

Table 2 Growth performance of *M. affinis* in submersible cages (SC) and floating cages (FC) for 45 days (mean \pm standard deviation)

| Parameters | FC | SC |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Mean initial body weight (g) | 2.383 \pm 0.400 | 2.350 \pm 0.636 |
| Mean final body weight (g) | 3.275 \pm 0.389 | 4.230 \pm 0.806 |
| Total weight gain (%) | 0.884 \pm 0.011 | 1.880 \pm 0.170 |
| Mean daily growth rate (g/day) | 0.020 \pm 0.001 | 0.042 \pm 0.004 |
| Feed conversion rate (FCR) | 2.476 \pm 0.487 | 1.462 \pm 0.350 |
| Relative growth rate (%) | 38.008 \pm 6.858 | 82.031 \pm 14.993 |
| Shrimp survival (%) | 76 \pm 5.659 | 92 \pm 5.657 |