

Table 1 Survival, initial and final weights, weight gain, absolute growth rate (AGR), specific growth rate (SGR), production and feed conversion ratio (FCR) of pirarucu juveniles (initial mean weights, 1550.0±85.0 g) fed at rates of 2.0% or 3.0% body weight/day in 4 m³ cages and cultured for 210 days

Parameter	Feeding rate (% of body weight/day)	
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Survival (%)	91.2±1.2	92.5±2.5
Initial weight (g)	1550.0±85.0	1550.0±85.0
Final weight (g)	6800.0±170.0	6680.0±420.0
Weight gain (g)	5250.0±155.0	5130.0±350.0
AGR (g/day)	25.0±9.4	24.4±4.9
SGR (%/day)	0.7±0.1	0.7±0.1
Production (kg/m ³)	46.8±0.7	46.0±1.2
FCR	2.8±0.1 ^a	4.3±0.1 ^b

Note: Data are means±S.D. of two replicate cages. For each row, means with different letters as superscripts are significantly different ($P<0.05$)