

# Practical No. 1.

## LC50 Calculation

## Predict Toxicity

### LC50:

→ The concentration of substances that is lethal to 50% of organism exposed to it in a toxicity test is a useful to all because it can predict the effects of potential in aquaculture system.

→ LC50 data can also help to define maximum allowable toxicant. Aquaculturists sometimes are confronted with toxicity of natural or manmade substances to fish, shrimps or other culture species.

→ Naturally occurring toxicity can result from dissolved oxygen  $\checkmark$  conc., high conc. of  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .

→ Toxicity also can result from the concentration of culture system of pesticides, heavy metals or industrial chemicals.

### Lethal Concentration:

→ The potential toxicity of chemicals substances after is pretended as LC50.

→ LC50 can be determined for any exposure time but the most  $\checkmark$  expensive period is 72 hours.

→ If the exposure is longer than the LC50 will be longer.

→ If the exposure is long enough can asymptotic LC50 value can be obtained.

→ The asymptotic  $LC_{50}$  is not time dependent.

## Toxicity testing:

Toxicity testing usually are conducted in a glass container in which organism are exposed to the chemicals & their survival rate is checked.

## Procedure:

- Acclimation of test organism should be done for toxicity testing.
- Mortality must be checked frequently & dead organism should be removed.
- The mortality % age should be plotted on semi-log paper versus the toxicant conc. & the conc. that killed 50% of test organism is calculated graphically or by statistical techniques.

## Variability:

- There can be great variations in  $LC_{50}$  among toxicity test conducted in different laboratories. e.g. the toxicity of substance will increase with increasing of temperature.
- Water quality variables such as pH or total alkalinity also have longer effect on toxicity.
- The concentration of total ammonium nitrogen necessary to kill 50% of test organism is greater at pH of 7 or below than at higher pH.

## Aquaculture Uses:

- In evaluating the causes of mortality of aquaculture organisms one may find in scientific literature a range of LC50 values for particular toxicant.
- The LC50 value most appropriate for reference in which conditions were similar to those of the aquaculture system of the time of mortality.
- The same conc. of the toxicant is called the maximum allowable toxicant conc. or MATC.
- There is much less life cycle toxicant data available to check LC50 for 96 hours.
- Application factors tend to be smaller for high toxic compounds than less toxic ones.
- In aquaculture, application factors of 0.05 is suitable for natural toxins, while a factor of 0.01 should be used for industrial chemicals or pesticides.

### For Example:

In illustrate the use of application factors, suppose the 96 hours.

LC50 to the culture species for non-ionized ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) for un-ionized is (1.2 mg/L).

The MATC should be  $1.2 \text{ mg/L} \times 0.05$

$$= 0.06 \text{ mg/L.}$$

- Thus if  $\text{NH}_3$  conc. remain below 0.06 mg/L  
The culture species should suffer no adverse effects.

- Of course toxicology might occur at conc. of  $\text{NH}_3$  below 1.2 mg/L for that value represents

- the conc. necessary to kill half of organism.  
A much lower conc. could be expected to cause incipient mortality.

- Sometimes it is not possible to find LC50 for desired temperature.

- Toxicology usually doubles with the increase of  $10^\circ\text{C}$  temperature.

- Thus if 2 mg/L is the 96 hours LC50 values of a substance at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  the corresponding values at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  &  $30^\circ\text{C}$  as 1.5 mg/L & 1 mg/L respectively.

*Summarise*

$$\text{Application Factor} = \frac{\text{MAIC}}{96 \text{ hours LC50}}$$

## Practical No 02.

### Effect of Ethanol concentration on developing chick embryo.

#### Background information.

Fatal alcohol syndrome (FAS) results from parental alcohol exposure. Those affected by disease are born with birth defects & development disorders. Such as mental retardation (Wetten Carré, 2005)

FAS is noticed within 4% of all live births & unlike other diseases. It is 100% preventable (Burd, et al, 2004).

- Ethanol is one of the components found in one within alcohol. It is known as teratogen. A
- teratogen is an agent that can interfere with the normal development of a fetus.
- Ethanol disrupts the normal development of central nervous system. Primarily the substance inhibits glial cell proliferation that are the cells that make up NS, provide support & nutrition to the nervous system.
- Specifically with FAS the timing of ethanol exposure after determined the limit of damage.
- The most common exposure of ethanol within the CNS is characteristic of growth suppression.

