

Evaluation of leaves extract of *Solanum melongena* and *Cyperus rotundus* against *Sitophilus Oryzae* L.(Coleoptera:Curculionidae)

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to evaluate Toxicity and repellent effects of two locally available plants namely *Solanum melongena* (Solanaceae) and *Cyperus rotundus* (Cyperaceae) against adults of *Sitophilus Oryzae*. The plant extracts were applied at five concentrations on rice grains which (2.5, 5, 10, 25 and 50%) for each.. Adult insects were exposed to treated rice grains and mortality was calculated after 1, 2, 6, 10 and 17 days of exposure. The results indicated that the toxic and repellent effects were proportional to concentrations and time intervals. Higher concentrations had stronger toxicity and repellent effects than lower concentrations. Rice grains weevils which were treated with two plant extracts exhibited significant mortality percentage of 76.6 and 46.66, respectively, after 17 days at 50% concentration. These indicated that *S. melongena* was more toxic than *C. rotundus* against adult insects. The highest concentrations of 50% extracts giving 56.6 and 51.6 repellency respectively in both plant extracts percentage

Keywords: *Sitophilus oryzae*, Extracts, *Solanum melongenae*, *Cyperus rotundu*, mortality, repellency.

INTRODUCTION

The rice weevil, *S. oryzae* L. (Coleoptera: curculionidae), is the most widespread and destructive major insect pest of stored cereals through out the world. *S. oryzae* has been reported as one of the severe pests of the cereal grains and their products (Bloch, 1992). To control these pests, synthetic insecticides are used during storage of grains. They cause residual pollution of the environment, toxicity to consumers and residues on grains. Moreover *S. oryzae* has been reported to develop resistance to synthetic insecticides Benhalima *et al.*, (2004). Different types of plant preparations are being investigated for their insecticidal activities including their action as fumigants, repellents, antifeedants, antiovipositions and insect growth regulators (Isman, 2000; Koul, 2004; Negahban and Moharramipour, 2007). The plant derived chemical has been used as potential protectant (insecticides and antifeedants) often begins with the screening of plant extracts (Pavela, 2007). Jilani and Su, (1983) and Jilani *et al.*, (1988) conducted insect repellency assay using extracts of different plants on stored product pests. Talukader and Howse (1994) mentioned the toxic and repellent properties of extracts of *Aphanamixis polystachya* against *S. oryzae*. Pretheep-Kuma *et al.* (2004) observed promising results in the protection of the rice against *S.oryzae* using protein enriched pea flour extract.

Plant family, Solanaceae is a wide and chemically rich family that has been reported to contain gluco-alkaloids, solanine, solanidine, nicotine, somniferine, somine, withananine, withanine, withananinine, volatile oil, tannin and considerable amount of potassium nitrate Chopra *et al.*(1965) also reported the roots contain two saponoids, dulcamaric acid, dulcamaretinic acid and gluco-alkaloid solaceine.

Nut grass (*Cyperus rotundus*) also called purple nutsedge, belonging to family Cyperaceae. This grass is beneficial as an ingredient in a herbal medicine. Where Visetson *et al.* (2001) showed 10 active principles had accumulated in tubers as, 4,11-selinnadien-3-one concentration was higher in their extracts. Also the crude extracts of nut grass (*Cyperus rotundus* L.) tubers gave 80% mortality to diamondback moth larvae in one hour post treatment. They indicated that the active compound, 4,11-selinnadien-3-one, was responsible for killing the larvae Ohsawa *et al.* (1996).

The aim of this work is to use plant extract *Solanum melongena* belonging to family Solanaceae and *Cyperus rotundus* belonging to family Cyperaceae to study their efficacy against *S. oryzae* as one of the most important cereal pests of world-wide distribution.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Insect culture

Adults of *S. oryzae* were collected from naturally infested rice grains. Insects were reared in the laboratory on clean, un-infested and sterilized rice grain. Twenty adult insects were released in 50g of rice grains which kept in glass jars (21x10 cm) capped with cotton cloth to insure ventilation. All the jars were maintained at room temperature $25\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 65 % RH and continuous darkness. All individuals used in the test were 7-10 days old.

