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Title of Thesis: Impact of Indigenous, Genetically Modified Host Plants and

Oviposition Behaviour on Certain Biological Aspects of

Schistocerca gregaira (Forskal).

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ABSTRACT

Experimental studies were carried out under laboratory conditions (30±5° C and 60±10% R.H.) to investigate the effect of some local host plants such as field crops (*T. aestivum*, *Z. maize* and *T. trifolium*), vegetable crops (*E. sativa*, *P. sativum*, *R. sativus* and *A. porrum*), medicinal and aromatic plants (*O. basilicum*, *R. communis*, *P. oleracea* and *C. rotundus*) as well as natural and transgenic (corn and tobacco) plants on some biological aspects of the desert locust, *S. gregaria* (Forsk.). Effect of soil types on oviposition behaviour was performed in comparative bioassays.

The results indicate that feeding on wheat or corn increased the rates of food consumption (19626. and 26671. mg) and it was prolonged survival of nymphal stage (37.9and 39.7days), and the pre-oviposition period (28.8 and 29 days, respectively). Significant prolongations of adult longevity (48.3 and 49.8 days, respectively) were recorded. In contrast, a high reduction occurred in the fecundity (173.4 and 157.4 eggs) and hatchability (86. and 85%), respectively.

Concerning the vegetable crops, application of leek and radish increased the consumed food rates (14806 and 18076 mg), while it was decreased fecundity (166. and 175 eggs), and prolonged life span period (65 and 73 days), respectively, great decrease in hatchability (72 and 74 %) and mortality % of nymphal and adult stages (24 and 36%), respectively were recorded. Feeding on parsley and rocket curtailed survival period of nymphal stage (32 and 33 days), these two vegetables shortened the egg laying period (18 and 18 days) and adults longevity (39 and 39 days), respectively compared to clover as a control (41.5 days).

Feeding on castor beans, sweat basil, verdolaga and coco-grass increased the consumed food rates (18841, 19015, 28940 and 15684 mg) causing weight loss, with high reduction in fecundity (226, 151, 155 and 171 eggs) of females, respectively. In all experiments, the medicinal plants increased the food consumption rates, nymphal body weight causing high significant reduction in fecundity. While, they were prolonged adult longevity 97.3, 67.9, 55.0 and 43.5 days, respectively.

In general, all of the treated nymphs with either natural or transgenic tobacco plants died before moulting to the next instar. Both natural and transgenic corn plants increased duration period, food consumption and mortality percentage but reduced the body weight of treated locust.

Concerning soil preference, calcareous soil had the least mean number of egg / pod (51 eggs), longest incubation period (14 days), shortest holes depth (4 cm) and least hatchability (79 %). The medium number of eggs / pod (53), incubation period (14 days), holes depth (4.6 cm) and hatchability (85 %) in the clay soil. The longest holes depth (5 cm) and hatchability (90 %) in the sandy soil.

Key words: Indigenous - *Schistocerca gregaria* – oviposition – investigate – transgenic - fecundity.

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on the Activity and Reproduction of Certain

Cotton Pests Natural Enemies

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ABSTRACT

Laboratory bioassay were carried out to evaluate the toxicity of the bioinsecticide, Tracer 24% SC and the chitin synthesis inhibitor, Nomolt 15% SC. Direct and indirect toxicity affects on the green lacewing, Chrysoperla carnea larvae and the ladybird, Coccinella undecimpunctata larvae, the egg parasitoid Trichogramma evanescens and the larval parasitoid Bracon brevicornis. The two predators were investigated after feeding on treated egg masses, 2nd and 3rd larvae instars of the cotton leafworm, Spodoptera littoralis (Boisd.). Results indicated a dose response relationship in which the mortality increased with high concentrations especially the early larval stages. The LC₅₀ effects on treated larvae were with significantly different deformations. Higher toxic effects on treated 2nd larval instars of the cotton leafworm with Tracer was observed using contact method rather than dipped method. In general, treatments either by Tracer or Nomolt prolonged larval duration, reduced pupal period and weight that caused a reduction in adult longevity. Pupal duration and adult longevity were decreased and average numbers of hatched deposited eggs/female were reduced significantly. High reduction in pupation and adult's emergence resulted from treated larvae. No effects were observed on 2nd larval instars of the two predators. Other effects on the egg parasitoid Trichogramma evanescens adults, immature stages and adults emergence after treated the Ephestia kuehniella eggs by Tracer and Nomolt with spray method for 1st, 4th and 7th days of parasitism. While for the larval parasitoid Bracon brevicornis by treated after 1st, 3rd and 5th days of parasitism for indirect toxicity effects on the adults, immature stages and adults emergence after treated the 2nd larval instars of Spodoptera littoralis by Tracer and Nomolt with contact method that were under laboratory conditions.

