

# To avoid or not to avoid REE contaminated sediment? That is the question for Daphnia

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# Introduction

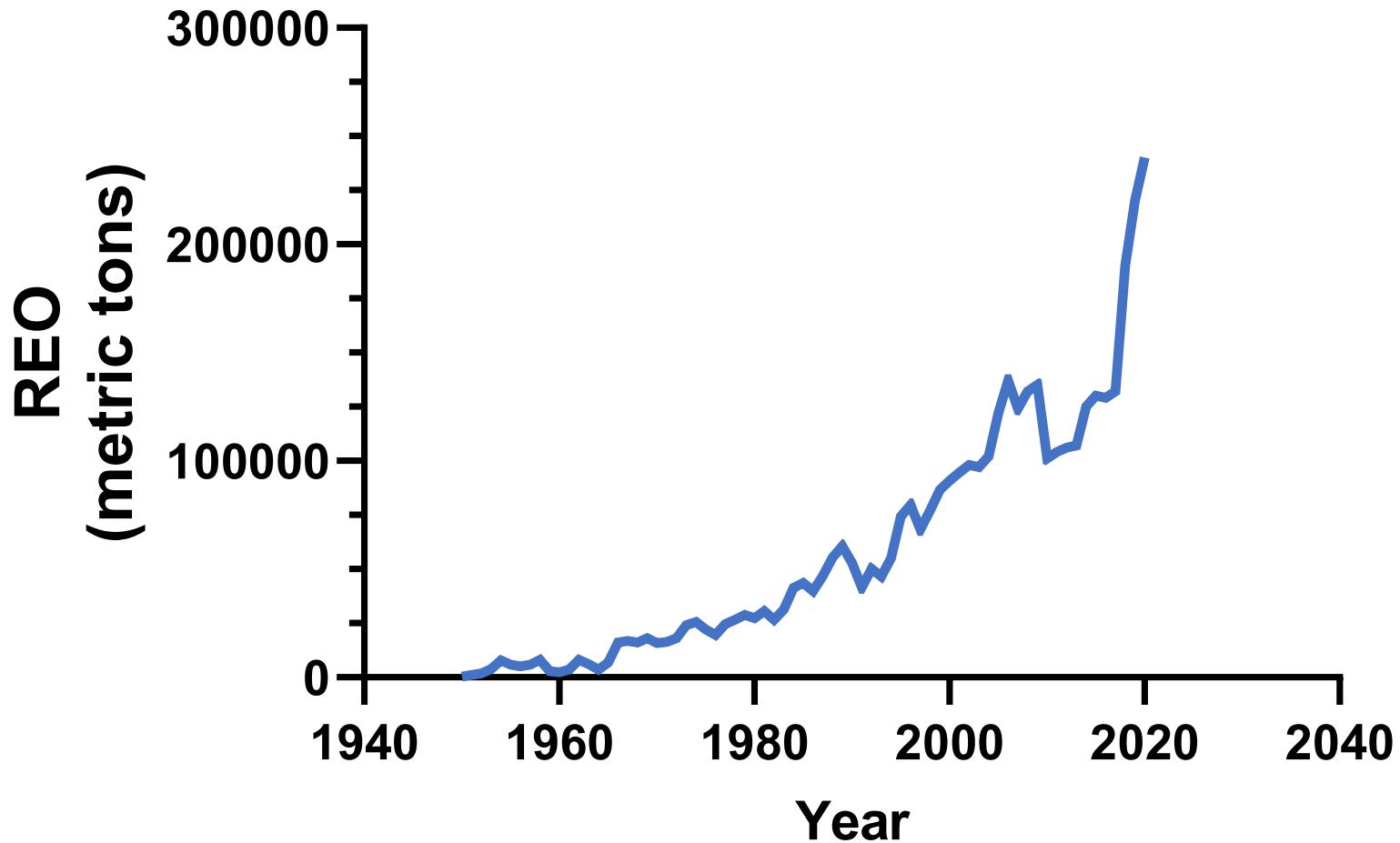
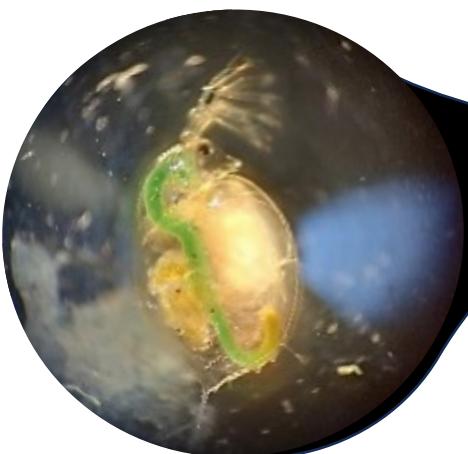


Fig. 1. Global rare-earth-oxide (REO) production in metric tons (1950-2020) [1]



# Observations of microcosms

- Vertical migration to avoid predators [2],[3]
- Indirect effects → active avoidance



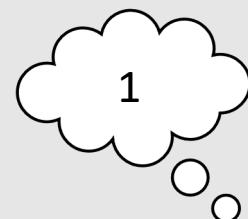
# Objective/Hypothesis

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Determine if lanthanum (La) and gadolinium (Gd) leads to avoidance behaviour by pelagic species

