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ABSTRACT

Moina macrocopa were exposed to different concentrations of unionized ammonia at pH 7.0±0.43 and temperature of 25.3±0.38 °C in this study. Results show that mortality increased with increasing unionized ammonia concentration. Complete mortality was recorded at 3.6 X 10⁻¹ mg NH₃ L⁻¹. The 24-hour LC₅₀ and 48-hour LC₅₀ values were 0.077 and 0.070 mg NH₃ L⁻¹ respectively. As for chronic test, four concentrations were experimented; control, environmental concentration (6.92 X 10⁻⁴ mg NH₃ L⁻¹), nonobserved effective concentration (2.09 X 10⁻³ mg NH₃ L⁻¹) and 48-hour LC₁₀ (1.18 X 10⁻² mg NH₃ L⁻¹). Average longevity, lethal time that causes 50% mortality (LT₅₀), net reproductive (R₀) and intrinsic rate of population increase (*r*) were reduced with the increased concentration of test solutions. Mean generation time (T) at 6.92 X 10⁻⁴ mg NH₃ L⁻¹ was higher compared to control treatment and the value gradually decreased with higher concentrations. These results suggest that toxicity of unionized ammonia will cause negative impact to the present population of *Moina macrocopa* in the environment.