#### Procedure:

- (The 2 ozone) Two dozen chicken eggs are kept at room temperature for no longer than two days.

- In preparation of ethanol injections, the small end of each egg were cleaned with 70% ethanol.
- Once cleaned, each egg was then labelled with a pencil according to the designated injection group.
- Next a site was made into the air cell of each egg &  $\frac{1}{2}$  ml of solution was injected into the air cell.
- The composition of each  $\frac{1}{2}$  ml of solution was based on the designated dosage group.
- The low dose groups solutions was composed of 2 ml of 200 proof ethanol & 48 ml of distilled  $H_2O$ .
- After ethanol was placed inside the air cells of each of eggs. The injected site was sealed with paraffin.
- The eggs were then placed in incubator within an incubator egg turn.
- The incubator was kept at  $90^{\circ}F$  & the eggs were candled periodically through out development. When embryos are removed after opening of eggs, the length & width of each embryo's head was collected using a caliper.
- Observations were also made of any noticeable morphological abnormalities.

## Results:

- Results showed reduction in embryo's weight.
- higher ethanol conc. have shown an increase in growth, suppresser in both broiler & layer chicken strains.
- Also differences of growth suppressions b/w high & low ethanol dosage.
- Groups could not be concluded usually decrease size & abnormal growth was observed.

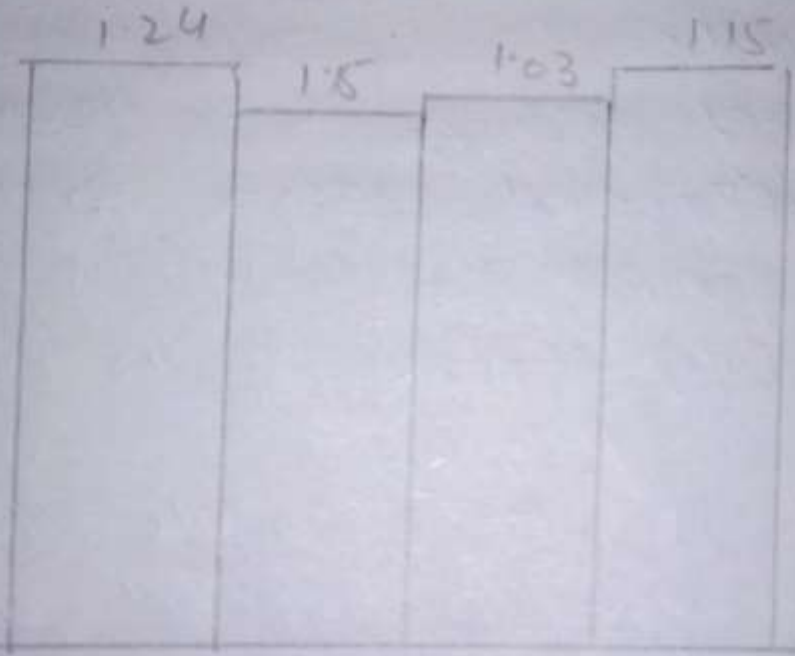
## Conclusion:-

- The graph shows some decrease in embryonic weights due to ethanol exposure.
- A problem likely exists in the no. of chicken embryos used within the experiment.
- A large sample size might have demonstrated embryonically growth suppression.
- Additionally the measurement of (mem) embryos head were variable.
- Again the hard caliber data might have been significant if a larger sample size was taken.

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# Embryonic chicken weights

2.4  
2.2  
2.0  
1.8  
1.6  
1.4  
1.2  
1.0  
0.8  
0.6  
0.4  
0.2  
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## Practical No 03.

Study of 96 hours LC50 of selected metal on Fish.

### Apparatus:

- LC50
- Selected metal
- Photo light
- Chromium
- Sedimental tanks
- Aeration
- Air stone
- Pipes
- Aquarium

### Procedure:

The fingerlings of Tilapia were taken from experimental ponds & kept in sedimental tanks & acclimatized for 40 days before conducting acute toxicity test.

### Preparation of stock solution:

pure compound of selected metal was dissolved in deionized water & stock of 1000 ppm was prepared.

### Experimental Condition:-

→ Acute toxicity test was performed in glass aquarium of 70 l water capacity.