## Hypothesis:

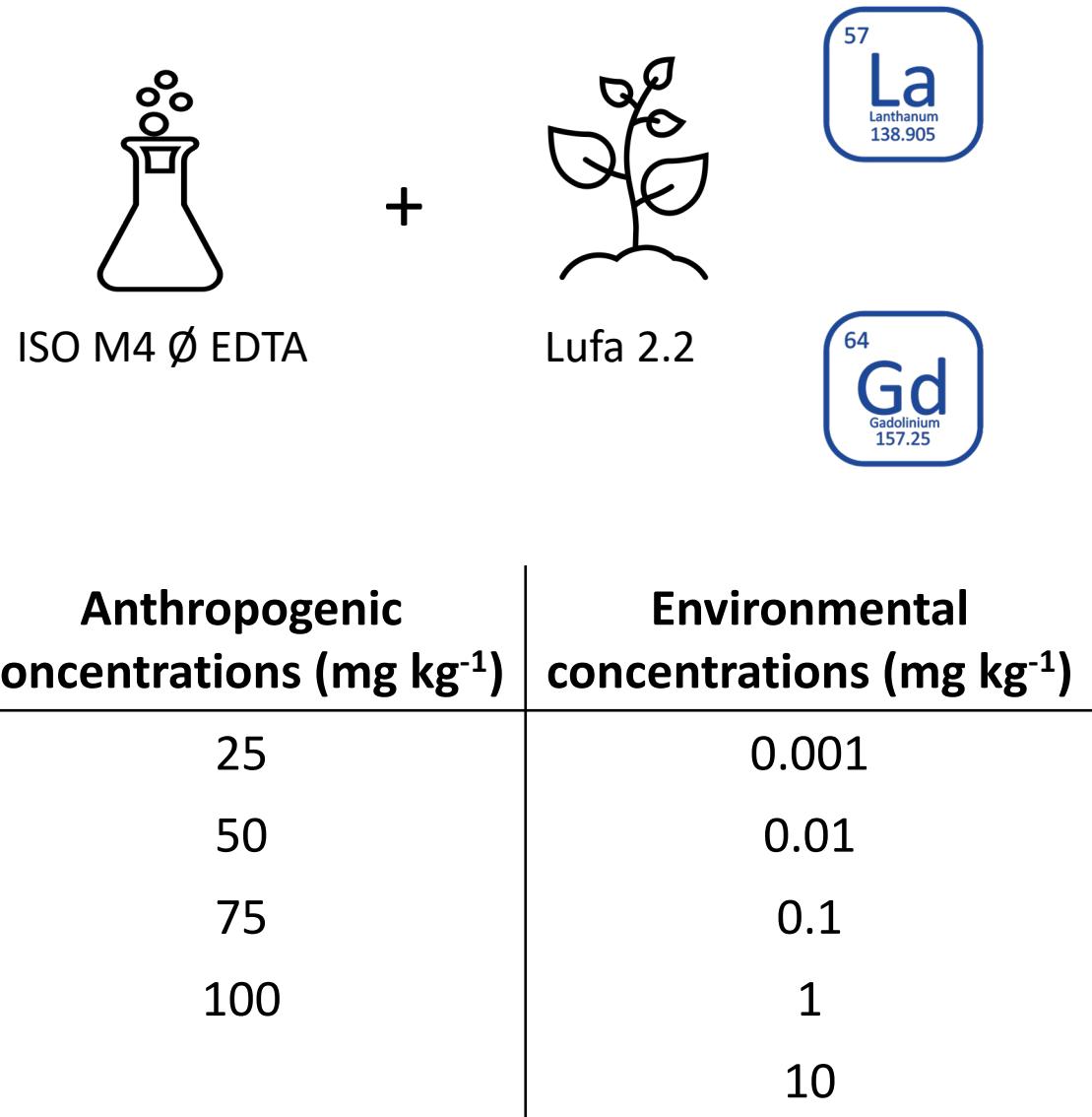
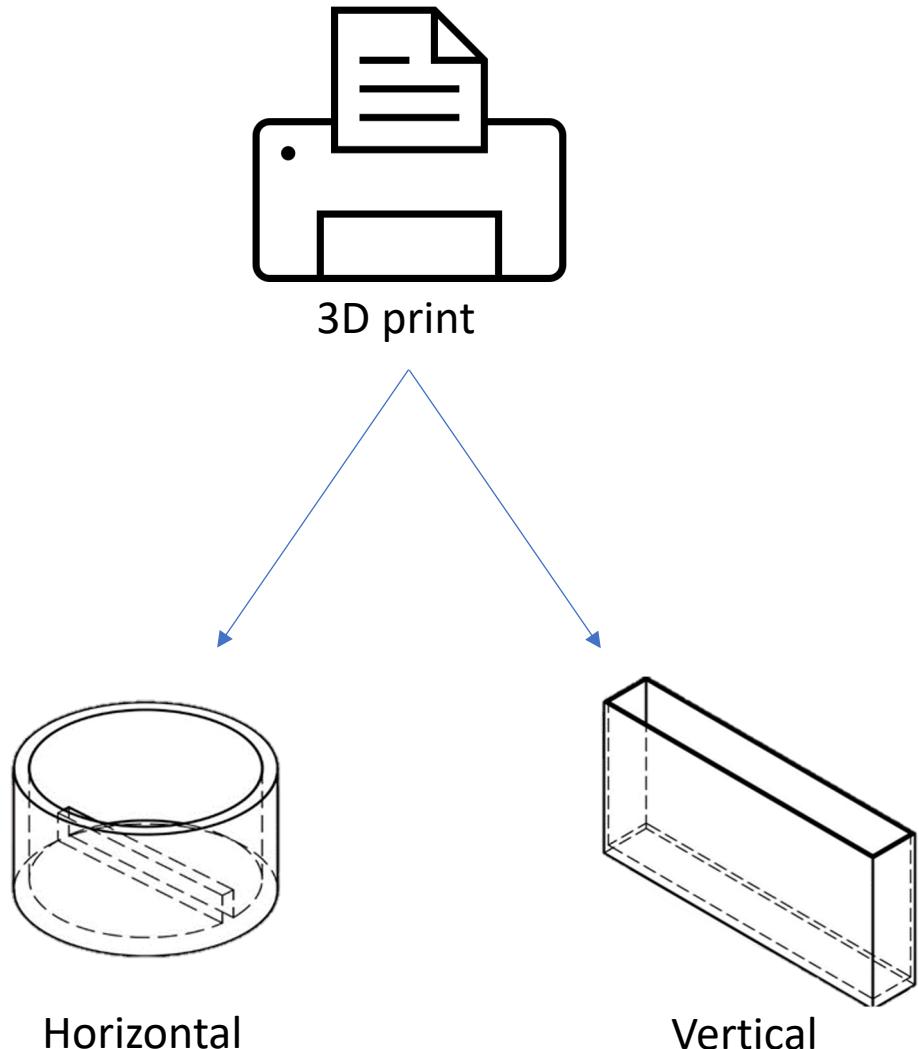


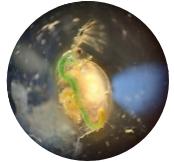
Avoidance behaviour will occur both vertical and horizontal for  
*Daphnia magna*



Different avoidance behaviour for La and Gd

# Materials & Methods



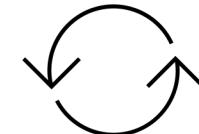


**3x *Daphnia magna***



**15 sec. → OECD 202**

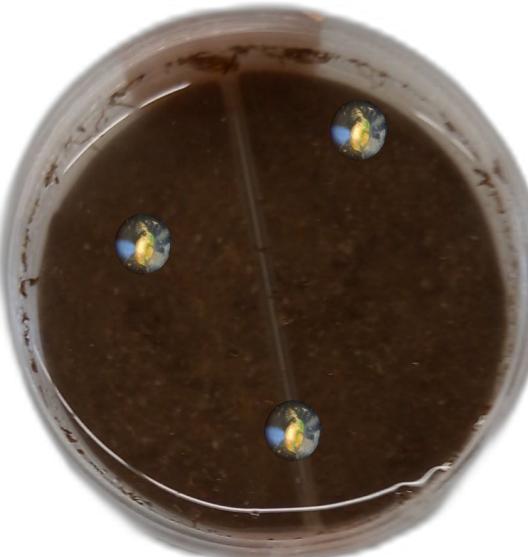
→ 0h, 1h, 2h, and 3h



**5 repetitions**

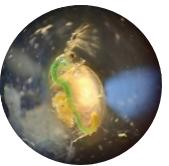


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**Horizontal**

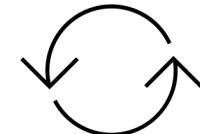


3x *Daphnia magna*

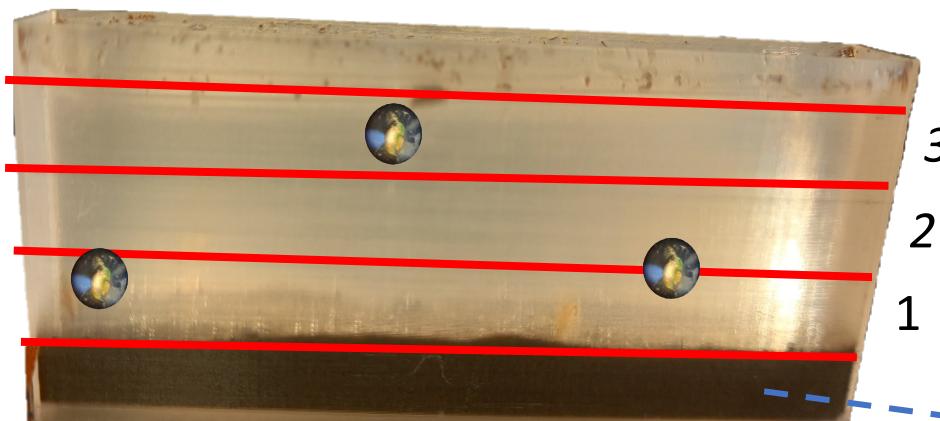


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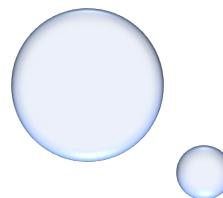


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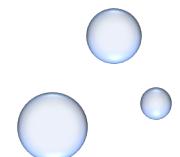
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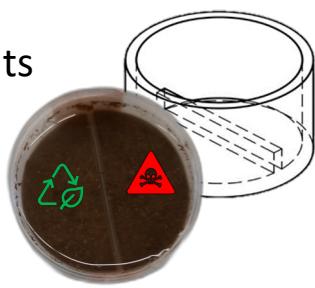
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Does REE Contaminated Sediment Cause Avoidance  
Behaviour of *D. magna*?