Key words: Chrysoperla carnea, Coccinella undecimpunctata, Trichogramma evanescens, Bracon brevicornis, pesticides, tolerance, toxicity, cotton pests.

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ABSTRACT

This work was carried out at the "Insect Virology Unit", Department of Economic Entomology and Pesticides, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Giza, Egypt, throughout the period extended from 2006 to 2010. The aim of the study was the laboratory and field evaluations of plant-derived material containing natural antioxidants as UV- protective additives to SpliNPV against natural sun light. The study focuses on testing inexpensive, local and natural products to be used as standard additives to SpliNPV virus product, in order to sustain effectiveness of virus biocontrol agents, the tested additive materials were used at the laboratory evaluation as a plant extracts at 1 % concentration. Twenty plant-derived products were compared in three successive Phases, Phase "One" where materials were tested in groups that could be arranged in descending order as follows: Group A: cacao, carob pods, green tea, sage and vanilla pods. Group B: green coffee, lemon grass, wheat, doum palm, and coriander leaves. Group C: red cabbage, green cabbage, parsley, rucola and coriander seeds. And Group D: grape vine, grape seed, pomegranate, garlic, and onion. Phase "Two" where the best two additives of each group (i.e., 8 additives, beside green tea as a comparative additive known from literature as a superior protective material), were pooled out and further investigated, with a maximum exposure test period to UV irradiation. The results determined the nine tested additives arranged in a descending following order of efficiency: cacao, red cabbage, green cabbage, coffee, grape vine, carob tea, green tea, lemon grass, and grape seeds. These additives retained 58.30, 30.98, 50.34, 49.99, 28.46, 43.22, 45.35, 28.66, and 50.36 OAR% (10hr), respectively

and 821.44, 711.16, 686.05, 594.42, 590.83, 530.02, 505.45, 449.38 and 439.32 LIT₅₀ values (min), respectively (14.40 OAR% (10hr) and 222.14 LIT₅₀ value (min) for the virus alone treatment). In Phase "Three", the best four additives resulted from Phase "Two" were further investigated under natural field sunny conditions, and evaluated at 5and 10% concentrations. At 5% concentration: The tested additives were in the following order of efficiency: cacao, red cabbage, green cabbage and green coffee; giving 83.34, 49.78, 53.57 and 44.96 LIT₅₀ values (hr), respectively (7.69 LIT₅₀ value (hr) for the virus alone treatment). At 10% concentration: cacao was again the best protective additive followed by green coffee, red cabbage and green cabbage; giving 113.11, 58.40, 59.22 and 51.91 LIT₅₀ values (hr), respectively. (7.69 LIT₅₀ value (hr) for the virus alone treatment).

In conclusion, cacao gave the maximum protection rate for the NPV at 1%, 5% and 10% concentrations as evident in both laboratory and field evaluations. The other three top additives (green coffee, red cabbage and green cabbage) were promising in the laboratory but not so long in the field as cacao.

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Title of Thesis: Effects of four entomopathogenic fungi isolates on

larvae of the sugar beet worm, Spodoptera exigua

(Hübner) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to clear the difference in virulence among four fungi isolates. (Two isolates of *Metarhizium anisopliae*, M1 & M2, and another two isolates of *Beauveria bassiana*, B1 & B2 were isolated from soil and dead insects.

