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**Data Requirement:**

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| EPA Guideline:   | 123-2    |

**Test material:** AEF147447 Purity: 93.1%  
**Common name:** Mesosulfuron-methyl metabolite  
**Chemical name:** IUPAC:6-methanesulfonamidomethyl-1,2-benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxide  
CAS name: Not reported  
CAS No.: Not reported  
Synonyms: Not reported

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In a 7-day acute toxicity study, freshwater floating aquatic vascular plants Duckweed, *Lemna gibba* G3, were exposed to Mesosulfuron-methyl metabolite (AEF147447) at mean measured concentrations of 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L under static-renewal conditions. Nominal concentrations were 10, 18, 32, 56, and 100 mg/L. Mean percent inhibition was -2, 0, -1, 1, and 0.4% in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively. By day 7, the mean dry weights were 25.9, 27.7, 26.9, 26.9, 27.4, and 25.5 mg in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively. No treatment groups were significantly different from the dilution water control based on mean frond number, frond number growth rate, or biomass. No signs of intoxication were observed in the control or treatment groups. The NOEC was 90.9 mg/L, the highest concentration tested. The EC<sub>50</sub> was estimated as >90.9 mg/L.

This toxicity study is scientifically sound and satisfies the U.S. EPA Guideline Subdivision J, §123-2 for an aquatic vascular plant study with *Lemna gibba*. As a result, this study is classified as Core.

**Results Synopsis**

Test Organism: *Lemna gibba* G3

Test Type: Static-renewal

**Number of fronds:**

NOEC: 90.9 mg/L

EC<sub>05</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

EC<sub>50</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

Slope: N/A

**Dry Weight:**

NOEC: 90.9 mg/L

EC<sub>05</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

EC<sub>50</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

Slope: N/A

**Growth Rate:**

NOEC: 90.9 mg/L

EC<sub>05</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

EC<sub>50</sub>: >90.9 mg/L            95% C.I.: N/A

Slope: N/A

Endpoint(s) Affected: None

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## I. MATERIALS AND METHODS

**GUIDELINE FOLLOWED:** The test was based on the following guidelines: OECD Guideline no. 201, US-EPA Subdivision J, §123-2, and American Society for Testing and Materials Guide E 1415-91. The following deviations from U.S. EPA Guideline 123-2 are noted:

1. The pretest health of the test organism was not reported.
2. The number of plants tested (4 plants) was less than the 5 plants that is recommended; therefore, there were 12 fronds per replicate, instead of the 15 fronds per replicate that is recommended.
3. The storage conditions of the test chemical, carbon source of the growth medium, and some dilution water characteristics were not reported.

These deviations did not affect the acceptability or the validity of the study.

**COMPLIANCE:** Signed and dated GLP, Quality Assurance and No Data Confidentiality statements were provided.

### A. MATERIALS:

**1. Test Material** Mesosulfuron-methyl metabolite (AE F147447)

**Description:** Light yellow powder

**Lot No./Batch No. :** AE F147447 00 1C93 0001

**Purity:** 93.1%

#### **Stability of Compound**

**Under Test Conditions:** Measured concentrations (days 0, 3, and 5) for new test solutions ranged from 91.6 to 103.9 % of nominal concentrations and measured concentrations (days 3, 5, and 7) of old test concentrations ranged from 93.2 to 101.1% of nominal concentrations, showing that the test material was stable under test conditions. OECD requirements were not reported.

*(OECD requires water solubility, stability in water and light, pKa, Pow, vapor pressure of test compound)*

**Storage conditions of test chemicals:** Not reported.

### 2. Test organism:

**Name:** Duckweed, *Lemna gibba* EPA requires a vascular species: *Lemna gibba*.

**Strain, if provided:** G3

**Source:** Plant Hormone Laboratory, USDA, Beltsville, MD

**Age of inoculum:** 6 weeks

**Method of cultivation:** 20X AAP culture medium

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**B. STUDY DESIGN:**

a) Range-finding Study: No range-finding study was reported.