Preparation of plant extracts

The leaves of *Solanum melongena* (Solanaceae) and *Cyperus rotundus* (Cyperaceae) were collected from Benha, Qalubia governorate, and washed with distilled water and air dried for six days. Plant materials were powdered using an electric grinder. The powdered materials were separately subjected to acetone extraction with Soxhlet apparatus for 15-18 hrs (Evans and Raj, 1988). Crude extracts were concentrated by using a rotary evaporator. Dark green residue obtained were stored in glass vials and maintained at a refrigerator (4°C) until further use.

Bioassay

Five concentrations, (2.5, 5, 10, 25 and 50%) were made in analytical grade acetone for bioassay test. The extracts were mixed for about five minutes with rice grains separately (0.2 ml/50g rice) and air dried for 10 minutes. *S. oryzae* (20 in number) were released into plant extracts treated rice containing glass jars covered with cotton clothes tied with rubber bands. Three replications were used for each concentration of both plant extracts. The same volume of acetone treated grains was served as control. Observations were recorded at intervals of 1, 2, 6, 10 and 17 days after the treatments. All mortality observations were corrected by Abbott's formula (1925), and subjected to probit analysis by (Finney, 1971).

Method for repellency test

Repellency test was conducted following the method of Talukdar and Howse (1993), Amin *et al.*, (2000). Solutions of previous five concentrations were prepared from both plant extracts. The repellency effect against adults of *S. oryzae* were investigated. Where nine centimeter diameter filter paper were marked into two portions. 0.2 millilitre solution of each extract was applied to one half of the filter paper (treated half) and on the other half 0.2 milliliter of acetone (controlled half). The treated filter paper were then air dried and placed in a petri dish. Twenty (20) insects were placed in the middle line of filter paper. Number of insects on each side were counted at one hour intervals up to the five hours after treatments. Percentage (%) repellency was calculated by using the following formula from Abbott, (1925).

Percent Repellency = $(A-B/ A) \times 100$.

A=Average number of insects present on untreated portion.

B=Average number of insects present on treated portion.

The percentage of repellency were then categorized according to the following scale by method of Amin *et al.*, (2000) and Roy *et al.*, (2005).

| Class | Repellency Rate(%) |
|-------|--------------------|
| 0 | >0.01 to <0.1 |
| I | 0.1 to 20 |
| II | 20.1 to 40 |
| III | 40.1 to 60 |
| IV | 60.1 to 80 |
| V | 80.1 to 100 |

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

All treatments revealed significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) high mortality percentages after 17 days of exposures, were 76.66 % and 46.66% at conc.50% in *Solanum melongena* and *Cyperus rotundus*, respectively (Fig. 1). While the lower mortality percentages were 26.60% and 10.0% at 2.5% in both extracts, respectively when both compared to the control.

