



# DAPTHOXKIT F MAGNA

## Test procedure



**1**

### PREPARATION OF STANDARD FRESHWATER

- VOLUMETRIC FLASK (2 liter)
- VIALS WITH SOLUTIONS OF  
CONCENTRATED SALTS
- DISTILLED (or deionized) WATER



**2**

POUR THE 4 VIALS  
WITH CONCENTRATED SALT SOLUTIONS  
IN  $\pm$  1 LITER DISTILLED WATER,  
IN THE 2 LITER VOLUMETRIC FLASK



**3**

FILL THE FLASK TO THE 2 LITER MARK  
AND AERATE FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES



**4**

**HATCHING OF THE EPHIPPIA**

REMOVE THE  
ALUMINIUM FOIL  
FROM A TUBE  
WITH DAPHNIA  
EPHIPPIA



**5**

POUR THE CONTENTS  
OF THE TUBE WITH EPHIPPIA  
IN THE MICRO-SIEVE



**6**

MAKE SURE THAT  
ALL THE EPHIPPIA  
ARE TRANSFERRED  
INTO THE MICROSIEVE



**7**

RINSE THE EPHIPPIA  
THOROUGHLY  
WITH TAP WATER



**8**

TRANSFER THE EPHIPPIA  
INTO THE  
HATCHING PETRI DISH  
IN STANDARD FRESHWATER



**9**

#### **INCUBATION OF THE EPHIPPIA**

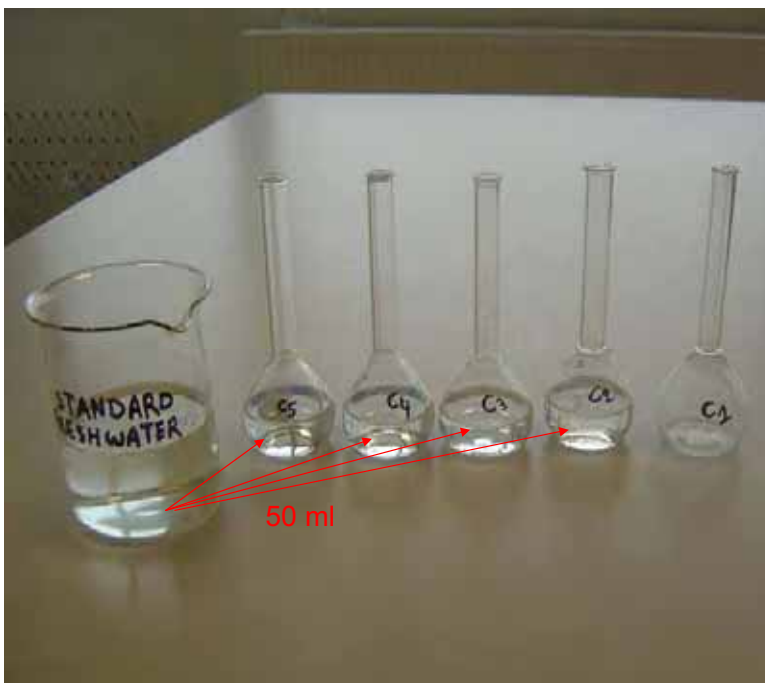
INCUBATE THE PETRI DISH  
FOR 72h AT 20-22 °C  
UNDER CONTINUOUS ILLUMINATION  
OF 6 000 LUX



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**PREPARATION OF THE TOXICANT DILUTIONS**

