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Four main experiments viz., (i) use of *A. salina* and *Moina micrura*, either solely or in combinations, (ii) ingestion rates of *Artemia* and *M. micrura*, (iii) replacement of *Artemia* with *M. micrura*, either abruptly or gradually, and (iv) effects of cod liver oil (CLO) enriched egg custard, were conducted to evaluate the use of *M. micrura* as an overnight live food substitute for *Artemia* in rearing of *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* larvae.

M. rosenbergii larvae fed a mixed diet of *Artemia* and *Moina* and larvae weaned from *Artemia* to *Moina* had either a similar or significantly higher yield of post larvae compared to that fed *Artemia* alone. However, a 50:50 mixture and gradual weaning

with *Artemia* cut off at stage VIII or X resulted in the highest ($p < 0.05$) yield ranging from 16.81 ± 1.82 to 19.21 ± 1.54 PL/l. The production rates of 9.23 ± 1.22 to 11.26 ± 1.33 PL/l for larvae fed *Moina* alone were significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) than that for larvae fed *Artemia* alone (13.21 ± 0.90 and 14.27 ± 1.64 PL/l). The post larval yield for larvae fed *Moina* cultured on poultry manure (Mpm) was slightly higher than that for larvae fed *Moina* cultured on *Chlorella* and yeast (Mcy). The maximum mortality and significantly lower development in larvae fed *Moina* alone were observed during the first half of rearing period. However, in the later period, larval development and growth of post larvae fed the *Moina* equalled that of larvae fed other diets.

Compared to the individual ingestion rates (IIR) of *Artemia*, a 7 - 4 folds lower IIR of *Moina* were observed for up to stage V larvae. Thereafter, IIR of *Moina* increased and either equalled or surpassed that of *Artemia* in terms of dry mass ingestion and calorie intake. From a 50:50 mixture of *Artemia* and *Moina*, the IIR of *Artemia* was $\geq 80\%$ up to stage V, but decreased thereafter and that of *Moina* increased steadily.

While n-3 HUFA content was higher in Mpm (8.68%) than that in *Artemia* (6.96%), it was only 0.97% in Mcy. Despite using Mcy as the overnight food, the production rates of 11.27 ± 1.35 , 13.02 ± 1.70 and 12.13 ± 1.35 PL/l, respectively, for 1, 3 and

5% CLO enriched egg custard were significantly higher ($p < 0.05$) than that of 7.83 ± 1.58 PL/l for egg custard without CLO. However, there was no significant difference in production among the CLO enriched dietary treatments.

In larval rearing of *M. rosenbergii*, *M. micrura* may successfully be used as a supplement with *Artemia* throughout the rearing period or as a substitute for *Artemia* from larval stage VI-VII without any undue reduction in post larval yield.

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Sebanyak empat eksperimen utama iaitu (i) penggunaan *A. salina* dan *Moina micrura*, sama ada secara tunggal atau gabungan, (ii) kadar penelanan *Artemia* dan *M. micrura*, (iii) penggantian *Artemia* dengan *M. micrura* sama ada secara mendadak atau secara beransur-ansur, (iv) kesan minyak limpa ikan kod (CLO) yang diperkaya dengan kastard telur, telah dijalankan untuk menilai penggunaan *M. micrura* sebagai makanan hidup yang digunakan pada waktu malam bagi menggantikan *Artemia* dalam penternakan larva *Macrobrachium rosenbergii*.

Larva *M. rosenbergii* yang diberikan diet campuran *Artemia* dan *Moina* dan larva yang diberikan *Artemia* serta diikuti dengan *Moina* telah memberikan hasil sama ada sama atau lebih tinggi

dibandingkan dengan pasca larva yang telah diberi makanan *Artemia* sahaja. Bagaimanapun campuran 50:50 dan perubahan diet beransur-ansur dengan *Artemia* diberhentikan pada peringkat VII atau X memberikan hasil yang paling tinggi ($P < 0.05$) berjulat dari 16.81 ± 1.82 hingga 19.21 ± 1.5 PL/l. Kadar pengeluaran larva yang diberi makan *Moina* sahaja ialah 9.23 ± 1.22 hingga 11.26 ± 1.33 PL/l nyata lebih rendah ($p < 0.05$) dibandingkan dengan larva yang diberi makan *Artemia* sahaja (13.21 ± 0.90 dan 14.27 ± 1.64 PL/l). Penghasilan pasca larva yang diberi makanan *Moina* yang dikultur menggunakan baja ayam ternakan (Mpm) didapati tinggi sedikit daripada larva yang diberi makanan *Moina* yang dikultur dalam *Chlorella* dan ragi (Mcy). Mortaliti maksimum dan perkembangan yang lebih rendah nyata pada larva yang diberi makanan *Moina* sahaja, dan ini telah diperhatikan semasa peringkat pertama awal jangkamasa pemeliharaan. Walau bagaimanapun, dalam jangkamasa penghujung terakhir, perkembangan dan pertumbuhan pasca larva yang diberi makan diet *Moina* didapati sama dengan larva yang diberi makanan diet lain.

Dibandingkan dengan kadar penelanan individu (IIR) *Artemia*, IIR *Moina* diperhatikan 7 - 4 kali ganda lebih rendah sehingga ke peringkat ke V. Selepas itu, IIR *Moina* meningkat sama ada sama atau melebihi *Artemia* dalam konteks penelanan jirim dan pengambilan kalori. Daripada campuran 50:50 *Artemia* dan

Moina, *Artemia* IIR adalah > 80% hingga ke peringkat V, tetapi menurun selepas itu dan *Moina* meningkat secara tetap.

Kandungan n-3 HUFA adalah lebih tinggi dalam Mpm (8.68%) daripada dalam *Artemia* (6.96%), sementara dalam Mcy ianya hanya 0.97%. Walaupun dengan menggunakan Mcy sebagai makanan pada waktu malam, kadar pengeluaran bagi 1, 3 dan 5% CLO yang diperkaya dengan kastard telur masing-masing ialah 11.27 ± 1.35 , 13.02 ± 1.70 dan 12.13 ± 1.35 PL/l, nyata lebih tinggi ($p < 0.05$) dibandingkan dengan CLO tanpa kastard telur iaitu 7.85 ± 1.57 PL/l. Bagaimanapun, tiada perbezaan bererti dalam pengeluaran di antara percubaan menggunakan diet CLO yang diperkaya.

Dalam penternakan larva *M. rosenbergii*, *M. micrura* mungkin boleh digunakan dengan jayanya sebagai pengganti *Artemia* sepanjang tempoh penternakan atau sebagai pengganti bagi *Artemia* dari peringkat larva VI - VII tanpa sebarang penurunan ketara dalam penghasilan pasca larva.