Metal free tap water was filled in aquarium supplied with aeration system & 3 replication were used, 10 individuals of known weight, length were placed in each aquarium

separately.

For experimental desired some of metal from stock solution was added in aquarium.

To avoid stress to the fish, the desired metal conc. in each aquarium was attained with in filters of 7 hours of stock experiment.

### Physical & Chemical Parameter Management.

- Temperature, PH, hardness, dissolved  $O_2$ ,  $NH_3$  also were maintained.
- To maintain temperature put thermometer in to tanks twice a day.
- During trial fish were subjected to 12 hours photoperiod.
- Fish <sup>were</sup> not fed during experimental period.
- The aquarium were maintained three times a day.
- The experiment was run with different conc. starting from upper till the lethal conc. was obtained.
- Each conc. was determined separately & mortality data was recorded.
- The dead fish obtained during each trial were removed from the tanks and the counted.
- The arithmetic mean of each trial calculated & expressed in results.

→ Probil analysis mean of each trial was done against fish responded.  
By using standard protocols.

## Reference:

→ The average of all physical & chemical parameters were subjected through one way of analysis of variance (ANOVA).  
(Sled- $\bar{e}$ -al; 1996)

→ Duncan's multiple range test were used for comparison of mean.

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## Practical No. 04

Studies on sublethal concentration of selected metal to check growth response of fish apparatus.

### Procedure:

- The present investigation was conducted at fish hatchery of UAS.
- Juveniles of Tilapia were obtained in nursery ponds kept in holding tanks & supplied with flow through aerated water.
- The fish were acclimatized for 3 days before conducting toxicity test.  
10 individuals of similar weight & size of Tilapia were grown in glass aquarium for 3 months under sublethal concentration ( $1/3$  of  $LC_{50}$ ) of given metal with controlled laboratory conditions.
- Aquaria were filled with 70 liter tap water Temp & PH were monitored regularly. Each aquarium was exposed of sublethal conc. of given metal as determined during 96 hours  $LC_{50}$  experiment.
- The controlled fish were grown in metal free  $H_2O$ . All experimental fish were fed at rate of 2% of body weight at 9 am & 5 pm daily with 30% digestible protein. Following feed formulation was used 50% fish meal etc.

## Feed Formulation:-

- 50% fish meal
- 47% soya bean meal
- 30% maize gluten
- 12% Rice polish
- 15% wheat bran
- 1% vitamin + mineral

→ The growth trials were performed with 3 replicates.

Following parameters were noted:

Increase / decrease in average net weight.

Increase / decrease in total length, condition factor, feed intake.

→ FCR were monitored weekly.

→ At the end of trial, fish were sacrificed and dissected. Liver, kidney, muscles & fins were isolated & digested to determine the metal conc. through atomic absorption photometer.

→ The data obtained from experiment were statistically analyzed using "SAS".

→ Analysis of variance & DMR were used to find out statistical difference regarding growth performance & bioaccumulation in different body organ.

• Fish Meal = 100 kg

cp = 35%

Fish meal 20% = 20 kg cp

Rice meal 25% = 25 kg 60%

cotton seed 10% = 10 kg 36%

Maize gluten 10% = 55 kg 41%

$$\text{Fish meal} = \frac{20}{100} \times 60 = 12 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Cotton seed} = \frac{10}{100} \times 41 = 4.1 \text{ kg}$$

Total Fish meal = 100 kg

$$= 100 - 55 = 45 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{cp} = 35\% - 25\% = 10\%$$



## Principle of atomic Absorption photometer:

It is a procedure for the quantitative determination of chemical element using the absorption of optical radiation by free atoms in gaseous state.