b) Definitive Study

**Table 1 . Experimental Parameters**

| Parameter  | Details  | Remarks  |
|--|--|--|
|  |  | Criteria   |
| Acclimation period:<br>culturing media and conditions: (same as test or not)<br><br>health: (any toxicity observed)            | Approximately 6 weeks<br>20X AAP medium; same as test.<br><br>Not reported.                          |  |
| Test system<br>static/static renewal/<br>renewal rate for static renewal:  | Static-renewal   | <i>EPA expects the test concentrations to be renewed every 3 to 4 days (one renewal for the 7 day test, 3-4 renewals for the 14 day test).</i> |
| Incubation facility  | Environmental chamber-water bath   |  |
| Duration of the test   | 7 days   | <i>EPA requires a duration of 14 days. Seven day studies will be accepted for review by the Agency.</i>  |
| Test vessel<br>material: (glass/polystyrene)<br>size:<br>fill volume:  | Glass Erlenmeyer-flasks<br>300 mL<br>150 mL  |  |
| Details of growth medium<br>name:<br><br>pH at test initiation:<br>pH at test termination:<br>Chelator used:<br>Carbon source: | 20X AAP medium<br><br>7.5-7.6<br>9.0<br>Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA•2H <sub>2</sub> O<br>NaHCO <sub>3</sub> | <i>EPA recommend the following culture media:<br/>Modified hoagland's E+ or 20X-AAP.</i>   |
| If non-standard nutrient medium was used, detailed composition provided (Yes/No)   | Not applicable   |  |

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| Parameter  | Details   | Remarks   |
|--|---|---|
|  |   | Criteria  |
| Dilution water source/type:<br>pH:<br>water pretreatment (if any):<br><br>Total Organic Carbon:<br>particulate matter:<br>metals:<br>pesticides:<br>chlorine:    | Reagent grade water<br>7.5±0.1<br>Deionized water which is additionally filtered by an ultrafiltration, ion exchange and a charcoal unit.<br>Not reported<br>Not reported<br>Not reported<br>Not reported<br>Not reported | EPA recommends a pH of ~5.0. A solution pH of 7.5 is acceptable if type 20X-AAP nutrient media is used. |
| Indicate how the test material is added to the medium (added directly or used stock solution)  | Stock solution  |   |
| Aeration or agitation  | Not reported  |   |
| Sediment used (for rooted aquatic vascular plants)<br>origin:<br>textural classification (% sand, silt and clay):<br>organic carbon (%):<br>geographic location: | Not applicable  |   |
| Number of replicates control:<br>solvent control:<br>treatments:   | 3<br>N/A<br>3   |   |
| Number of plants/replicate   | 4 plants per replicate  | The number of plants tested (4 plants) were less than the required 5 plants.<br>EPA requires 5 plants.  |
| Number of fronds/plant   | 12 fronds per replicate at test initiation  | There were probably three fronds per plant.<br>EPA requires 3 fronds per plant.                         |

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| Parameter   | Details   | Remarks  |
|---|---|--|
|   |   | Criteria   |
| Test concentrations<br>nominal:<br><br>measured:  | 10, 18, 32, 56, and 100 mg/L<br><br>9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 91.0 mg/L  | Mean measured concentrations were reviewer-calculated from mean fresh water and mean aged water values.<br><br><i>EPA requires at least 5 test concentrations with a dose range of 2X or 3X progression.</i> |
| Solvent (type, percentage, if used)   | N/A   |  |
| Method and interval of analytical verification  | HPLC; new test solutions at 0, 3, and 5 days and old test solutions at 3, 5 and 7 days.   |  |
| Test conditions<br>temperature:<br><br>photoperiod:<br><br>light intensity and quality: | 23.5-24.5°C<br><br>continuous light<br><br>102-108 $\mu\text{E}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , white fluorescent lighting | <i>EPA temperature: 25°C<br/>EPA photoperiod: continuous<br/>EPA light: 5.0 Klux (<math>\pm 15\%</math>)</i>   |
| Reference chemical (if used)<br>name:<br>concentrations:                                | None  |  |
| Other parameters, if any  | None  |  |

**2. Observations:**

**Table 2: Observation parameters**

| Parameters  | Details   | Remarks/Criteria |
|---|---|------------------|
| Parameters measured (eg: number of fronds, plant dry weight or other toxicity symptoms) | Number of fronds, dry weights, growth rates, and toxicity symptoms. |                  |
| Measurement technique for frond number and other end points                             | Direct counts   |                  |
| Observation intervals   | 3, 5, and 7 days.   |                  |
| Other observations, if any  | None  |                  |

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| Indicate whether there was exponential growth in the control | Yes, average frond number at day 7 was 13x greater than average frond number at day 0. |  |
| Were raw data included?                                      | Replicate data provided  |  |

**II. RESULTS and DISCUSSION:**

**A. INHIBITORY EFFECTS:**

Mean percent inhibition was -2, 0, -1, 1, and 0.4% in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively. By day 7, the mean dry weights were 25.9, 27.7, 26.9, 26.9, 27.4, and 25.5 mg in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively. No treatment groups were significantly different from the dilution water control based on mean frond number, frond number growth rate, or biomass.

