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## *Daphnia magna* Reproduction Test

This test is carried out to determine the effect of a chemical on the reproductive output of *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 21 days. Studies are performed as a semi-static with renewal of the typically three times per week, greater frequency can be used depending on the stability of the test material in the test media.

Observations are made on daily on adult survival and the number of juveniles produced per individual adult are recorded throughout the test. Samples are taken for analysis at the start and end of the exposure period to determine the concentrations tested.

Endpoints from the study can be expressed as EC<sub>50</sub> values – the concentration of the test chemical which is estimated to cause a 50% reduction in reproductive output, growth if measured and adult mortality.

In addition, the No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) and Lowest Observed Effect Concentration (LOEC) values will 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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