

Table 2 Growth performance, feed utilization and survival rate of juvenile Red tilapia *Oreochromis mossambicus* x *O. niloticus* (initial weight 0.9 g/fish) fed the experimental diets for 12 weeks. Values are mean \pm SD. Values followed by the same superscript letters in the same row are not significantly different ($P > 0.05$)

Items	Feeding rate (%)			
	1%	3%	5%	7%
IBW (g) ¹	0.9 \pm 0.01	0.9 \pm 0.01	0.9 \pm 0.01	0.9 \pm 0.01
FBW (g) ²	1.47 \pm 0.06 ^d	2.43 \pm 0.06 ^c	3.93 \pm 0.15 ^a	3.63 \pm 0.12 ^b
WG (g) ³	0.57 \pm 0.06 ^d	1.52 \pm 0.07 ^c	3.03 \pm 0.15 ^a	2.73 \pm 0.12 ^b
WG (%) ⁴	63.3 \pm 6.4 ^d	169.0 \pm 8.2 ^c	337.7 \pm 17.3 ^a	218.3 \pm 12.7 ^b
SGR (%) ⁵	0.58 \pm 0.05 ^d	1.18 \pm 0.04 ^c	1.76 \pm 0.05 ^a	1.66 \pm 0.03 ^b
FI (g) ⁶	0.81 \pm 0.03 ^d	2.99 \pm 0.02 ^c	5.23 \pm 0.30 ^b	7.50 \pm 0.28 ^a
FCR ⁷	1.43 \pm 0.15 ^a	2.00 \pm 0.10 ^c	1.73 \pm 0.06 ^b	2.73 \pm 0.15 ^d
FER ⁸	0.70 \pm 0.06 ^a	0.51 \pm 0.02 ^c	0.58 \pm 0.02 ^b	0.36 \pm 0.03 ^d
PER ⁹	2.10 \pm 0.16 ^a	1.50 \pm 0.07 ^c	1.71 \pm 0.05 ^b	1.10 \pm 0.07 ^d
Survival (%) ¹⁰	70.7 \pm 8.1 ^a	82.0 \pm 10.1 ^a	95.7 \pm 7.5 ^a	85.7 \pm 12.5 ^a

Note: ¹: IBW (g) = initial body weight (g/fish); ²: FBW (g) = final body weight (g/fish); ³: WG (g), weight gain (g/fish) = FBW (g) -IBW (g); ⁴: WG(%), weight gain % = [FBW – IBW] \times 100/ IBW); ⁵: FI (g), = amount of feed intake (g/fish); ⁶: Feed conversion ratio (FCR) = dry feed consumed/WG(g); ⁷: Feed efficiency ratio(FER)=WG/ dry feed consumed); ⁸: Protein efficiency ratio (PER)=(WG (g)/protein intake (g)); ⁹: Specific growth rate (SGR day⁻¹)= [ln final BW – ln initial BW] \times 100/days); ¹⁰: Survival % =([no. of fish at the end of the experiment/no. of fish at the beginning of the experiment] \times 100)