

## Effect of some Materials for Controlling Green Peach Aphid, *Myzus persicae* (Sulzer)

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### ABSTRACT

*Myzus persicae* (Sulzer) is one of major insect pests which infest many vegetable crops especially potato plants. Some natural materials such as, neem oil, menthol oil and nano chitosan were used in controlling *M. persicae*. The results showed that, neem oil was the most effective compound in controlling *M. persicae* with LC<sub>50</sub> 63.60 ppm, followed by menthol oil then nano chitosan with LC<sub>50</sub> 100.26 and 101.62 ppm, respectively.

### INTRODUCTION

Potato, *Solanum tuberosum* L. is a crop of outstanding importance in Egypt and all over the world on account of its great value for local consumption and export. It is most popular solanaceous crop used as food in Egypt and it occupies the second exported crop to foreign countries (Hala, 2008). Under field condition, potato plants are under attack by a large number of insect pest such as aphids, leafhoppers, and lepidopterous insect pests (Khafagy and AboHatab, 2013).

Green peach aphid, *Myzus persicae* which consider as the main insect vector transmitting potato leaf roll virus and potato virus Y, it sucks the plant juices and reduces yield and grade, and in many instance, plants grown from infested tubers become non reproductive Marco (1990) (Robert *et al.*, 1990). reported that, both diseases were aphid transmitted viruses. *Myzus persicae* started on potato plants in February and reached its peak in March and April.

The efficiency of plant extracts as promising source of safe and cheap insecticides were studied by several authors (Feng and Isman, 1995; Berlandier, 1996; Sharma *et al.*, 1997; Moawad *et al.*, 1998, Gripwal, 1999; and Mariy *et al.*, 2000b).

Some plant extracts have an insect repellent effect (Lal, 1987; Raman *et al.*, 1987). Also some plant extracts have insecticidal, antihormonal and antifeedant effects.

Therefore the present study aimed to evaluate the effect of neem oil, menthol oil and chitosan oil in controlling *M. persicae*.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 1- The pest breeding:

Potato leaves carrying *M. persicae* were collected from the unsprayed farm of Awish El - Hager, Mansoura district, Dakahlia Governorate. The leaves were kept in jars at 27±2°C and 65±5% RH. The colony was maintained for two generations before the beginning of the tests. Then, newly born nymphs of *M. persicae* were placed, separately, on potato leaves in plastic Petri dishes (10 cm. in diameter). Each dish was covered with muslin for aeration and the potato leaves were put on the bottom of the dish (Madahi and Sahragard, 2012). Whenever leaves appeared discolored, they were replaced with fresh ones.

#### 2. Tested compounds:

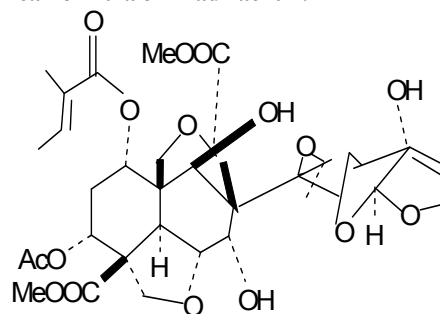
##### 1. Botanical compounds:

- **Neem seed oil:** It was bought from national research center.

##### Effective material: Azadirachtin

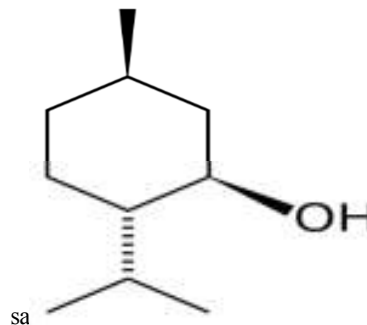
Natural product extracted from seeds of neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*).

