

Table 2 Growth parameters and nutrient utilization in *Schilbe intermedius* fingerlings fed test diets for 56 days.

Parameters	F 1	F 2	F 3	F 4	F 5	F 6
	25% CP	35% CP	40% CP	45% CP	50% CP	60% CP
In Wt.	1.65±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	1.65±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	1.62±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	1.63 ±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	1.64 ±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	1.64 ±0.00 <sup>a</sup>
Fn Wt.	2.01±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	2.47±0.05 <sup>ab</sup>	2.69±0.42 <sup>b</sup>	3.35±0.16 <sup>c</sup>	3.05±0.15 <sup>b</sup>	3.00±0.12 <sup>b</sup>
WG	0.011 ±0.26 <sup>a</sup>	20.72±1.40 <sup>b</sup>	18.36±7.94 <sup>b</sup>	62.02±3.50 <sup>c</sup>	58.91±7.84 <sup>c</sup>	52.12±4.28 <sup>c</sup>
SGR	0.35±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.72 ±0.04 <sup>ab</sup>	0.85±0.27 <sup>b</sup>	1.28±0.08 <sup>c</sup>	1.10±0.09 <sup>b</sup>	1.07±0.08 <sup>b</sup>
FI	1.46±0.22 <sup>a</sup>	1.46±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	2.72±1.23 <sup>a</sup>	1.68±0.06 <sup>a</sup>	1.61±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	1.66±0.06 <sup>a</sup>
PI	0.36±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.51±0.02 <sup>ab</sup>	1.09±0.49 <sup>b</sup>	0.75±0.02 <sup>ab</sup>	0.80±0.01 <sup>ab</sup>	0.99±0.03 <sup>b</sup>
FCR	4.14±0.42 <sup>d</sup>	1.76±0.05 <sup>b</sup>	2.48±0.17 <sup>c</sup>	1.00±0.14 <sup>a</sup>	1.17±0.15 <sup>b</sup>	1.23±0.09 <sup>b</sup>
PER	0.98±0.12 <sup>a</sup>	1.61±0.04 <sup>b</sup>	1.01±0.07 <sup>a</sup>	2.29±0.28 <sup>c</sup>	1.75±0.20 <sup>b</sup>	1.36±0.09 <sup>ab</sup>
SR	39.16±8.33 <sup>a</sup>	54.16±2.20 <sup>acd</sup>	18.33±8.81 <sup>b</sup>	50.83±4.16 <sup>ad</sup>	68.33±3.00 <sup>c</sup>	65.00±1.44 <sup>cd</sup>

Note: Values represent mean and standard deviation. In each line, different superscripted letters indicate significant differences between treatments ( $p < 0.05$ ); In wt: initial weight (g); Fn wt: final weight (g); WG: percent weight gain (%); SGR: specific growth rate (% day<sup>-1</sup>); FI: feed intake (g fish<sup>-1</sup> 56 days<sup>-1</sup>); PI: Protein intake (g fish<sup>-1</sup> 56 days<sup>-1</sup>); FCR: feed conversion ratio; PER: protein efficiency ratio; PPV: protein productive value; SR: survival (%); \* Values are means of triplicate groups±S.E.M. Within a row, means with the same letters are not significantly different ( $P > 0.05$ ).