

Supplemental information for “Smallmouth bass gonadal development in the absence and presence of EE2”

**Table S1. Monitored ion transitions (m/z) for LC-MS ethinylestradiol quantification (Experiment 2)**

<b>Compound</b>	<b>Precursor Ion (m/z)</b>	<b>Product Ion(s) (m/z)<sup>a</sup></b>
EE2	279.2	<b>133.0</b> , 159.2
EE2-d4	283.3	<b>155.1</b>
E2- <sup>13</sup> C	261.2	<b>159.1</b>

<sup>a</sup>Quantifier ion in bold

**Table S2. Experiment 1 analytical chemistry results (ELISA)**

Nominal exposure concentrations are based on mean measured stock solution concentration and dilution pump speeds.

<b>Sample type</b>	<b>Mean, ng/L</b>	<b>Std. dev</b>	<b>Nominal, ng/L</b>
Control water (LSW)	<1.0		0.0
LSW matrix blank	<1.0		0.0
Low EE2 exposure	1.2	0.7	2.0
Low EE2 matrix spike	1.8	1.0	2.1
High EE2 exposure	5.1	2.0	10.0
High EE2 matrix spike	9.5	3.9	10.3
EE2 stock solution	3698	951	3860

**Table S3. Experiment 2 analytical chemistry results (LC-MS)**

Nominal exposure concentrations are based on mean measured stock solution concentration and dilution pump speeds.

<b>Sample type</b>	<b>Mean, ng/L</b>	<b>Std. dev</b>	<b>Nominal, ng/L</b>
Control water (LSW)	< 0.3		0
LSW matrix blank	< 0.3		0
0.1 ng/L EE2 exposure	Not measured		0.1
0.3 ng/L EE2 exposure	Not measured		0.4
1 ng/L EE2 exposure	1.03	0.18	1.1
1 ng/L EE2 matrix spikes	1.28	0.22	1.1
3 ng/L EE2 exposure	3.01	0.78	3.3
3 ng/L EE2 matrix spikes	3.65	0.80	3.0
EE2 stock solution	1088	49	1008

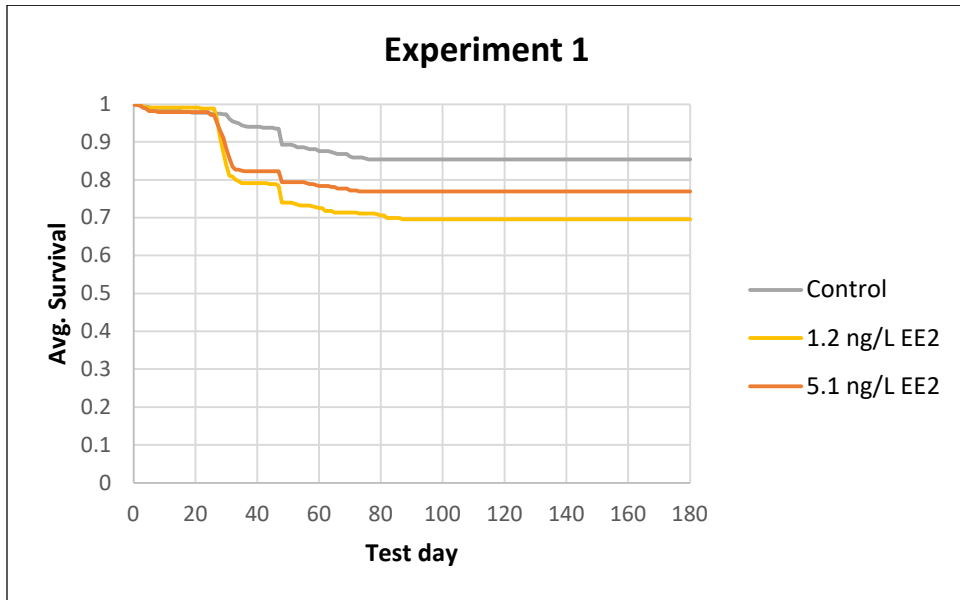
**Table S4. Timeline of gonadal characteristics and germ cell types observed in smallmouth bass fry reared for 180 days in the absence and presence of EE2 (1.2 ng/L measured) during Experiment 1.**

Test day	CONTROL			EE2-EXPOSED (first 90 days)
	Undifferentiated	Ovaries/oogenesis	Testes/spermatogenesis	
24	Small gonads; few germ cells; small somatic projections ( <i>n</i> = 6 of 12)	Undifferentiated characteristics	Undifferentiated characteristics	Ovarian and undifferentiated characteristics similar to control groups; no testicular characteristics
32	Slightly ↑ gonad size, blood vessel size, and germ cell <i>n</i>	Somatic projections form ovarian cavity; ↑ germ cell <i>n</i>		
40		Clusters of meiotic germ cells		
49		Few chromatin nuclear oocytes (CN)		
63		CN oocytes predominant; folliculogenesis		
74		Early and late stage perinucleolar (PN) oocytes		
92	No undifferentiated gonads	Late stage PN oocytes predominant; balbiani bodies	Small spermatic tubules	Abnormal characteristics ( <i>n</i> = 26 of 68): small ovary size, few oocytes, fibrosis
120		Vacuolated perinuclear stage; ↑ PN oocyte size	Pre-meiotic germ cells, spermatogenesis	
151		↑ PN oocyte and ovary size	Cysts in multiple stages of spermatogenesis	
165			Mature spermatozoa in tubules (low number)	
180			Intersex ( <i>n</i> = 1 of 12)	