The most important results could be summarized as follows:

Variation in quantity of spores produced was studied on different solid media; grains media, rice, wheat, maize and soybean produced conidia and Czapek Dox Agar medium with small glass balls, (CzDA+b.) and CZA medium as the control for comparison.

Temperature of 25°C was found optimum. It gave maximum production of spores for all isolates. M1 produced the highest amount of conidia (11.2×10^9 spore / plate) on (CzDA+b.) ,M2 gave 10.09×10^9 spore / plate on the same medium, B1 produced 1.92×10^9 spore / plate and B2 gave 2.02×10^9 spore / plate.

The isolate M1(M. anisopliae) was the most effective against S. $exigua\ 3^{rd}$ instar larvae. M1 at high concentration $(1.0x10^9)$ achieved 87.0 % mortality within 5.6 ± 1.9 days. The highest effective toxin was produced by M. anisopliae (M1) inducing mortality percentage of 92.15%.

The maximum activity of enzymes was recorded in M1; chitinolytic activity (0.597 μ g NAGA/min./ml). In case of protease, M1 recorded the greatest activity (1017.0 O.D. unit x 10^3 / hr./ml). The same trend in the activity pattern was obtained for lipase (42.980 U/ml).

Complete extraction of destruxins from the crude toxins of *M. anisopliae* isolates showed that M1 contained the molecular weights of destruxins A,B and D, M2 contained the molecular weights of dex. D, B and cytochalasin A.

Key words: *Metarhizium anisopliae*, *Beauveria bassiana*, Isolation, Selective media, Enzymes activity, Destruxins, *Spodoptera exigua*

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عنوان الرسالة باللغة العربية : دراسات المقارنة البيولوجية بين المفترسات

Chrysoperla carnea Stephens (Neuroptera: Chrysopidae); Orius albidipennis Reuter (Hemiptera: Anthocoridae) and Adalia bipunctata Linnaeus (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae)

عنوان الرسالة باللغة الأجنبية : COMPARATIVE BIOLOGICAL STUDIES

ON Chrysoperla carnea Stephens (Neuroptera: Chrysopidae); Orius albidipennis Reuter (Hemiptera: Anthocoridae) AND Adalia bipunctata Linnaeus (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae)

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أجريت الدراسات المعملية لبحث توابع التغنية والقدرة الافتراسية لثلاث أنواع من المفترسات Chrysoperla المرباة على Crius albidipennis و Orius albidipennis و Orius albidipennis و Orius albidipennis و Orius albidipennis محلل التطور والنمو ونسبة الموت والقدرة الافتراسية Aphis craccivora nymphs Anagasta تحلال فترة الأطوار غير البالغة والأطوار البالغة وقد أظهرت التغذية على بيض An.kuehniella حدوث تطور أسرع و نسبة موت أقل مقارنة بالتغذية على محدوث المدرات المنترسات قيد البحث فقد وجد ريادة القدرات الإنتاجية عند تغذيتها على بيض الفرائس البديلة An. kuehniella eggs. وفي تجربة نصف حقلية على زراعات الخيار أظهرت نتائجها أن المفترسات الله الثلاث أمكنها أن تحقق درجة من السيطرة على المن. وكان Ch. carnea هو الأكثر تكيف مع بيئة الصوبة

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Anagasta kuehniella eggs and Aphis craccivora nymphs were used as preys for the predators Chrysoperla carnea, Adalia bipunctata and Orius albidipennis. Feeding capacity and feeding competition of the three predators were estimated Obtained results showed that the type of prey can strongly influence the rate of development, mortality and the predation capacity of the three predators. An. kuheniella eggs induced a faster development and less mortality compared to A. craccivora. A semi-field experiment was conducted on cucumber plantations.