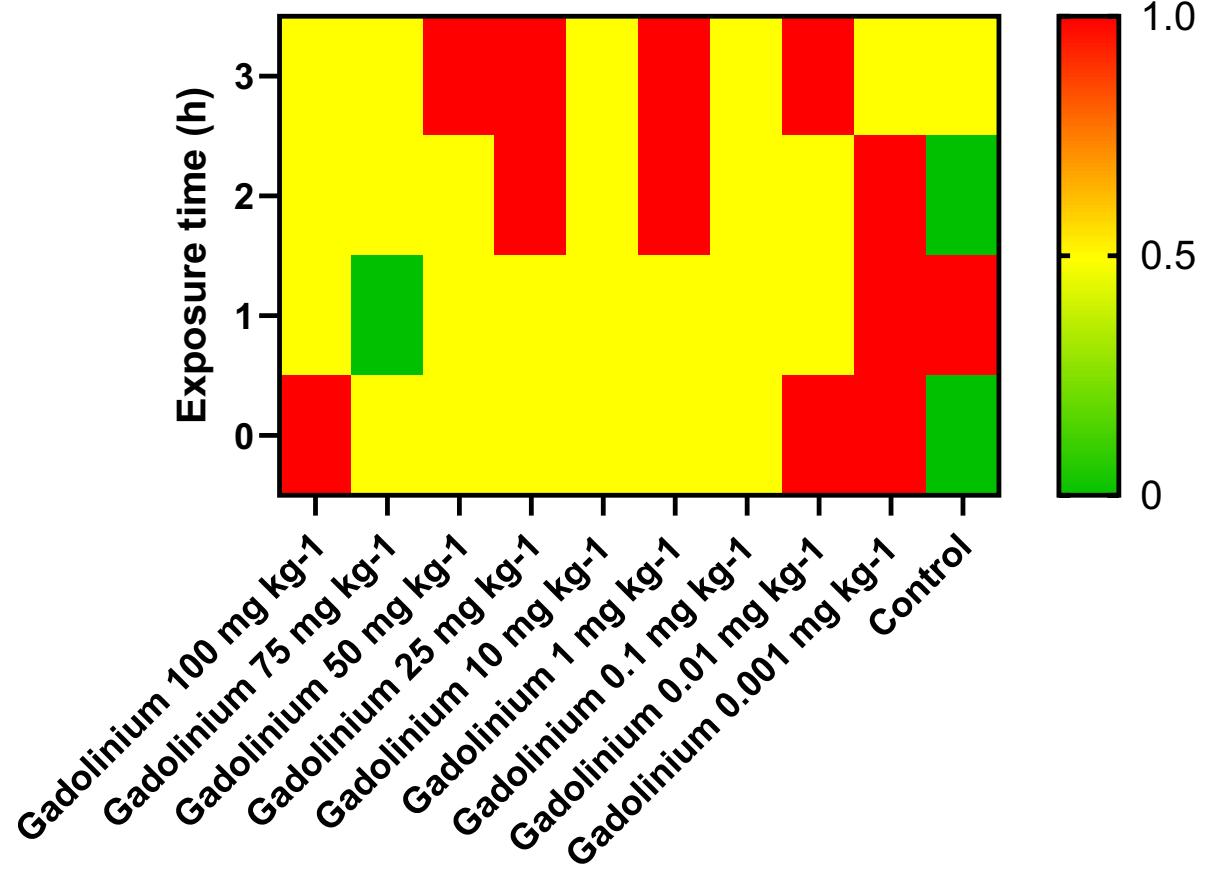


# Horizontal

3x daphnids, 5 repeats



Average scoring:



Frequency distribution:

La Chi-square p > 0.05

Gd Chi-square p < 0.05

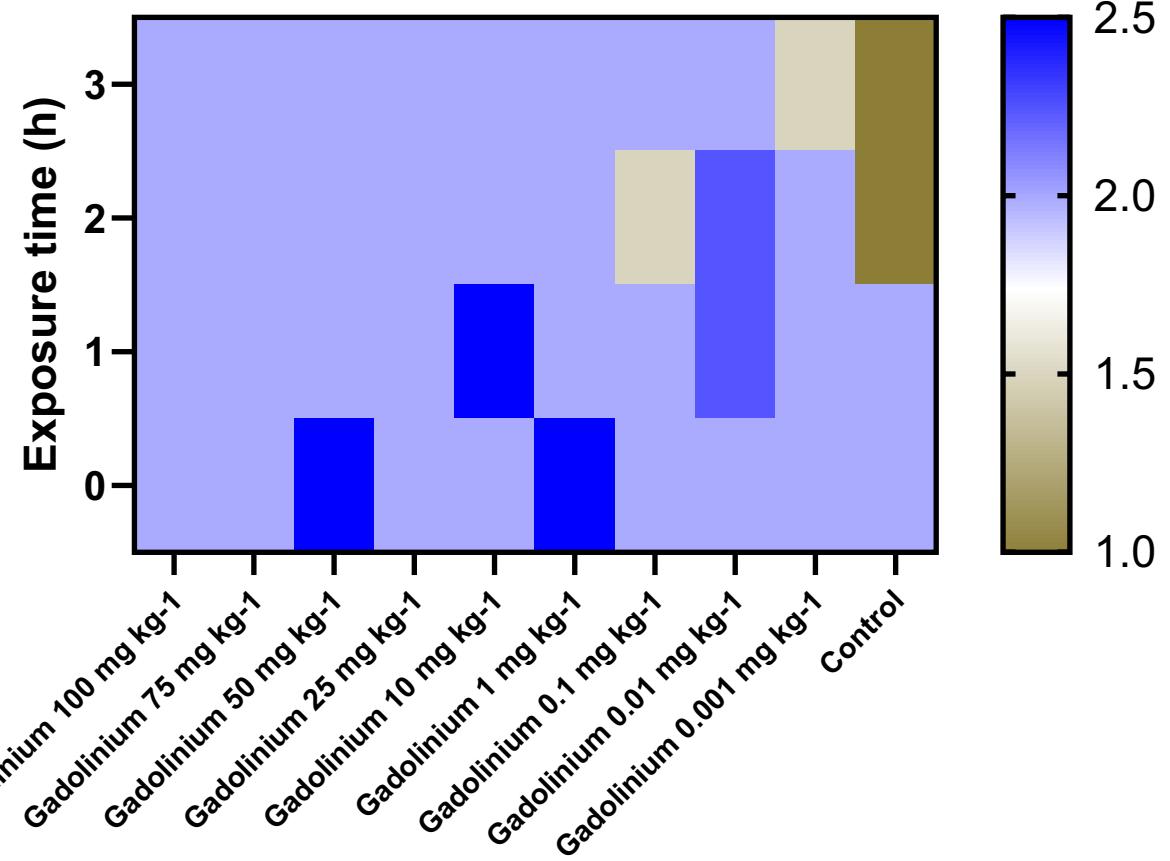
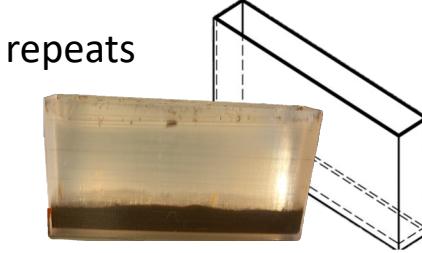
→ 50; 1; 0.01; and 0.001 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>