For example :  
TEST ON A EFFLUENT  
IN 5 DILUTIONS (C1-C5)  
+ ONE CONTROL



**11**

TRANSFER 50 ML  
STANDARD FRESHWATER  
INTO FLASKS  
C2, C3, C4 AND C5



**12**

FILL FLASK C1  
TO THE 100 ML MARK  
WITH EFFLUENT



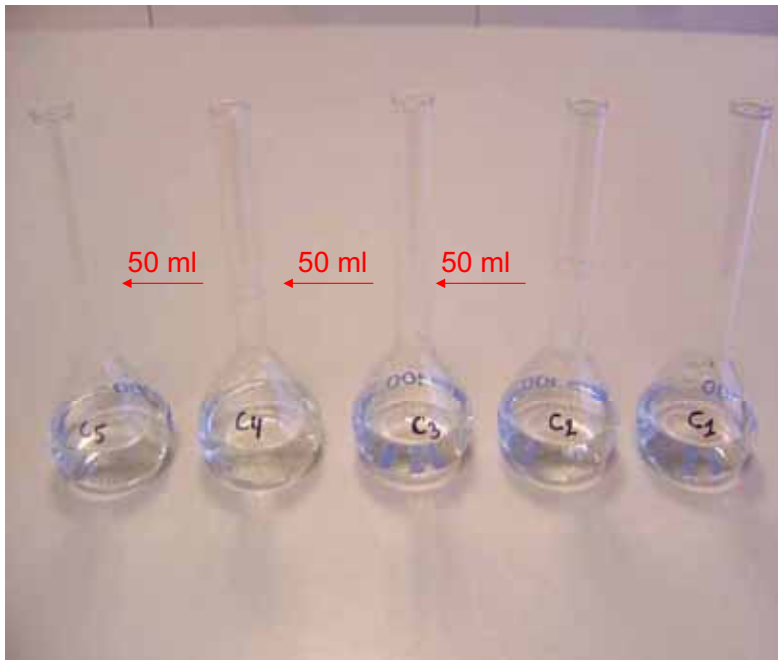
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TRANSFER 50 ML EFFLUENT  
FROM FLASK C1  
INTO A GRADUATED CYLINDER.



**14**

TRANSFER THE 50 ML EFFLUENT FROM THE GRADUATED CYLINDER TO FLASK C2 AND SHAKE THOROUGHLY



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REPEAT THE FORMER DILUTION PROCEDURE FOR THE OTHER FLASKS (i.e. 50 ml from C2 to C3, etc).

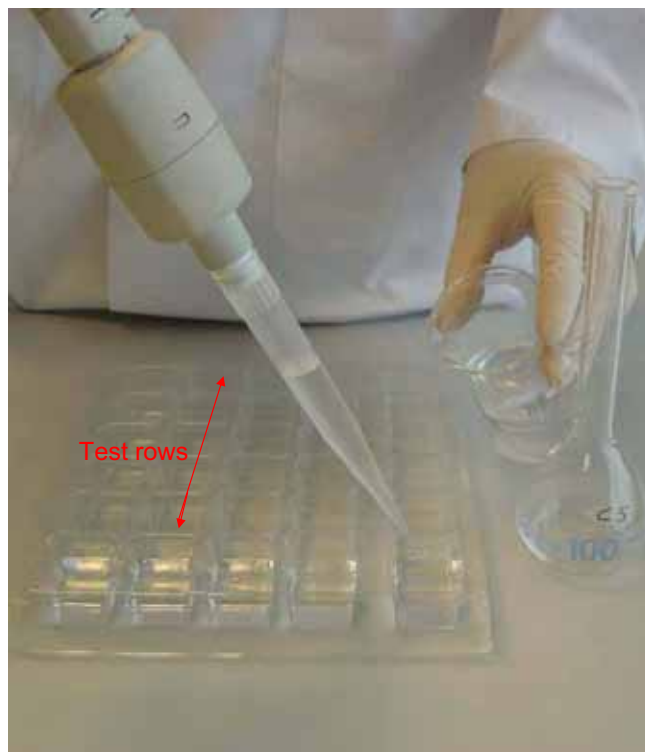




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**FILLING OF THE TEST PLATE :**

TRANSFER 10 ML  
STANDARD FRESHWATER  
INTO EACH WELL  
OF THE CONTROL ROW



**17**

TRANSFER 10 ML OF THE  
RESPECTIVE TOXICANT  
CONCENTRATIONS  
INTO EACH WELL  
OF THE CORRESPONDING ROWS  
FROM C5 TO C1