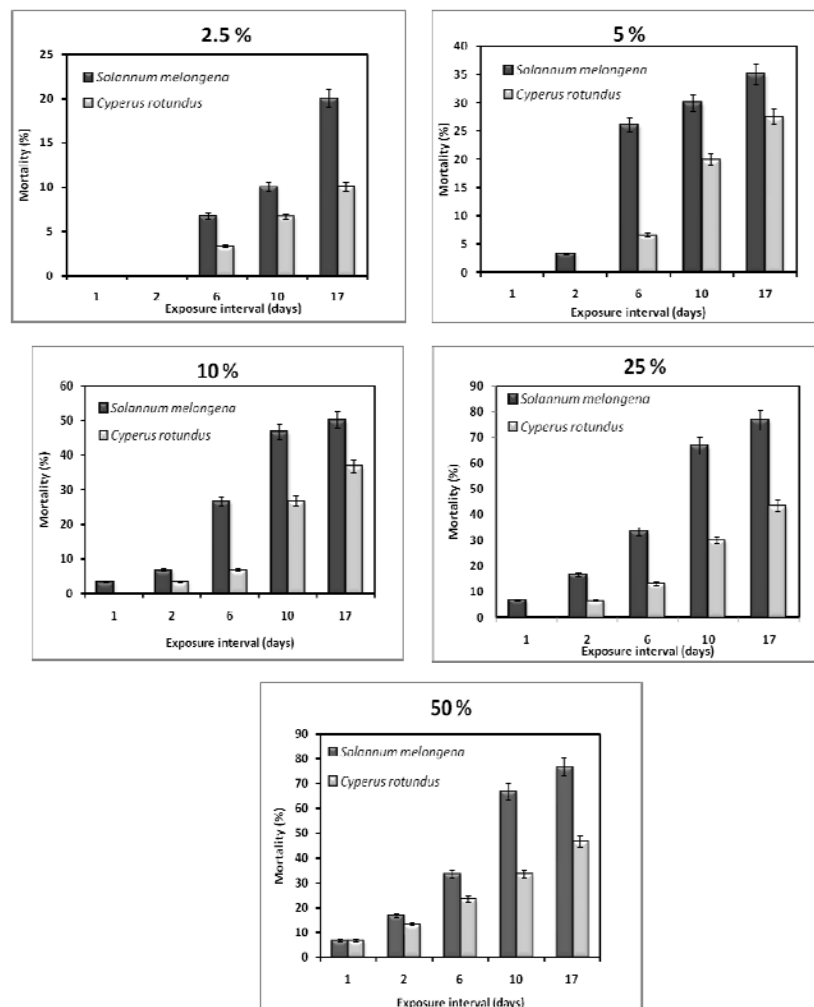


Fig. 1: Mean Mortality (\pm S.E) of *S. oryzae* exposed for 1, 2, 6, 10 and 17 days on rice grain treated with concentrations 2.5, 5, 10, 25 and 50% of both plant extracts.

In general mortality rates were increased by increasing the concentrations of both plant extracts and exposure time.

These results agree with (Yanckanchi and Gadach 2010) when they used ethanol extracts of *Withonia somnifera* L. (Solanaceae), they found the mortality rates were increased with increasing the concentration of plant extracts and exposure time. This conclusion was also confirmed by (Khoshnoud *et al.*, 2008) and (Gupta and Srivastava, 2008). From Fig.1 it is obvious that plant extract of *S. melongena* was more effective against *S. oryzae* than *C. rotundus*. Where the rice grains weevils treated with acetone extracts of *S. melongena* and *C. rotundus* produced higher mortality rate at high concentration with (LC₅₀) was 14.23 and 54.69, respectively, after 17 days.

S. melongena leaves extracts showed maximum insecticides activity after 17 days that might be due to the presence of gluco-alkaloides, solanine and tanine. This conclusion is confirmed by finding of Nenaah, (2011) who reported the presence of toxic effects of glycoalkaloids isolated from *Solanum tuberosum* L. and *lycopersicon esculentum* Mill. (Solanaceae) against red flour beetles, *Tribolium castaneum* Herbst and rice weevils, *S. oryzae* L. While *C. rotundus* extracts at highest concentration give less mortality effect than *S. melongena* (46.66%) at high concentration, this might be due to presence of 4,11 selinnadien 3-one (Vesitson, *et al.* 2001).

The present results in this study was showed that the botanical extracts were effective against *S. oryzae* but its effectiveness was highly determined by the concentration rate and exposure intervals. One of the most interesting findings of the current study was the dissimilar efficacy of botanical materials among plant species so that, *S. melongena* was more effective against *S. oryzae* on treated grains than *C. rotundus*. Moreover, results showed that for this insect concentration rates and longer exposures intervals were needed to obtain a satisfactory level of mortality rates. However, the present result indicated that higher concentrations of these plant extracts for a relatively short period are much more effective than lower concentration for along period, similar observation on other plant extracts on several insects have been reported for example Khoshnoud *et al.* (2008) showed that plant extracts of *Verbascum cheiranifolium* Boiss and *Verbascum speciasum* Schard possess toxic principles with significant insecticidal effect against *S. oryzae*

Repellency test.

In the current study, we observed that the decrease in rice grains damage after the treatments. Both plant extracts showed repellency effects against *S. oryzae*.

Leaves extract at 2.5% in *C. rotundus* showed that the lowest repellency percentage 6.78 and followed by *S. melongena* 13.3 against *S. oryzae*. On the other hand the higher repellency effects were obvious at higher concentrations in both plants (51.7 and 56.6, respectively at 50%).

The repellent action increased with increasing in concentrations and time intervals of both applied extracts (Table 1&2). This results were agreed with Rahman *et al.* (2007), they investigated ethanol extract of *Melgona* for its insecticidal activity against *S. oryzae*. They found the toxic and repellent effects were proportional to the concentrations and the higher concentration had stronger effect than lower. Also mortality percentages increased with the increasing in time intervals after treatments. While Roy *et al.*, (2005) reported repellent effects of *Shyialmutra* against rice weevil with concentration 3% leaf extract.