# Vertical



Average scoring:

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Frequency distribution:

Chi-square  $p < 0.01$

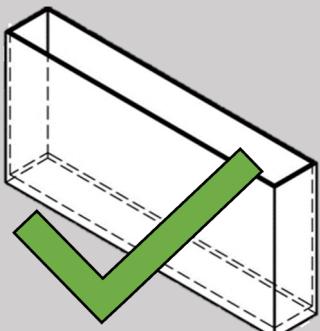


La not 10; 0.01; and 0.001  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$   
Gd not 0.001  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$

# Results

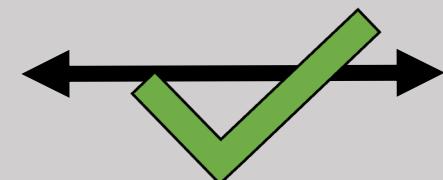
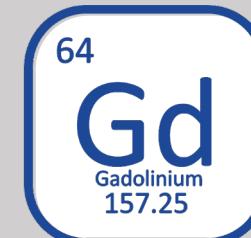
*Hypothesis 1:*

Avoidance behaviour will occur both horizontal and vertical for *D. magna*



*Hypothesis 2:*

Different avoidance behaviour for Gd and La



## Discussion and Conclusion

- Contaminated REE sediment causes avoidance in *D. magna*
- REE type and concentration impacts avoidance
- Variation REE speciation/partitioning → but complex and knowledge lacking [4]

## Discussion and Conclusion

- Daphnia can sense natural chemical signals [6] → also the case for REE?
- Avoidance more sensitive endpoint than mortality [5]
- Perceived stress → behavioural changes
- Behavioural changes → More susceptible to predators [7]
- Behavioural studies could be an issue for future risk assessment

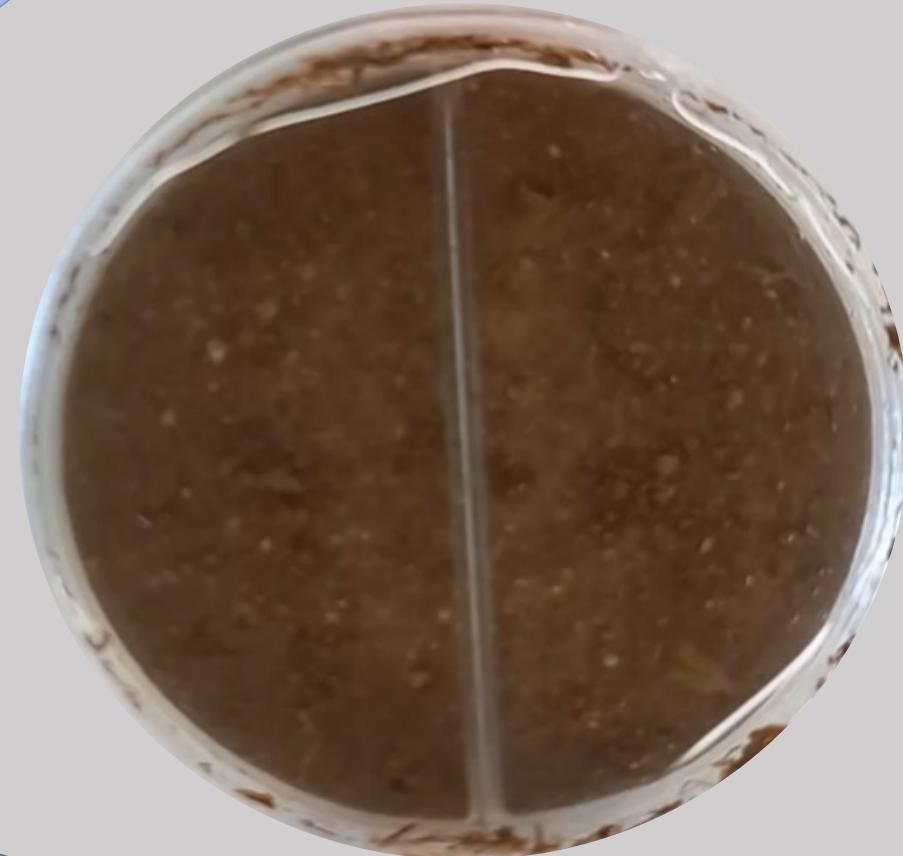
Take home message  
&  
Remaining questions



**Behaviour should be tested in various ways**  
**→ e.g., Mobility and avoidance**

**Behaviour changes can have an environmental significance**  
**→ consequence for risk assessment**  
**→ standardization**

**More need to consider benthopelagic interaction**



# THANK YOU!

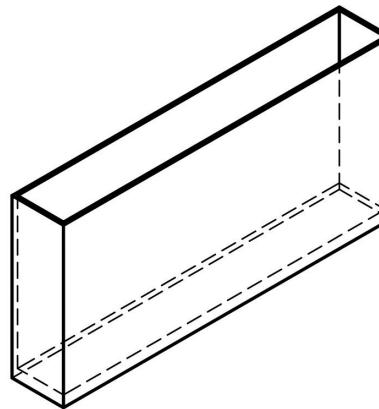
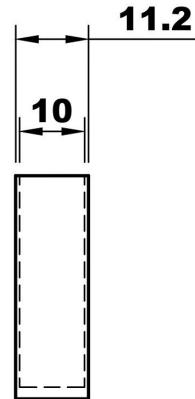
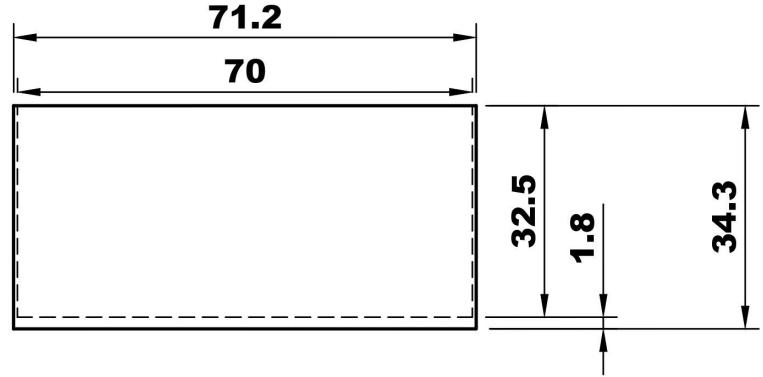
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## PETG Filament

Vertical shells:

Perimeters: 1

Horizontal shells:

Top and Bottom = 0

Infill:

100% Aligned Rectilinear

2,5% infill anchor

Speed:

Everything to 15 mm/s

Extrusion multiplier: 1,025

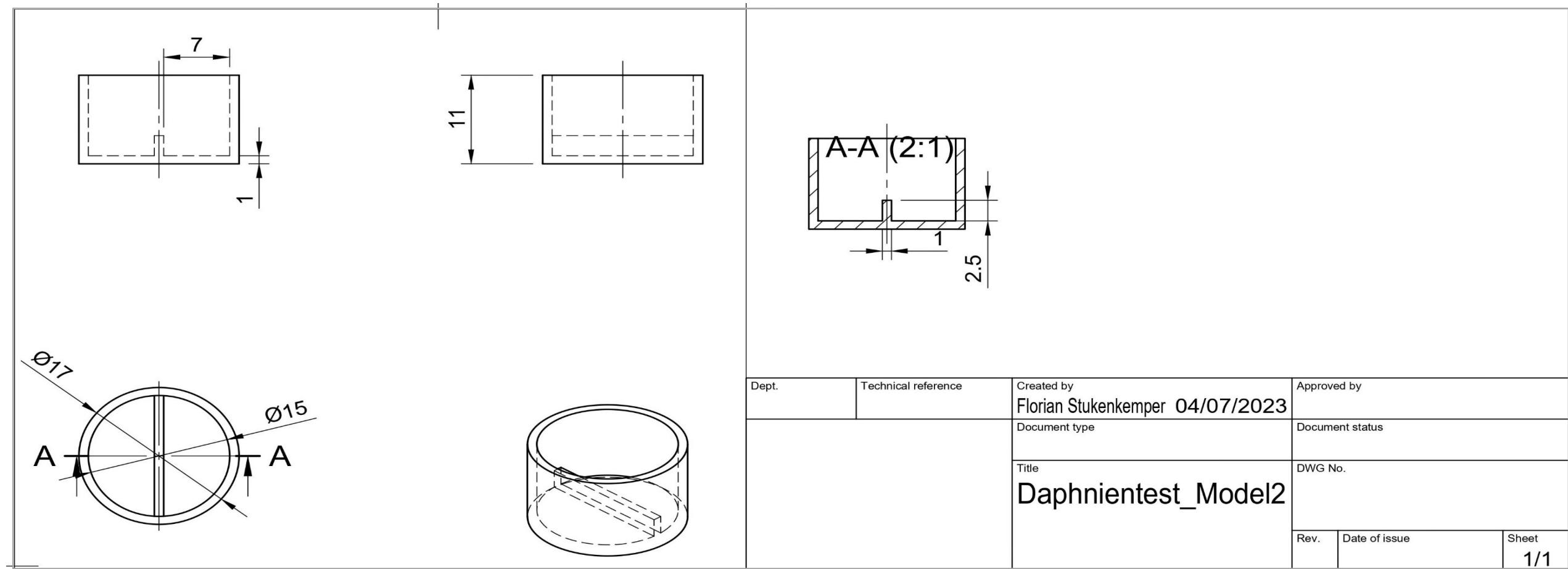
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# Chemical and physical characteristics of standard soils according to GLP

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(Mean values of different batch analyses +- standard deviation. All values refer to dry matter.)						
Standard soil type no.	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	5M	6S
Batch No. (Sp=stored; F= field fresh)						
Sampling date						
Organic carbon (% C)	0.61+- 0.05	1.77 +- 0.56	0.66 +- 0.09	1.83 - 0.25	0.88 +- 0.18	1.55 +- 0.14
Nitrogen (% N)	0.06 +- 0.02	0.20 +- 0.06	0.08 +- 0.02	0.23 +- 0.02	0.11 +- 0.03	0.18 +- 0.01
pH value (0.01 M CaCl <sub>2</sub> )	4.7+- 0.1	5.6 +- 0.3	6.2 +- 0.3	7.5 +- 0.1	7.4 +- 0.1	7.3 +- 0.1
Cation exchange capacity (meq/100g)	3.1 +- 0.4	8.5 +- 2.0	6.0 +- 0.9	17.6 +- 1.0	8.5 +- 0.25	18.7 +- 1.2
Particle size distribution (mm) according to German DIN (%):						
<0.002	3.9 +- 0.8	10.6 +- 1.9	7.4 +- 0.9	24.5 +- 1.8	11.9 +- 1.0	41.9 +- 2.7
0.002 - 0.006	1.8 +- 0.7	3.3 +- 1.1	4.8 +- 0.5	7.8 +- 0.6	5.4 +- 0.9	9.9 +- 0.8
0.006 - 0.02	3.0 +- 0.4	5.3 +- 0.5	10.9 +- 0.9	14.8 +- 1.2	9.2 +- 0.9	11.8 +- 0.9
0.02 - 0.063	5.0 +- 1.0	7.4 +- 0.9	19.4 +- 0.7	25.3 +- 2.5	21.8 +- 1.9	14.9 +- 1.1
0.063 - 0.2	29.2 +- 1.5	30.9 +- 3.4	26.2 +- 0.8	20.4 +- 1.1	37.7 +- 2.6	10.0 +- 0.8
0.2 - 0.63	54.7 +- 1.5	41.6 +- 3.0	29.0 +- 1.4	5.6 +- 1.8	12.8 +- 1.5	9.3 +- 1.3
0.63 - 2.0	2.3 +- 0.3	0.9 +- 0.1	2.4 +- 0.2	1.5 +- 0.4	1.2 +- 0.5	2.2 +- 0.4
Soil type	sand (sS)	loamy sand (IS)	silty sand (uS)	sandy loam (sL)	loamy sand (IS)	clayey loam (tL)
Particle size distribution (mm) according to USDA (%):						
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0.002 - 0.05	8.7 +- 1.1	15.0 +- 1.2	33.1 +- 0.8	42.9 +- 1.35	31.6 +- 3.2	35.1 +- 0.5
0.05 - 2.0	87.5 +- 1.3	74.4 +- 2.7	59.5 +- 0.7	32.6 +- 2.0	56.5 +- 3.3	23.0 +- 2.4
Soil type	loamy sand	sandy loam	sandy loam	loam	sandy loam	clay
Maximum water holding capacity (g/100g)	31.4 +- 2.9	43.3 +- 5.1	35.7+- 2.3	45.6 +- 2.7	41.8 +- 5.3	41.4 +- 1.5
Weight per volume (g/1000ml)	1435 +- 53	1224 +- 103	1302 +- 49	1206+- 58	1219 +- 88	1291 +- 47

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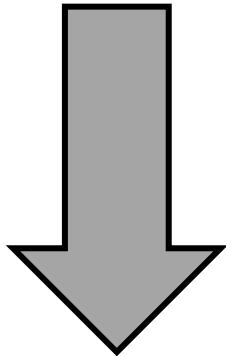
By order of:

Date, signature:

<b>mg kg<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>VDRAB Gd</b>	<b>VDRAB La</b>	<b>HDRAB Gd</b>	<b>HDRAB La</b>
<b>100</b>	<0.0001	0.0014	0.2687	0.4310
<b>75</b>	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.6180	0.1506
<b>50</b>	0.0003	0.0228	0.0116	0.0320
<b>25</b>	0.0008	0.0206	0.1682	0.1832
<b>10</b>	<0.0001	0.2300	0.1039	0.3658
<b>1</b>	<0.0001	0.0095	0.0158	0.6407
<b>0.1</b>	0.0037	0.0306	0.1199	0.0332
<b>0.01</b>	<0.0001	0.3069	0.0168	0.3425
<b>0.001</b>	0.0643	0.0791	0.0341	0.5350
<b>All concentrations</b>	<0.0001	0.0001	0.0185	0.1241

# Chronic Daphnia Test

- La and Gd biodistribution differently



But...  
Do the Daphnids  
notice?