(Key Words: predators, preys, biology, predation capacity, *Chrysoperla carnea*, *Adalia bipunctata*, *Orius albidipennis*)

٦ - أهم النتائج التطبيقية التي تم التوصل إليها:

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عنوان الرسالة باللغة العربية : أثر منظمات النمو الحشرية مجتمعة مع معاملات فيروس البوليهيدروسيز النووي ضد حشرة Spodoptera littoralis

EFFECT OF INSECT GROWTH: عنوان الرسالة باللغة الأجنبية REGULATORS COMBINED WITH NUCLEAR POLYHEDROSIS VIRUS TREATMENTS AGAINST Spodoptera littoralis

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٥ - مستخلص الرسالة (Abstract) - مستخلص الرسالة (Abstract) - ١ - ١ باللغة العربية : بشرط ألا يزيد عن ٧ أسطر

تم إضافة خمسة مركبات من منظمات النمو الحشرية لزيادة حساسية دودة ورق القطن S. littoralis للإصابه بفيروس النيكلوبوليهيدروسز القطن S. littoralis للإصابه بفيروس النيكلوبوليهيدروسز المعزول منها. أحدث الخليط خفض لقيم LC_{50} و LC_{50} للفيروس ولفترة العمر اليرقي حدث خفض في نسبة التعذير وخروج الحشرات الكاملة عند المعامله باليرقي حدث خفض مي نسبة التعذير وخروج الحشرات الكاملة وجود تشوه في العذارى و الفراشات في معاملات الخليط .أحدث الخليط خلل في نشاط الإنزيمات، أدي إضافة Flufenxuron إلي ظهور فجوات وانفصال للخلايا العمادية وتهتك للوي تشريح المعى الأوسط PM

الكلمات الداله: منظمات النمو الحشرية، النيكلوبوليهيدروسز فيروس، دودة ورق الكلمات القطن، الصفات البيولوجية، النشاط الإنزيمي.

٥ - ٢ باللغة الأجنبية: بشرط ألا يزيد عن ٧ أسطر

Five IGR's were tested to increase the susceptibility of S. *littoralis* to its homologous nucleopolyhedrovirus (SpliMNPV). Mixture reduced the LC₅₀ and LT₅₀ and appears malformation. Flufenoxuron or Triflumuron values of SpliMNPV slightly prolongated larval duration and reduced the pupation and adult emergence compared to the control. Addition of Flufenxuron caused disturbance in activity of enzematic system, also, destroyed the PM, vaculation and exfoliation of the columnar cells.

Key words:-Insect growth regulators (IGR's), Nucleopolyhedrovirus (NPV), *Spodoptera littoralis*, biological aspects, enzymatic activity

٦ - أهم النتائج التطبيقية التي تم التوصل إليها:

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- 7 1 تأكيد حدوث تأثير منشط لدرجة الإصابة بالفيروس عند خلطة بمنظمات النمو LC_{50} لدرجة LC_{50} مستوي LC_{50} مستوي الخشرية حيث انخفض مستوي LC_{50}
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 أغلب النواحي البيولوجية.
- 7 ٣ ادي اضافة Flufenoxuron إلي تهتك في الغشاء حول البلعة الغذائية (PM) مما سهل ذلك من اختراق الفيروس للخلايا الطلائية واحداث وضرر لحق بكل اجهزة الحشرة.
- 7 ٤ ادي اضافة Flufenoxuron إلي حدوث خلل في نشاط انزيمات محللات الجليكوسيدات بالإضافة إلى حدوث خفض في انزيم البروتيز.

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٧ - ١ جهات البحث العلمي المهتمه بهذا المجال.

نظرا لان استخدام الفيروس في مكافحة الأفات يعتبر من الطرق الأمنة فإن المحافظة على فاعليته ونشاط هذا biocontrolagiant (عامل المكافحة الحيوي) يعتبر ذات أهمية قصوي لتعظيم الإستفادة منه وحيث ان إضافة IGR's قد أكدت حدوث تأثير منشط للإصابة بفيرس عند خلطه به.بمعني ان تستفيد جهات البحثيه في تجريب IGR مع مسببات مرضية أخري.

٧ - 2 القطاع الخاص و الشركات المهتمة بإنتاج المبيدات الحيويه.

لما أكدة البحث من حدوث تأثير منشط للإصابه بفيرس عند خلطه بمنظمات النمو الحشرية فمن ثم يمكن إضافة هذه المركبات إلي المنتج الفيرس وذلك عند إنتاج المبيدات الحيوية (الميكروبيه).