The mean doubling times were 1.88, 1.86, 1.88, 1.87, 1.89, and 1.88 days in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively. The mean increase in biomass was 24.1, 25.9, 25.1, 25.1, 25.6, and 23.7 in the 9.1, 16.3, 28.9, 50.2, and 90.9 mg/L treatment groups, respectively.

No signs of intoxication were observed in the control or treatment groups.

**Table 3: Effect of Mesosulfuron-methyl metabolite (AEF147447) on frond number of Duckweed, *Lemna gibba***

| Treatment <sup>1</sup><br>(estimated measured and nominal concentration) mg/L | Initial frond number/test solution | Mean frond number at <sup>2</sup> |        |        |                                     | Mean Growth Rate at Day 7 | Mean Dry Weight of Fronds (biomass) (mg) <sup>2</sup> |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|   |                                    | 3 days                            | 5 days | 7 days | % inhibition at 7 days <sup>3</sup> |                           |   |
| Negative control (dilution water)   | 12                                 | 39                                | 89     | 159    | ---                                 | 0.369                     | 25.9  |
| 9.1 (10)  | 12                                 | 38                                | 94     | 163    | -2                                  | 0.372                     | 27.7  |
| 16.3 (18)   | 12                                 | 38                                | 90     | 159    | 0                                   | 0.369                     | 26.9  |
| 28.9 (32)   | 12                                 | 37                                | 88     | 161    | -1                                  | 0.371                     | 26.9  |
| 50.2 (56)   | 12                                 | 37                                | 94     | 157    | 1                                   | 0.367                     | 27.4  |
| 90.9 (100)  | 12                                 | 39                                | 86     | 158    | 0.4                                 | 0.368                     | 25.5  |
| Reference chemical (if used)  | Not applicable                     |                                   |        |        |                                     |                           |   |

<sup>1</sup> Mean measured concentrations of Mesosulfuron-methyl metabolite were reviewer-calculated. Nominal concentrations are in parentheses.

<sup>2</sup> Mean frond number and dry weights were reviewer-calculated from replicate data.

<sup>3</sup> % inhibition was determined by comparing the treatment groups to the dilution water control.

\* Significantly different from dilution water control.

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Table 4: Statistical endpoint values.

| Statistical Endpoint <sup>a</sup>                                 | frond No.      | growth rate    | dry weight (biomass) |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| NOEC or EC <sub>05</sub> (mg/L)                                   | 100            | 100            | 100                  |
| LOEC (mg/L)   | >100           | >100           | >100                 |
| IC <sub>50</sub> or EC <sub>50</sub> (mg/L) (95% C.I.)            | >100           | >100           | >100                 |
| other (IC <sub>25</sub> /EC <sub>25</sub> )                       | Not reported   | Not reported   | Not reported         |
| Reference chemical<br>NOAEC<br>IC <sub>50</sub> /EC <sub>50</sub> | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not reported         |

<sup>a</sup> Statistical data based on nominal test concentrations.

**B. REPORTED STATISTICS:** The formulas used for growth rates, doubling time, and mean percent inhibitions are reported on pages 18 and 19. The NOEC was verified using Analysis of Variance, General Linear Models with DUNCAN's Multiple Range Test Procedures (SAS 1989). The EC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using binomial probability.

**Biomass:**

NOEC: 90.9 mg/L

EC<sub>50</sub>: >90.9 mg/L      95% C.I.: N/A

Slope: N/A

**Growth Rate:**

NOEC: 90.9 mg/L

EC<sub>50</sub>: >90.9 mg/L      95% C.I.: N/A

Slope: N/A

Endpoint(s) Affected: None

**C. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS:**

Statistical Method: No statistical analysis was conducted. It could be visually determined that AE F147447 did not affect duckweed growth. Reductions in growth parameters in this study did not exceed 5%, so the NOEC, EC<sub>05</sub>, and EC<sub>50</sub> values could be visually determined.

**Number of fronds:**

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Slope: N/A

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**Growth Rate:**

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Slope: N/A

Endpoint(s) Affected: None

**D. STUDY DEFICIENCIES:**

The deviations, including the reduced replicate size, were not considered to have impacted the study results, so they did not affect the acceptability or validity of the study.

**E. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:**

The reviewer's conclusions were identical to the study authors'. There was no effect of AE F147447 on growth of *Lemna gibba*.

**F. CONCLUSIONS:** This toxicity study is scientifically sound and satisfies the U.S. EPA Guideline Subdivision J, §123-2 for an aquatic vascular plant study with *Lemna gibba*. As a result, this study is classified as Core.

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Endpoint(s) Affected: None

**III. REFERENCES:**

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