##### Chemical formula of Azadirachtin:



**Menthol oil:** it was bought from national research center.

**Effective material:** Natural product extracted from peppermint plant



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Menthol formula (Opende *et al.*, 2008)

##### -Non botanical material.

##### - Chitosan Nanoparticles.

It was bought from Naqaa Foundation for scientific Research. Chitosan material is mainly biopoly amino saccharide, and derived from chitin of shrimp wastes or crustacean shells fungus biomass. Then the chitosan was produced in the nano -form followed by characterization by transmission electron microscopy (Osama and Diao, 2018).

##### Method of application:

##### Spray method:

The adults of the aphid were used for application. Four concentrations were used as well as four replicates for each concentration. 10 individuals of aphids for each replicate were applied to estimate the mortality line. Different concentrations were sprayed directly on the aphids. The concentrations used were 50, 100, 200 and 300

ppm. The percentage of mortality was recorded after one, three, five and seven days and the data were corrected relatively to control mortality (Abbott, 1925). LC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using probit analysis statistical method of Finney, (1971).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Results

Data obtained showed that a positive correlation between mortality rates of *M. persicae* and concentration

of each material (neem oil, menthol oil and nano chitosan), whereas increasing of concentration for each extract caused increasing mortality rates. Mortality was collected after 1 day, 3 days, 5 days and 7 days.

The results obtained in Table (1) cleared that the total mortality was 43.3, 63.3, 83.3 and 93.2% for neem oil, 36.7, 43.4, 66.7 and 76.6 % for nano chitosan treatment and 30.01, 43.3, 73.3 and 86.7 % for menthol oil.

**Table 1. Mortality rate % of *M. persicae* treated with different materials after different days**

Treatments	Conc. ppm	Mortality % after				Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> day	3 <sup>rd</sup> day	5 <sup>th</sup> day	7 <sup>th</sup> day	
Neem oil	50	0	20	36.7	3.3	43.3
	100	3.3	20	40	3.3	63.3
	200	3.3	36.7	40	3.3	83.3
	300	3.3	43.3	43.3	3.3	93.2
Nano	50	0	20	10	6.7	36.7
	100	0	26.7	10	6.7	43.4
	200	3.3	36.7	20	6.7	66.7
	300	3.3	46.7	23.3	3.3	76.6
Menthol oil	50	0	6.67	16.67	6.67	30.01
	100	0	16.67	6.67	20	43.3
	200	6.67	26.67	13.33	26.67	73.3
	300	13.33	26.67	20	26.67	86.7

These results were in agreement with Ghada, 2007 who proved that neem oil had high effect on larvae of *Pieris rapae* L.

Data presented in Table (2) revealed that LC<sub>50</sub> was 63.60, 101.62 and 100.26 ppm for neem oil, nano chitosan and menthol oil, respectively. LC<sub>90</sub> was 269.45, 816.43 and 406.38 ppm, respectively. Slope for each material is 2.04,

1.42 and 2.11 for neem oil, nano chitosan and menthol oil, respectively. Toxicity index for LC<sub>50</sub> was 100% for neem oil, 62.58% for nano chitosan and 63.43% for menthol oil. Ghada and Amal, 2015 proved that menthol was less effective than camphor in control of *Spodoptera littoralis*. Also, Ghada et al. 2017 proved that *Aphis gossypii* had affected by extract of tomato leaves.

**Table 2. Efficiency of some materials against *M. persicae***

Treatment	Conc. ppm	Corrected mortality %	LC <sub>50</sub>	LC <sub>90</sub>	Slope ± S.D.	Toxicity index LC <sub>50</sub> %	P	R
Neem oil	50	43.3	63.60	269.45	2.04± 0.25	100	0.663	0.994
	100	63.3						
	200	83.3						
	300	93.2						
Nano chitosan	50	36.7	101.62	816.43	1.42 ± 0.22	62.58	0.314	0.975
	100	43.4						
	200	66.7						
	300	76.6						
Menthol oil	50	30.01	100.26	406.38	2.11 ± 0.236	63.43	0.235	0.985
	100	43.34						
	200	73.33						
	300	86.67						

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#### تأثير بعض المواد في مكافحة من الخوخ الأخضر

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