#### ABSTRACT

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The cotton leafworm, *Spodoptera littoralis* is considered one of the most destructive pests to cotton plants which may be due mainly to the big number of eggs that be laid by female, so damage could be easily achieved in cotton fields by a relatively little number of egg-masses. Different laboratory experiment had been conducted to study the ovicidal, biological and biochemical activities of certain compounds related to different insecticidal groups on one and three-day-old eggs of *S. littoralis*. The obtained results could be summarized as follows :

- 1- According to the LC<sub>50</sub> values on the one-day old eggs, the eight tested compounds could be descendingly arranged as follows : deltamethrin (0.5 ppm), flufenoxuron (1.4 ppm), Bioneem (2.5 ppm), cyanophos (3.3 ppm), Nat-1 (16.3 ppm), Garlic-gard (24.2 ppm), pyriproxyfen (133.3 ppm) and Vertimec (188.2 ppm). As for the three-days-old eggs, deltamethrin and flufenoxuron showed the same position but the other compounds showed another trend.
- 2- The tested compounds are generally affected the different biological aspects either prolonged or shortened the larval and pupal duration and adult longevity, in addition to their effectiveness on pupal weight and the percentages of both pupation and adult emergence. The response of the successive stages of *S. littoralis* that resulted from treated one-day-old eggs was generally concentration-dependent.
- 3- The treatment of principal oviposition sites (*Nerium oleander*) with different concentrations of Vertimec and pyriproxyfen affected the behaviour of females in choosing the oviposition sites where they avoid the treated oviposition sites (*N. oleander*) and laid all their eggmasses on the internal wall surface of the oviposition jars. Also, the treatment of adult feeding solution with the two tested compounds affected the different biological aspects of the number of egg-masses deposited, number eggs/female, egg-hatchability and adult longevity.
- 4- The LC<sub>50</sub> values of pyriproxyfen, Bioneem, Nat-1, Garlic-gard and deltamethrin were tested to evaluate their effects on electrophoretic patterns of *S. littoralis* egg-masses (one- & three-day-old eggs). The number of protein bands was increased and/or decreased in treated eggs depending on the developmental egg ages and the compound used.
- 5- The effects of the tested compounds on the activity of the amino acid transaminases (GOT) & (GPT) and the acid and alkaline phosphatase in both one- and three-day-old eggs were also studied where some of the studied compound increased and/or decreased the tested enzymes activity.

#### المستخلص العربى

فاطمه الزهراء إبراهيم السويركى : نشاط بعض المركبات الطبيعية والمختلفة كمبيدات ضد بيض دودة ورق القطن. رسالة دكتوراة فى العلوم الزراعية، معهد بحوث وقاية النباتات – ٢٠٠٣.

تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى تقييم فعالية ستة من المركبات التى تنتمى إلى بدائل المبيدات التقليدية على بيض دودة ورق القطن وهى : بيريبروكسيفين، فلوفينوكسيرون، فيرتيميك، بيونيم، نات - ١، جارليك - جارد، دلتامثرين، سيانوفوس.

- ١- طبقا لقيم التركيز النصفى (LC50) على البيض عمر يوم .. يمكن ترتيب
  المبيدات الثمانية المختبرة كما يلى : دلتامثرين، فلوفينوكسيرون، بيونيم،
  سيانوفوس، نات ١، جارليك-جارد، بيريبروكسيفين، فيرتيميك..
- ٢- وجد أن المركبات المختبرة تؤثر على النظم البيولوجية فى الحشرة سواء بالزيادة أو بالنقص.
- ٣- وجد أن هناك عاملين مؤثرين بصورة مباشرة على سلوك الحشرة البالغة من حيث كمية البيض، نسبة الفقس، خصوبة الفراشة.
- ٤- تم دراسة تأثير بعض هذه المركبات على التفريد الحيوى ونماذج وحزم البروتين الذائب فى بيض دودة ورق القطن.
- حما تم تأثير بعض من هذه المركبات أيضا على نشاط بعض الإنزيمات
  الناقلة لمجموعة الأمين.

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