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to evaluate the efficiency of the predator, Cryptolaemus montrouzieri Mulsant in the open field and laboratory. All biological studies have been conducted in "Mass Rearing Unit" Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University under optimum temperature of 27± 2 ° C and a relative humidity of 60-70%. Data obtained show that the different preys used did not significantly affect the incubation period. The shortest total larval period (16.7 days) was recorded for Ephestia kuehniella eggs, while the longest (20. 27 days) was for Planococcus citri eggs. The lowest egg productivity (89.5 eggs /female) was associated with the shortest longevity reported for females fed on Schizaphis graminus nymphs. However, with P. citri eggs, the female deposited the greatest number of eggs (1049.70/ female), which was significantly greater than that reported for E. kuehniella eggs and S. graminus nymphs. Consumption study showed that the greatest numbers of prey were consumed by the third and fourth instars. The adult female is considered the most efficient predatory stage as it consumed a great number of mealybug eggs as much as that consumed by the larva. This is may be due to the larger size and longer longevity of the adult. The order of predatory preference of adult predator on different preys was P. citri eggs > E. kuehniella eggs > P. citri nymphs > S. graminus nymphs. Obtained results showed that predator adult could be stored for one month at a temperature not below 15°C and 50 \pm 10 % R.H. without effect on female fertility. In view of chemical analysis, the highest constituent of carbohydrates, lipids, calcium and potassium in egg of P. citri compared to other tested preys may interpret the preferability of this prey. The coccinellid predator, C. montrouzieri was used to control the citrus mealybug, P. citri on the croton ornamental shrubs at Giza governorate, Egypt. Adults of the predator were released once in the open field, with 50 Cryptolaemus adults / Croton shrub. Obtained results indicated that percentage of reduction among the egg masses, nymphs and adults of P. citri reached to 41.45, 42.29 and 57.45 %, respectively after one month of releasing the predator. After two months of releasing, the corresponding rates were 80.63, 86.45 and 91.54 %. Finally after three months of releasing the predator reduction rates reached to 100% for all stages of the pest. On the basis of the obtained data, it is quite safe to state that mealybug eggs is the most suitable prey for the predator, but in case of the scarcity of mealybug eggs, predator can be successfully reared on the alternative host (Ephestia

Key Words: biological studies, *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri*, citrus, mealybug, predator, biology, *Ephestia kuehniella*, *Planococcus citri*, Croton shrub

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bassiana and its Prospects In Controlling the Red Palm

Weevil Rhynchophorus ferrugineus Olivier

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ABSTRACT

The entomopathogenic fungus, Beauveria bassiana (Bals.) Vuill. was evaluated as a biological control agent against the red palm weevil Rhynchophorus ferrugineus (Oliv.) in United Arab Emirates and Egypt. In UAE, the fungus was studied using a local strain. For adult weevils, the calculated LC_{50} was 6.3×10^6 conidia /ml. Duration of the parasitic phase of the fungus was 9.6 days. Most of insects died between the 8th and 13th days. In the first 6 days after contamination, no symptoms were observed. In the 7th day, diseased adults appeared sluggish in their movement and the insects were unable to get up of their back. Larvae differed in their susceptibility to infection due to their age. For adults, duration of the saprophytic phase was 14.1 days and the fungus successfully developed on 81.5% of the dead insects and mycosed cadaver produced 2.12X10⁹ conidia. For young larval instars, duration of the saprophytic phase was 6.6 days and the fungus successfully developed on 85.7% of dead larvae. Mycosed cadaver produced 4.3X10⁷ conidia. The optimum temperature for conidia germination ranged 25-30 °C while, the optimum temperature for sporulation was 25 or 30 °C. Application of the fungus in date palm plantations by two methods caused mortalities ranged 61.5-76.1% and 52.6-63.8% in adult population in the 3rd month after application for spraying and dusting application respectively, in two successive seasons.. Reduction of infestation resulted from spraying the fungus was 29.5%, two months after treatment increased to 39.9% after six months. In the dusted block, reduction of infestation resulted from dusting was 23.9% in the two months following application, increased to reach 35.7% after six month.

