and end of the exposure period to determine the concentrations tested.

EC₅₀ values – the concentration of the test chemical which is estimated to immobilise 50% of the *Daphnia* within a defined exposure period – are calculated. In addition, the No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) and Lowest Observed Effect Concentration (LOEC) values may also be calculated.

Test Guidelines and References

OECD Guidelines for the Testing of Chemicals.

Guideline 202: *Daphnia sp.*, Acute Immobilisation Test, adopted 13 April 2004.

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