**18**

AFTER 72h TO 80h  
INCUBATION  
VERIFY THE HATCHING  
OF THE DAPHNIA NEONATES



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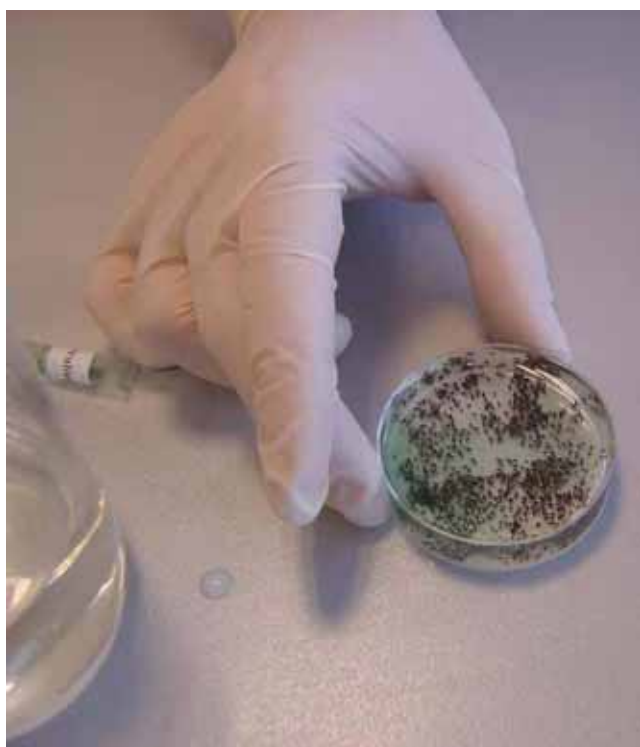
A MINIMUM OF 120 NEONATES  
ARE NEEDED TO PERFORM  
ONE TEST AND THE NEONATES  
SHOULD NOT BE OLDER THAN 24H



**20**

**2h PRE-FEEDING  
OF THE TEST ORGANISMS**

TAKE ONE VIAL  
WITH SPIRULINA POWDER  
AND FILL IT  
WITH STANDARD FRESHWATER



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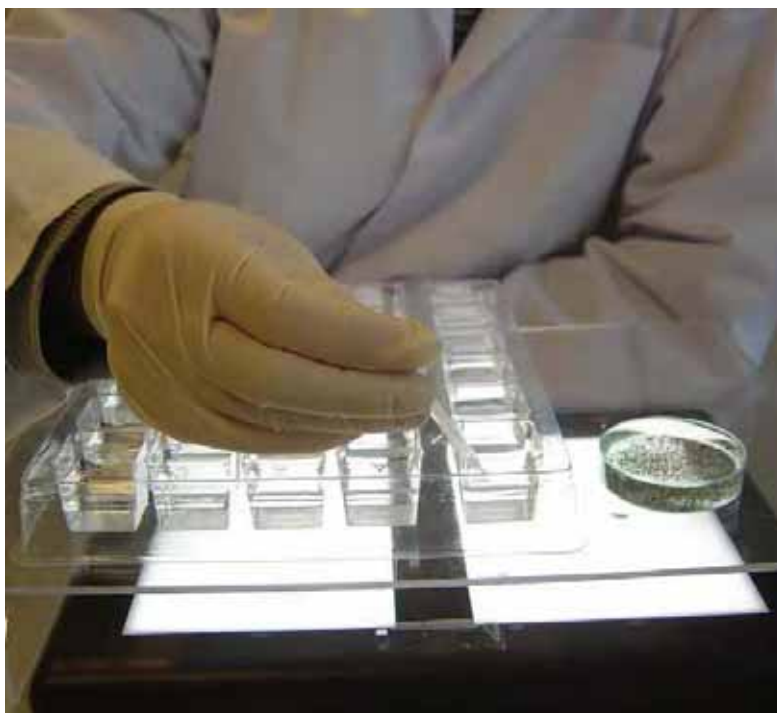
SHAKE THE VIAL  
WITH THE SPIRULINA SUSPENSION,  
POUR IT IN THE PETRI DISH  
WITH THE DAPHNIA NEONATES  
AND SWIRL THE PETRI DISH GENTLY



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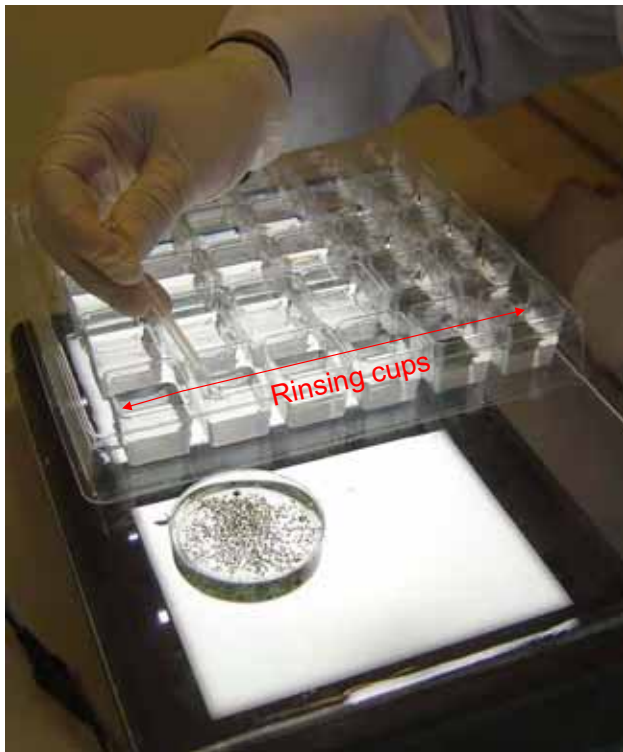
**SET UP  
OF THE TRANSFER  
OF THE DAPHNIAS  
TO THE TEST WELLS**