In Egypt, an endigenous isolate of B. bassiana isolated from red palm weevil cadaver was evaluated as a biological control agent againsr red palm weevel. Field application was conducted with the fungus against the red palm weevil at Elkassasin, Ismailia Governorate through 2007 - 2008. Three methods were carried out:

- 1. injection of *B. bassiana* in naturally infested palm trees. The success of the treatment was up 90 %,
- 2. periodical dusting application of fungal spores on palm trees in March and September. A reduction of palm trees infestation following field application was noticed and
- 3. release of contaminated males of red palm weevil with fungal spores.

These methods proved considerable reduction in the palm weevil population. The results suggest that fungus *B. bassiana* is a promising agent for use as bio-insecticide to control the red palm weevil

Key words: Red palm weevil, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*, entomopatho-genic fungus *Beauveria bassiana*, Biological control, field applications.

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Associated with Olive Bark Beetle, Phloeotribus

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to survey and ecological studies of olive bark beetle, *Phloeotribus scarabaeoides* Bern. and its associated parasitoids in Fayoum Governorate during two successive years 2008 - 2009. and to discrip the different stages and biological studies of the parasitoid, *Cheiropachus quadrum* (Fab.) (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae) which may provide some basic knowledge of using these natural enemies an effective control.

Six hymenopterans species were recorded related with P. scarabaeoides, in Fayoum Governorate; Cheiropachus quadrum (Fab.), Rhaphitelus maculates (Walk.), Cerocephala cornigera Westw. (Fam.: Pteromalidae). Eurytom morio Bohme. (Fam.:Eurytomidae), Cephalonomia sp. (Fam.: Bethylidae) and the parasitoid Dendrosoter protuberans Ness. (Fam.: Braconidae), which recorded for the first time in Egypt on this host.

Population fluctuation of *P. scarabaeoides* beetles show that four generation were observed during 2008 and 2009, while the parasitoids population fluctuation showed one generation during 2008 and three generation were observed during 2009. Monthly abundance of the different recorded parasitoid species revealed that the parasitoid *C. quadrum* was the dominant specie; the relative annual percentage of this parasitoid was 75.8 and 39.8 during 2008 and 2009, respectively.

The highest percentages of parasitism (10.43 and 17.9) were recorded through winter during 2008 and 2009, respectively.

The results indicated that parasitoids had a considerable effect of the population of *P. scarabaeoides* beetles and so it is advisable not to interfere with pesticides and choose the most suitable timing for control this pest while avoiding damage parasitoids.

The biological studies on the parasitoid C. quadrum indicated that the pest degree for rearing the parasitoid is $25^{\circ}C$ where the percentage of pupation and emergence were 100% and the percentage of female increased to 84.9% when the parasitoid reared at this temperature. The laboratory rearing of the parasitoid showed that the parasitoid prefer the pupal stage of the host and also that the parasitoid has two generation for each generation of the host.

Key words: *Phloeotribus scarabaeoides* Bern., Population fluctuation, *Cheiropachus quadrum* (Fab.) Description of different stages, Biological studies.

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Palm Weevil, Rhynchophorus ferrugineus OLIVIER.