### Analytical Technique:-

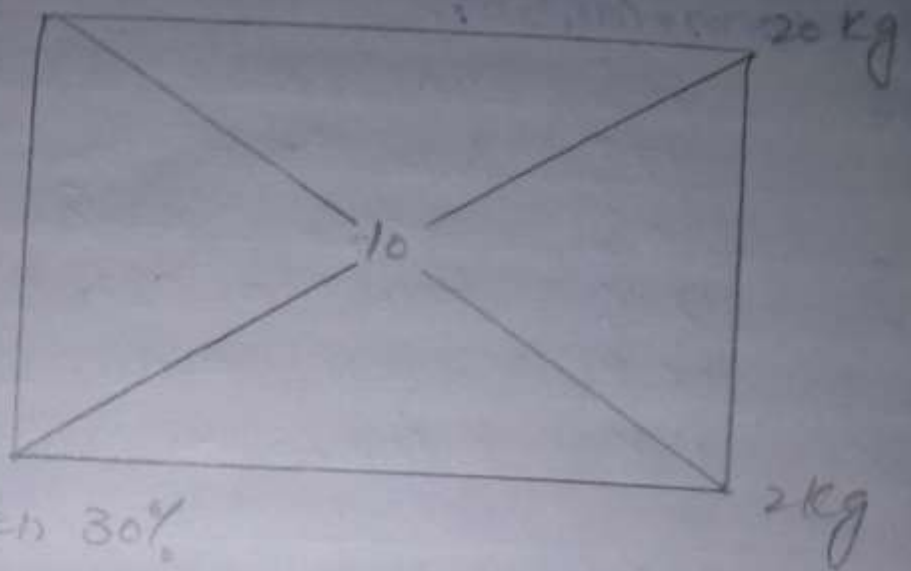
→ Atomic absorption photometry was 1<sup>st</sup> used as a technique & the underlying principle were established in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 19<sup>th</sup> century.

→ The technique makes use of absorption spectrometry to assess the conc. of an analyte in a sample.

→ The atomizers most commonly used in AAS are flames & graphite tube atomizer. Other atomizers are glow discharge atomizer, hydride atomizer or vapour atomizers might be used for special purpose.

*Summary*

Rice polish  
12%



maize gluten 30%

$$\text{Rice polish} = 22 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Maize gluten} = 20 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Rice polish} = \frac{2}{22} \times 45 = 4.09$$

$$\text{Maize gluten} = \frac{20}{22} \times 45 = 40.90$$

$$= 45 \text{ kg}$$



Practical No. 05

Bioaccumulation pattern of selected metal in fish.

Apparatus:

- Animal
- Selected metal (NICKEL)
- Small plastic
- Photospectrometer
- Bag
- Fish
- Atomic Absorption Photometer

Bioaccumulation:

Refers to the accumulation of substances such as pesticides or other chemical in an organism.

Digestion:

Bioaccumulation occurs when an organism absorbs a toxic substance at a rate greater than that at which the substance is lost.

There are two types of digestion are wet & other are the digestion. Comparison of wet & dry digestion.

Dry digestion:

The dry & wet digestion methods of processing food samples for elemental analysis. The conc. of trace element (mg) Fe, Cu, Zn, Chromium, calcium, Lead, nickel

were determined in varieties of samples.

The metal conc. were determined using atomic absorption photometer according to standard method.

### Wet digestion.

The accuracy of the procedure was confirmed by spiking some samples and evaluating their recoveries.

The metal levels evaluated were relatively higher in the dry ashed samples than the wet.

### Biomagnification:

Biomagnification is also known as (bioman) bioamplification or biological magnification occur when the conc. of a substances such as PPT or mercury in an organism exceeds the background conc. of the substances in its diets.

### Organs in which bioaccumulation

#### Determine:

- Liver
- Kidney
- Gills
- Gut
- Muscles
- Skin
- Scale
- Fins

## Probit Analysis.

Probit analysis is a type of regression used to analyse a binomial response variable. (A) It transforms the sigmoid dose-response curve to a straight line that can then be regressed either through least squares or maximum likelihood.

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# Practical No. 06

## Preparation of toxic solution of heavy metals

Preparation of toxic soln. of heavy metal for 50 L (5000 ml).

Iron Sulphate  
 $Fe(SO_4)_3$

Nickle sulphate  
 $NiSO_4$

Fe = 55.48 mol. wt.

mol. wt of  $NiSO_4 = 154.75$  gm/mol.

1000 ppm = 1000 ~~mg~~g/L  $\Rightarrow$  1gm/L.

$$Ni = \frac{154.75}{58.69} = 2.0 \text{ gm.}$$

Stock soln = 2 gm of  $NiSO_4$  were dissolved in 1000 ml/L that is stock soln.

$$C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$$

$$1000 \times x = 2 \times 50000$$

$$x = 100 \text{ ml.}$$