- MULTIWELL PLATE
- LIGHT BOX WITH  
TRANSPARENT STAGE
- MICROPIPETTE



**23**

**TRANSFER AT LEAST 20  
(actively swimming)  
DAPHNIAS INTO  
THE RINSING CUP  
OF THE CONTROL ROW,**



**24**

TRANSFER 20 DAPHNIAS (minimum)  
TO ALL THE OTHER RINSING CUPS,  
IN ORDER OF INCREASING  
CONCENTRATIONS OF TOXICANT



**25**

TRANSFER EXACTLY 5  
DAPHNIAS FROM EACH  
RINSING WELL  
INTO THE 4 WELLS  
OF THE CORRESPONDING  
ROW



**26**

TO AVOID SURFACE FLOATING  
OF THE DAPHNIAS  
DURING THE TRANSFER,  
PUT THE TIP OF THE  
MICROPIPETTE IN THE MEDIUM,  
AND DO NOT DROP THE ORGANISMS  
AT THE SURFACE OF THE MEDIUM



**27**

PUT A PIECE OF PARAFILM  
ON THE MULTIWELL PLATE  
AND PUT THE COVER  
ON TIGHTLY





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### **INCUBATION OF THE TEST PLATE**

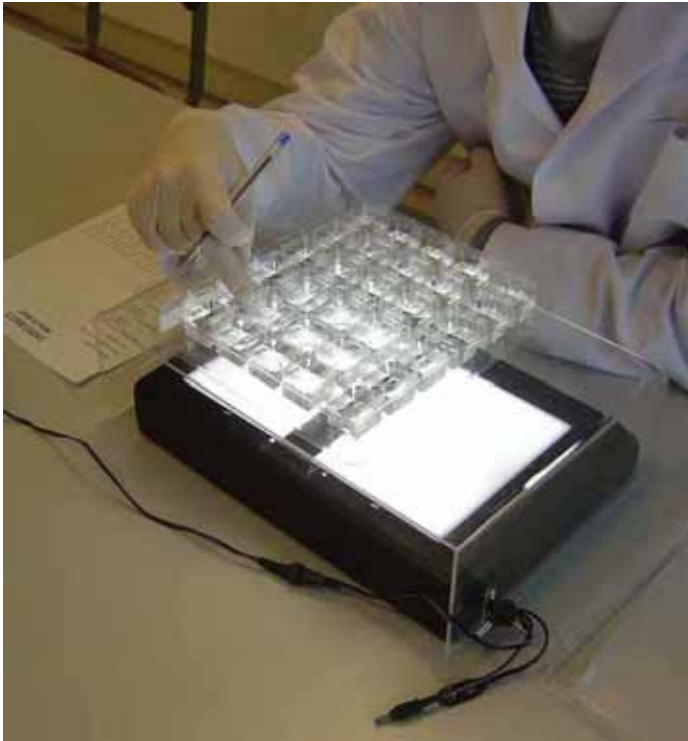
INCUBATE THE MULTIWELL  
AT  $20 \pm 2$  ° C IN DARKNESS



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### **SCORING OF THE RESULTS**

AFTER 24h AND 48h INCUBATION  
PUT THE MULTIWELL PLATE  
ON THE LIGHT TABLE  
AND RECORD THE NUMBER  
OF DEAD AND  
IMMOBILIZED DAPHNIAS



**30**

DAPHNIAS WHICH ARE NOT  
ABLE TO SWIM  
AFTER GENTLE AGITATION  
OF THE LIQUID FOR 15 SECONDS  
SHALL BE CONSIDERED  
AS IMMOBILIZED  
(even if they can still  
move their antennae)



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- SCORE THE FIGURES  
ON THE RESULTS SHEET.
- CALCULATE THE TOTAL NUMBER  
OF DEAD AND IMMOBILE DAPHNIAS  
FOR EACH TOXICANT  
CONCENTRATION
- CALCULATE THE MEAN EFFECT  
AND THE PERCENTAGE EFFECT