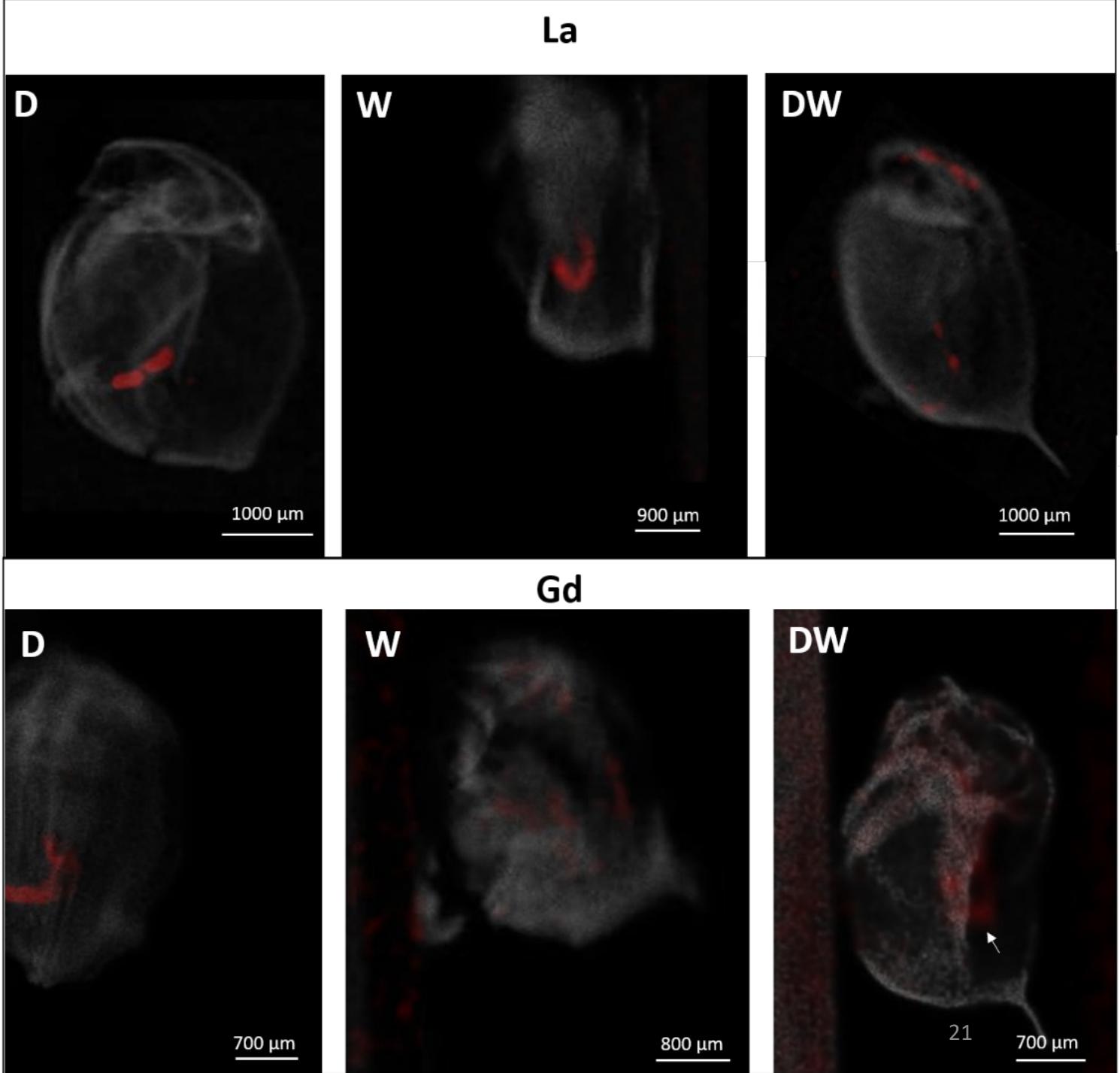


Fig.S1 Lanthanum distribution in 21-day-old *Daphnia magna* according XRF measurements.  
Grey: calcium, red: lanthanum. D: Dietary exposure, W: waterborne exposure and DW: Dietary and Waterborne exposure. (Revel et al. 2023, Submitted)

"Co-localisation of Gd with S and P suggests that Gd accumulates in the tissues, such as the gills, maxillary glands and possibly a part of the intestinal tract (ESI data S4†).(Revel et al., 2023)