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ABSTRACT

The anatomical analysis of the alimentary canal of the fourth instar larvae of the Red Palm Weevil, R. ferrugineus, has been examined by light microscopy. It is approximately one and one-half times the larval body length and situated in the center of larval body. It consists of the foregut, the midgut and the hindgut. The fat-body forms a sheath almost completely surrounding the tract. The salivary gland of the larvae consists of a single anterior duct, beginning at the labium, followed by two lateral ducts, leading into two flattened reservoirs. The midgut is bounded anteriorly by the oesophageal valve and the gastric caeca, and posteriorly by the pyloric valve and Malpighian tubules. The hindgut is formed by the pylorus, ileum, and rectum. It is surrounded by numerous tracheoles .The Malpighian tubules cross the rectal wall forming the cryptonephric excretory system. Histological Studies with Transmission Electronic Microscope (TEM) The entire epithelium of the foregut of R. ferrugineus fourth larval instar at its different regions(pharynx, oesophagus, and provintriculus), appears to have a uniform structure. The single layer of midgut epithelium is rests on a conspicuous basement membrane .It consists of three types of cells; the cylindrical cells, the goblet cells and the regenerative cells. The posterior pylorus has a smaller lumen; irregular shaped cubical epithelial cells. The development of peritrophic membrane is weaken. The hindgut epithelium layer is continuous and varies in thickness. There are many of goblet cells, rectal glands and blood vessels in the rectum than in the ileum. The ultrastructural analysis of the salivary gland regions, showed the presence of vesicles and dilatation of the intercellular space at both of the reservoir and secretory regions. The secretory region has a simple cubical, flattened epithelium, with rounded or oval nuclei. Several vacuoles in the cytoplasm are detected into the flattened cells and the microvilli appeared well structured. The Malpighian Tubules consist of a cellular layer varying in size and shape. The distal ends of tubules become associated with the rectal wall. The biology and feeding behavior of the weevil have been investigated on sugarcane at 26 C°. and 70 – 75 % R.H. the preoviposition and oviposition period recorded 3.3 and 19.2 days, respectively. The total mean number of egg 154 eggs and the percentage of hatching recorded 79.8%. The longevity of female was longer than male and the duration of generation was 110.6 days. The average larval and pupal duration were 83.2 and 19.8 days, respectively

In this study we focused on the distribution and the percentage of aerobic and facultative anaerobic bacteria in red palm weevil larvae. Low number of forty microbial isolates was isolated; identified and classified from the gut of larvae grew on sugarcane sticks, palm hearts and leaves diets. The taxonomical studies on the forty isolates revealed that the microbial isolates represented eight genera; *Bacillus* spp. (8 isolate); *Actinomycetes* spp. (2 isolates); *Enterococcus* spp. (6 isolates); *Saccharomyces* spp. (2 isolates); *Lactobacillus* spp. (3 isolates) and *Pseudomonas* spp. (5 isolates); *Enterobacter* spp. (13 isolates) and *Xanthomonas* spp. (1 isolates). Neither enrichment selective media nor conditions were adequate for red palm weevil gut microflora.

Key Words: Intestinal microbiota, red palm weevil, date palm,

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ABSTRACT

The present study focused on survey the important pests attack tomato crop in the Nasser Lake region Aswan Governorate and the application of biological control using natural enemies. Has been survey to insect pests affecting tomato yield and appreciation of their harm on 20 plants / acre have been selected randomly biweekly in just one season 2006/2007. Infestation rates with tomato fruit worm were estimated. Evaluation the releases of natural enemies on the pest population and the effect of whiter factors biweekly in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 in the three replicates and control, the result showed that the mean rate of infestation with S. exigua was 4.1%. Infestation rates of the other pest species were relatively very low; E. discipenus and liriomyza spp. (0.9 %), T. urticae (0.75 %), Aphis spp. (0.5%) and B. tabaci (0.33 %). General mean rate of infestation by H. armigera larval for the whole season was 9.6%,, general mean number of moths for the whole season was 9.8 moths/ trap in the first season 2006/2007 compared with second season 2007/2008 were 10.2% and 9.8 moths/ trap respectively. Statistical analysis showed that There was a negative correlation between the rate of infestation and temperature while there was a positive correlation between the rate of infestation and humidity. Generally, percentages of reduction due to the releases of T. evanescens was 41.4 %. In the second season 2007/2008 evaluation of releases different ages of T. evanescens and T. evanescens + Chrysoperla carnea as a predator. Results showed that the combined release of the predator and the parasitoid at treatment (C) gave highest percentage of reduction (63.7 %) in the pest larval infestation, compared with reduction percentages of (59.8 and 50.9 %), at the treatments (A) and (B), respectively.