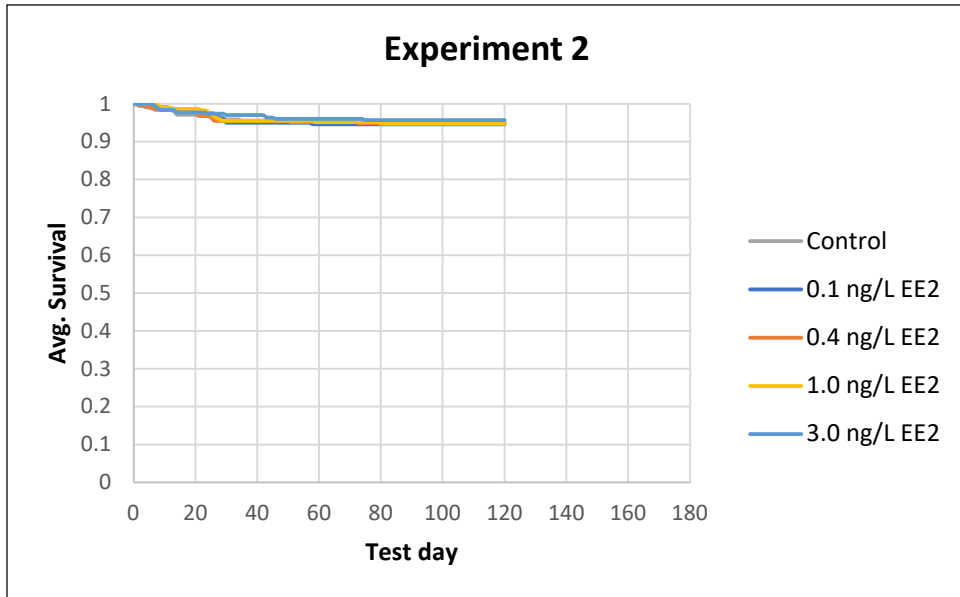
**Figure S1. Survival**

Average cumulative survival, among replicate exposure chambers of each treatment group in Experiment 1 (A) and Experiment 2 (B)

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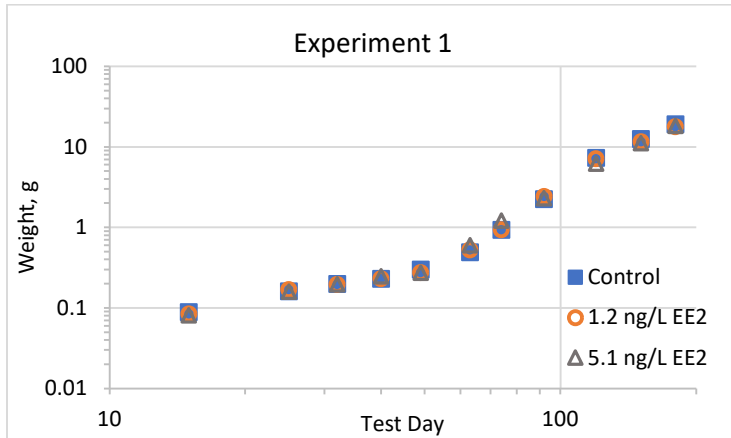
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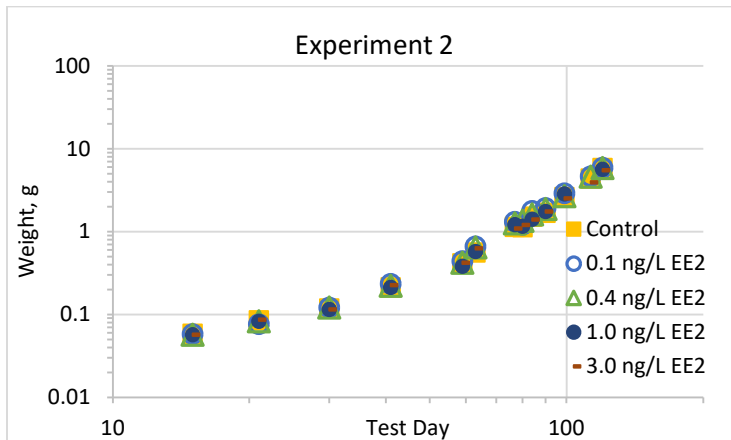
### Figure S2. Growth

Average wet weight among replicate exposure chambers of each treatment group in Experiment 1 (A) and Experiment 2 (B), and average (range) wet weight among all treatments in Experiment 1 and 2 (C)

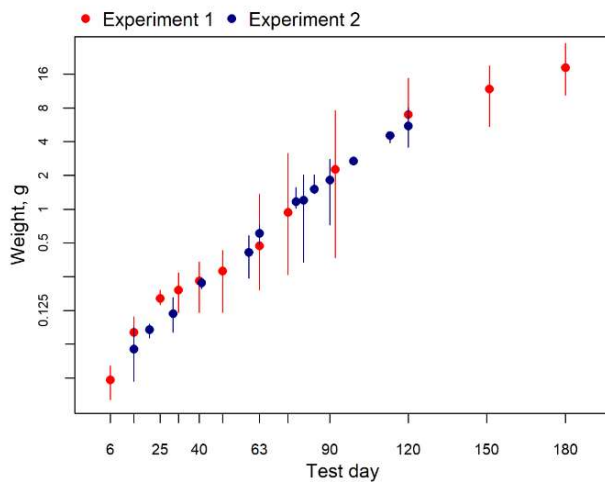
A.



B.



C.



**Figure S3.** Transverse section of smallmouth bass abdomen collected on test day 32 of **Experiment 1**. Section shows typical position of early stage gonads (g) in relation to the peritoneal wall (pw), swim bladder (sb), liver (lv), and stomach (s). Image is oriented with dorsal side on top.