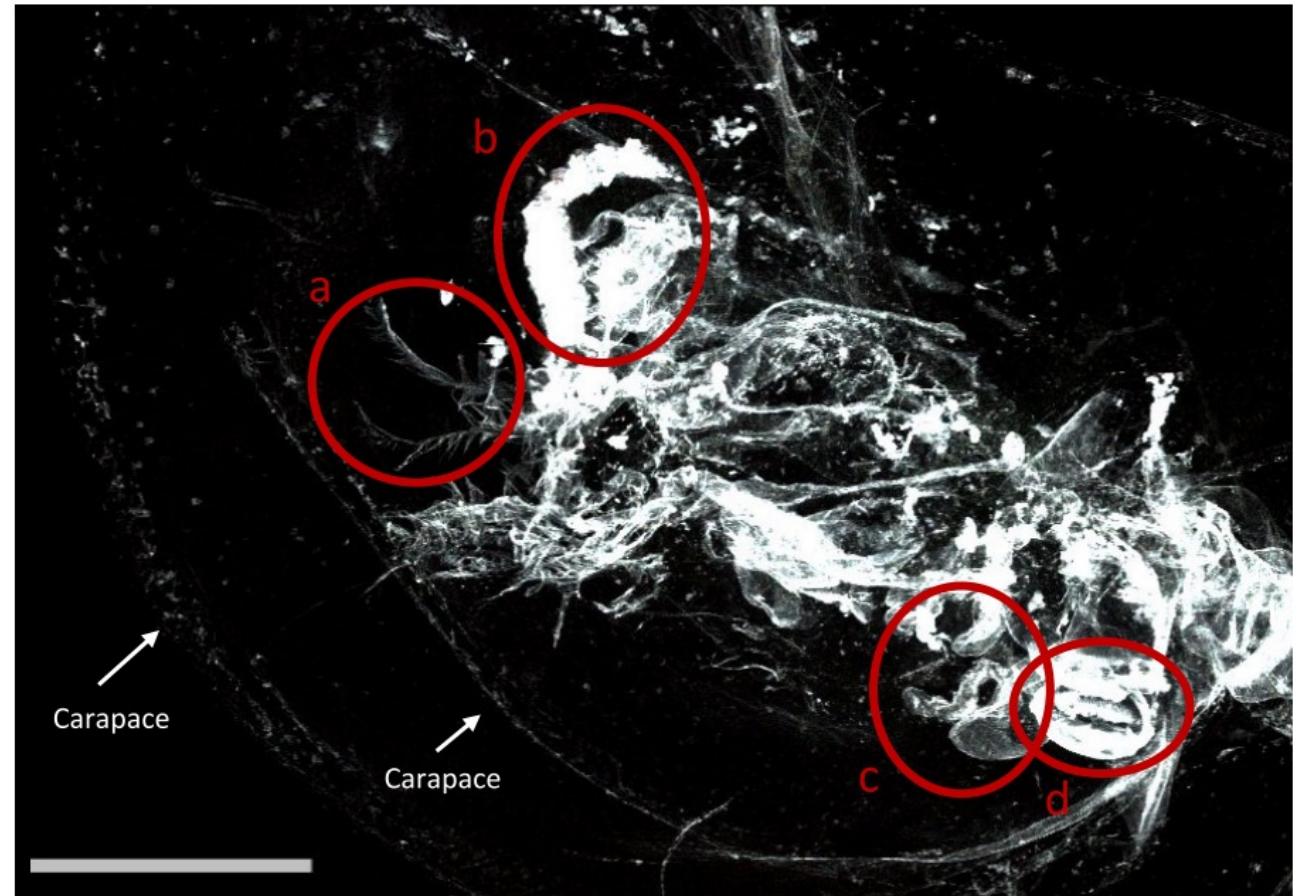


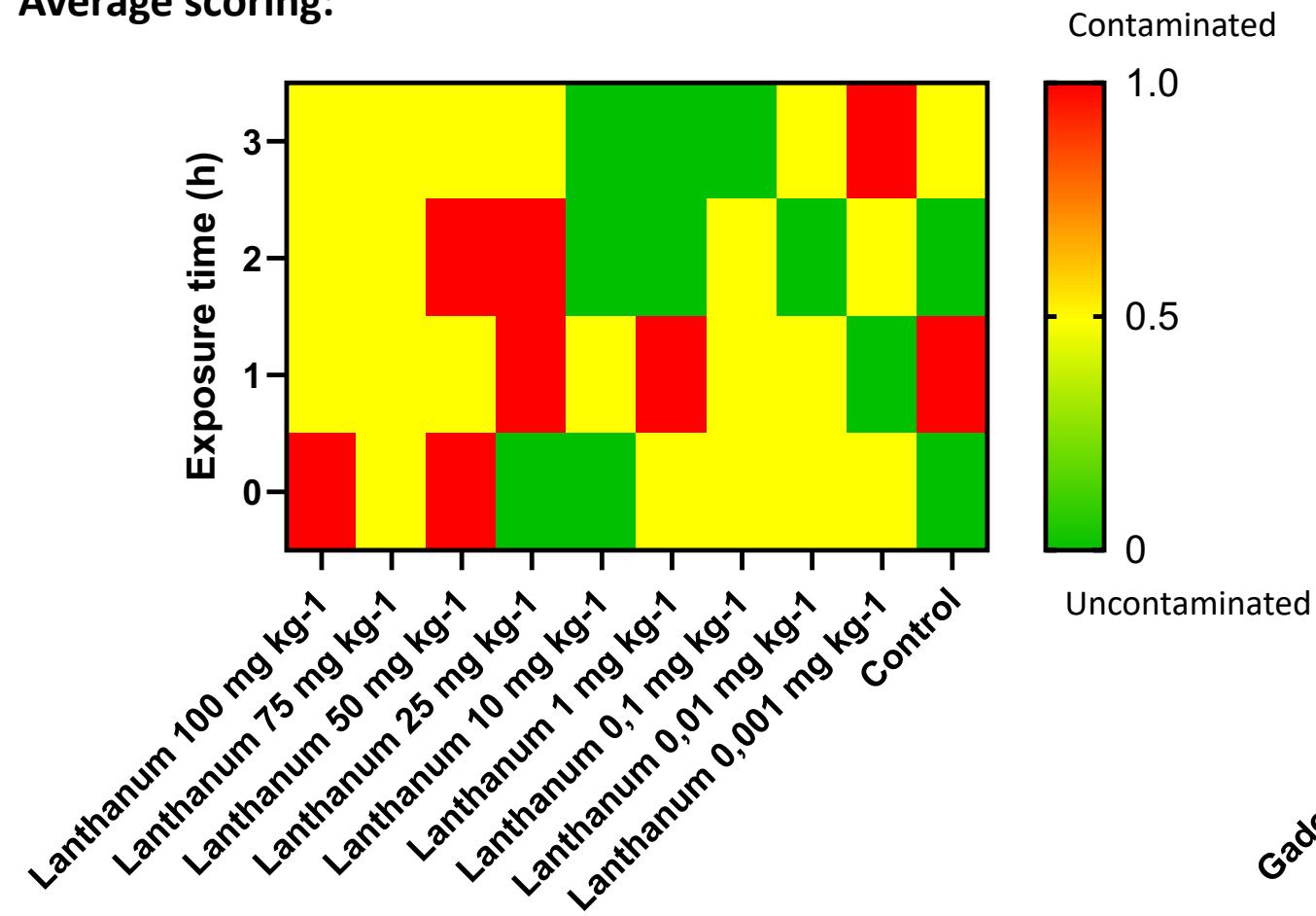
Fig.S2 Distribution of Gd in organism of figure 2e (exposed to 15mg L<sup>-1</sup> of Gd for 48h). Area 13 selected: a. Filtering setae, b. intestine, c. shell gland, d. articulation of the antenna. Scale: 200 14 µm. Beamline: NANOSCOPIUM. Incident energy of 17.02 keV, pixel size of 1 µm, 15 integration time of 20 ms. (Revel et al., 2023)

# Horizontal

3x daphnids, 5 repeats



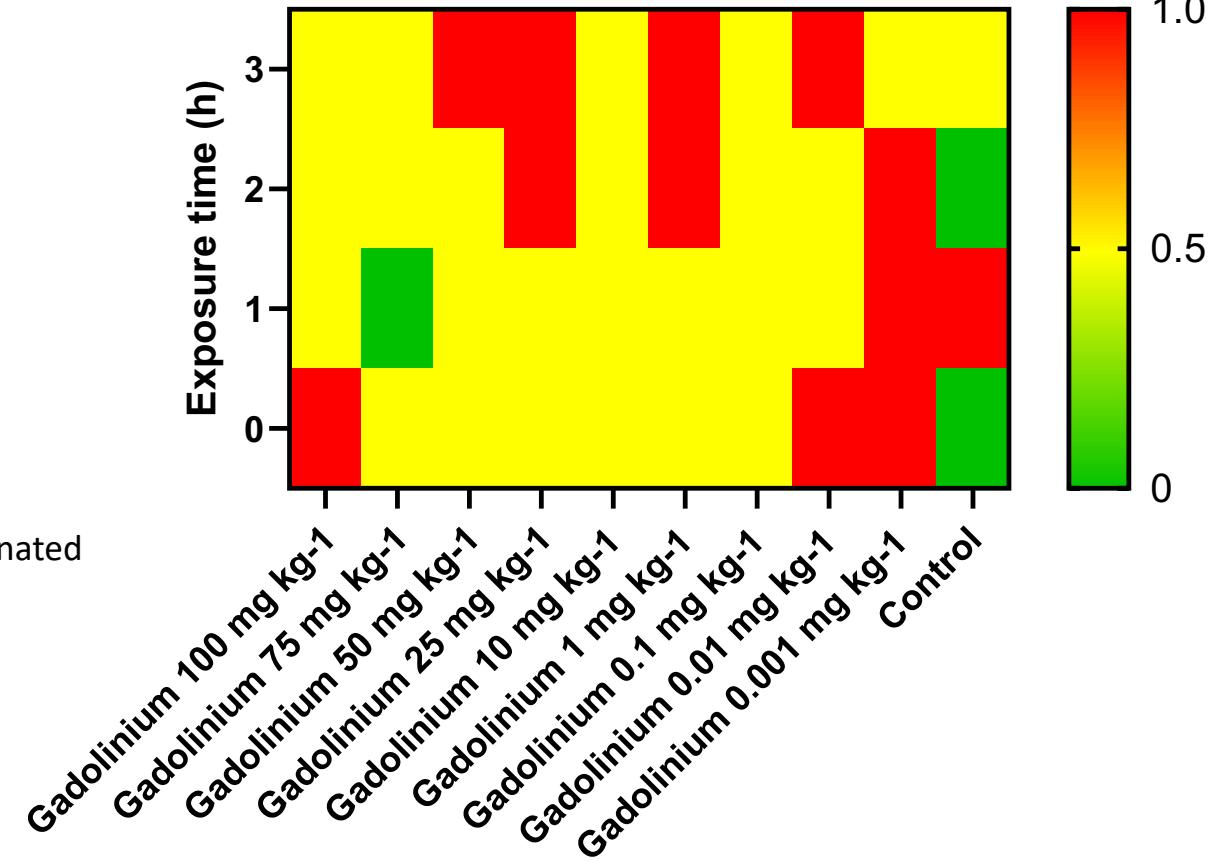
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Contaminated