Effect of weather factors on pupae of T. evanescens under field conditions pupal period prolonged in low temperatures. Lowest pupal period was four days when the parasitoid was released by 7 days old pupae, at temperature 24.9 °C and 32.6% humidity. Longest period was 13 days was recorded at 15.3 °C and 33.2% humidity when the parasitoid was released by 4 days old pupae. Lowest pupal period was 7 days at 25.1 °C and 33.2% humidity. Longest period (17 days) was recorded at 13.9 °C and 28.4% humidity. Estimated the rate of parasitism of T. evanescens results showed that the percentage of parasitism attained 89.9±··r, 86.5±1.3 on H. armigera and S. cerealella, respectively. Sex ratio (M: F) was; 1: 3.9 and 1: 3 in H. armigera and S. cerealella, respectively. Estimated the efficacy of Ch. carnea larval consumption, when fed on eggs of H. armigera total duration of the larval stage was 8.3 and 9.16days in the larvae reared on H. armigera eggs and the aphid, respectively. The percentages of larval mortality were relatively higher in case of rearing the predator's larvae on A. craccivora. Durations of the pupal stage of Ch. carnea were 8.2± 0.66 and 8.4± 0.68 days, respectively. Rates of adult emergence of Ch. carnea from the pupae 92.7 and 93.5 %, respectively. Sex ratio 1: 0.93 and 1: 0.9, respectively. Mean longevity of males of Ch. carnea 35.7± 0.7 and 41.5± 0.88 days, respectively. Female longevity total period 40±0.7 and 36.2±1.8 days. Mean number of eggs/ female of *Ch. carnea* was 912±1.28 and 778.6±1.62 eggs/ female, respectively.

Key words: tomato, *T. evanescens, Chrysoperla carnea*, the Nasser Lake, *H. armigera*

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Honeybee Colonies In Manzala Region

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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in a private apiary at Meet Salseel, Manzala region, Dakahlia governorate which is considered as isolated area for rearing Carniolan race (*Apis mellifera carnica*), during the period from October, 2008 to March, 2010 to investigate the following objectives: 1. Morphometric characters of the local carnica colonies at Manzala region. 2. Biological activities of honeybee colonies 3. Evaluation the productivity of this race

- 1. Clear significant differences in the mean value and the range of the following measured characters of the worker bees of the tested Carniolan colonies in Manzala region; 1. The length of proboscis (mm./worker/col.). 2. The length and width of the forewing (mm./worker/col.). 3. The cubital index of the forewing (mm./worker/col.). 4. The length and width of hind wing (mm./worker/col.). 5. The length and width of basitarsus of the hind leg (mm./worker/col.). 6. The length and width of the first wax gland (mm./worker/col.). 7. The length and width of the 3rd sternum (mm./worker/col.).
- **2.** The tested Carniolan colonies in Manzala region showed significant differences in the mean amount of sealed worker brood (in²./col.) between the different inspection dates, months and seasons.
- **3.** There were very low values of sealed drone brood (in²./col.) reared by the tested colonies during the different dates of inspection in and between the different months and seasons of the year. However, the inspection late winter and spring seasons recorded the highest values during the year.
- **4.** The highest values of combs covered with bees were recorded in May and April, whereas, the lowest were showed in November, September and February.
- **5.** Spring season detected the highest mean amount of honey storage (in²./col.) and followed by, summer and autumn seasons whereas, winter season showed the lowest seasonal mean value.
- **6.** Spring season detected the highest mean amount of pollen storage (in²./col.) and followed by, summer and winter seasons whereas, autumn season showed the lowest seasonal mean value.
- 7. The tested colonies were able to draw the added wax foundations in different dates from 17/4 to 7/5/2009. Ten, seven and six wax foundations were added to 10, 7 and 6 colonies, respectively, at 17/4, 24/4 and 7/5/2009, respectively. The mean time needed for drawing each wax foundation was 36.6, 37.7 and 48 hr./wax foundation/col.
- **8.** The Carniolan bee colonies at Manzala region, were able to rear and produce high number with high weight of virgin queens (mg./queen) in late winter. The highest value was noticed in experiment no. 2 (182.27 mg./queen) and followed by experiment no. 1 (178.26 mg./queen), while experiment no. 4 and 3 indicated the lowest values (171.58 and 175.20 mg./queen, respectively).

Key Words: *Apis mellifera carnica*, morphometrical characters, biological studies, Carniolan race