The biological activity of plant extracts might be revealed that the various compound present in the extracts have toxic and repellent effect. Where family Solanaceae was reported to contain solanine, volatile oil and saponoid (Chopra *et al.*

1965). These compounds might be independently or jointly contribute to cause toxic and repellent actions against *S. oryzae*. The percentage of repellency of *S. oryzae* in case of *S. melongena* extract at concentrations 2.5, 5 and 10 were laid in repellent class I, I and II, they were consider slightly repellent. While concentrations 25 and 50% were laid in repellent class III, they were considered moderate repellent (Table 1). Also in case of *C. rotundus*. the percentage of repellency was in repellent class 0, II,II at lower concentrations 2.5, 5 and 10, respectively while II and III at concentrations 25 and 50 % (Table 2), according to (Parugrug and Roxas 2008). The sluggish movement and repellent action of *C. rotundus* extract might be revealed to contain Cyperine, Tetrahydroxycyclopentadenon were observed in GC mass chromatograph reported by (Vesitson *et al.* 2001).

Table 1: Repellency of different concentrations of acetone extracts of *S. melongena* leaves on rice weevil.

| Extract concentration% | After treatment | | | | | Mean Repellency | Repellency Class |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 1h. | 2h | 3h. | 4h | 5h | | |
| 2.5 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 13.3 | I |
| 5 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 15.3 | I |
| 10 | 21.4 | 33.33 | 21.4 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 31.7 | II |
| 25 | 33.3 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 42.54 | III |
| 50 | 41.2 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 70.1 | 75.1 | 56.6 | III |

Table 2: Repellency of different concentrations of acetone extracts of *C. rotundus* leaves on rice weevil.

| Extract concentration% | After treatment | | | | | Mean Repellency | Repellency Class |
|------------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 1h. | 2h | 3h. | 4h | 5h | | |
| 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 6.78 | 0 |
| 5 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 41.3 | 21.31 | II |
| 10 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 29.36 | II |
| 25 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 41.3 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 40.9 | II |
| 50 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 48.4 | 57.1 | 70.1 | 51.6 | III |

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ARABIC SUMMARY

تقييم المستخلص النباتي لاوراق كل من نباتي الباذنجان والسعد المستدير ضدالطور البالغ لحشرة سوسة الأرز *Sitophilus oryzae*

ألفت محمد المنيري وعائدة سعيد كامل
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أجريت هذه الدراسة لتقييم السمية والتأثير الطارد للحشرات لمستخلصين من النباتات المتوفرة محليا وهما نبات الباذنجان (العائلة : الباذنجانية) ونبات السعد المستدير (العائلة : السعدية) ضد الطور البالغ لسوسة الارز حيث أستخدمت المستخلصات النباتية لأوراق النباتين عند تركيزات (٢.٥ ، ٥ ، ١٠ ، ٢٥ ، ٥٠%) لكل منهما. تعرضت الحشرات الكاملة (سوسة الأرز) لحبوب الأرز المعاملة بالمستخلصين لهذه التركيزات وتم حساب نسب الموت عند كل تركيز بعد يوم ويومين وست أيام و عشرة أيام وسبعة عشر يوما من المعاملة والنتيجة كانت تشير أن التأثير السام والطارد للحشرات البالغة يتناسب تناسباً طردياً مع التركيز وطول الوقت وتبين ان التركيزات العالية لها تأثير أقوى علي سمية وطرد الحشرات من التركيزات الأقل واطهر سوس الأرز الذي عومل بمستخلص أوراق النباتين (الباذنجان و السعد) نسبة موت وهي (٧٦.٦% و ٤٦.٧%) علي التوالي عند التركيز ٥٠% للمستخلصين. وهذه النتيجة تدل علي أن مستخلص أوراق الباذنجان كان له تأثير سمي معنوي أكبر من مستخلص أوراق نبات السعد ضد الطور البالغ لحشرة سوسة الأرز. وكانت نسبة التأثير الطارد للحشرات (٥٦.٦% و ٥١.٧%) علي التوالي في كل من النباتين.