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Uncontaminated



1.0  
0.5  
0

Frequency distribution:

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Gd Chi-square p < 0.05

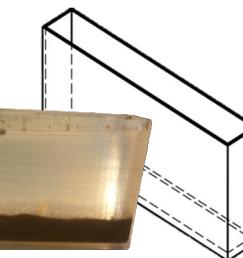


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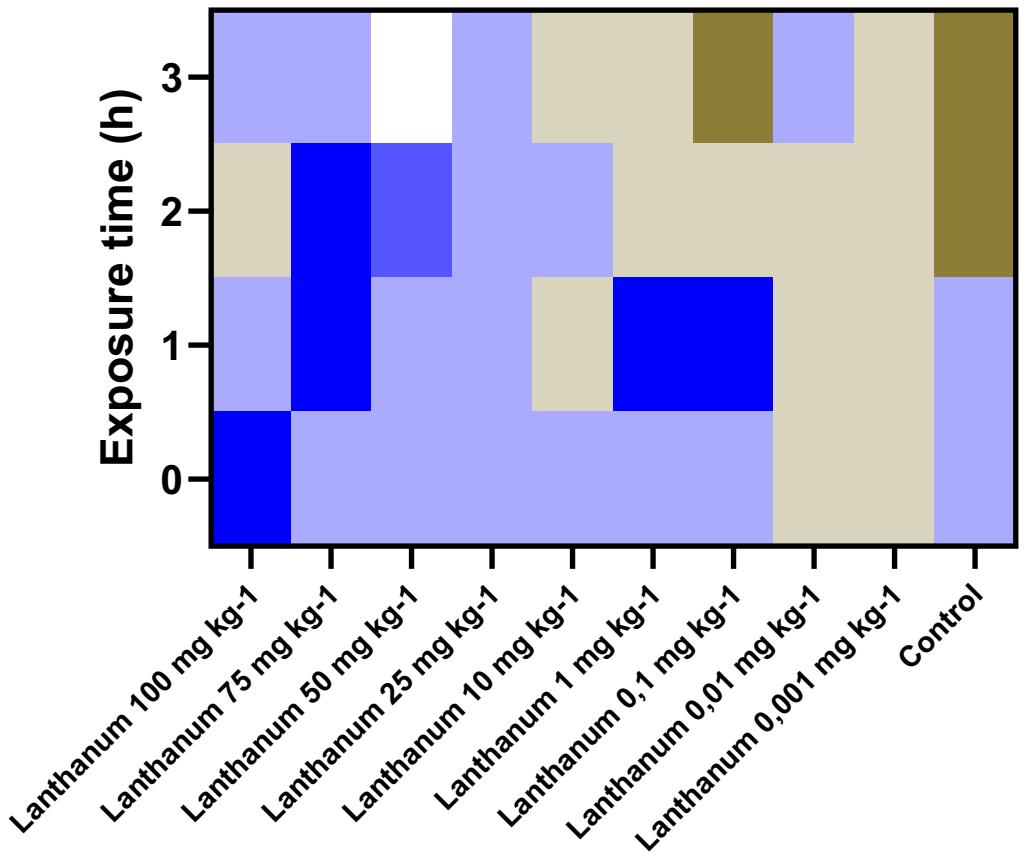
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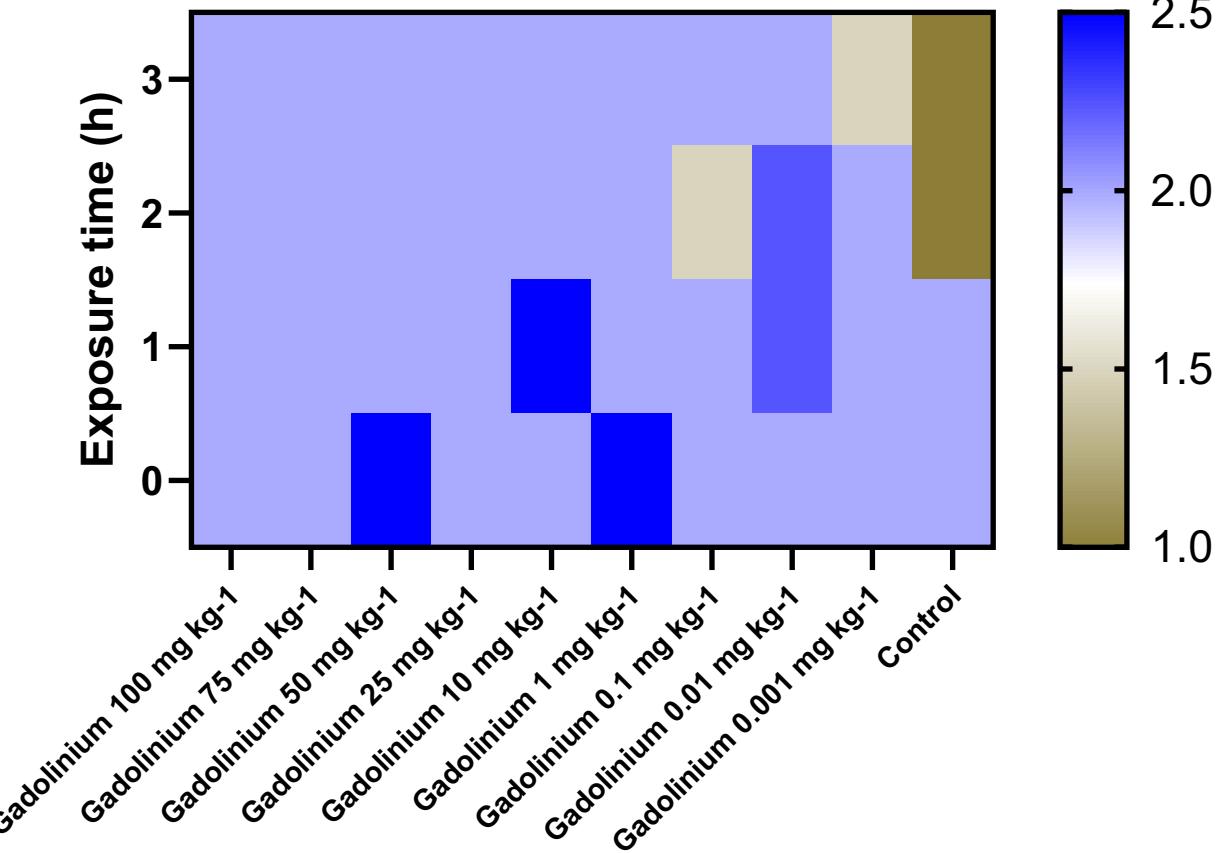
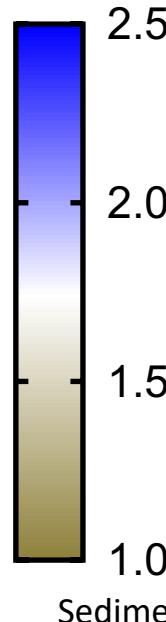
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Average scoring:



Media



Frequency distribution:

Chi-square  $p < 0.01$



La not 10; 0.01; and 0.001 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>  
Gd not 0.001 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>