

# Efficacy of Certain Insecticides on Leaf-Miner *Liriomyza Trifolii* (Burgess) (*Diptera:Agromyzidae*) Infesting Green Bean (*Phaseolus Vulgaris* L.) and Its Parasitoid *Diglyphus Isaea* (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae) at Alexandria, Egypt

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## ABSTRACT

Five insecticides named; Tregard, Nasr sedool, Reldan, Selecron and Evisect were evaluated against bean fly *Liriomyza trifolii* and its parasitoid *Diglyphus isaea* in the two successive seasons 2006 and 2007. Three different criteria were used in evaluating the degree of infestation.

The results counted that either initial reduction percentage (48 hrs. after application) or mean percentage residual, (5,7,10 and 15 days after application) reduction for living larvae, mines and parasitoid/40 leaflets.

Results showed that the insecticide Selecron was the most potent chemical used against bean fly. Also, insecticide Reldan gave satisfactory results with moderate effect on parasitoid while Evisect was the lowest effective one on bean fly during two seasons and had no detrimental effects on parasitoid.

This proves that combination of Reldan (I.G.R.) with Evisect may fit well for IPM programmes.

## INTRODUCTION

Bean, *Phaseolus vulgaris* is an important crop consumed by the majority of Egyptian people.

Leaf-miner flies of genus *Liriomyza* (Mink) are among the most injurious dipterous insects attacking vegetable and horticultural crops (Jones *et al.*, 1986 and Parrella *et al.*, 1987).

Although the leaf-miner flies are considered to be secondary pests on tomatoes (Johnson *et al.*, 1980), up to 90% of the foliage may be lost if the population increased (Schuster, 1978).

Field observation showed that broad bean when grown in newly reclaimed regions, is subjected to attack by *L. Trifolii* (Ahmed *et al.*, 1994).

Chemical control of the bean fly, *Liriomyza trifolii* the most serious pest of the faba bean, has long been tackled (El-Nahal and Assem, 1970).

In particular, several reports of insecticidal resistance in this respect were published and documented (Alverson and Gorsuch, 1982).

The ectoparasite *Diglyphus spp.* (Hymenoptera; Eulophidae) constitutes one of the most important group of parasites that attack *Liriomyza* spp. (Perrella and

Robb 1985). However, once insecticide is applied any balance that has existed between parasitoid and host is disrupted and a continual insecticide control program usually becomes necessary (Hannou *et al.*, 2000).

In the present study was conducted to evaluate the effects of certain insecticides against bean fly *L. trifolii* and its parasitoid *D. isaea* in the two successive seasons 2006 and 2007.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out at the experimental farm of El-Sabaheia Research Station Alexandria Governorate during the Nili seasons of 2006 and 2007.

Bean seeds *Phaseolus vulgaris* variety *Bronco green* were planted in August of both seasons, in an area of one feddan. All common cultural practices and fertilizers were followed.

Five insecticides were tested at the recommended rate by the Ministry of Agriculture as shown in Table (1).

The experiment consisted of six treatments including the untreated control, arranged in a randomized complete block design (RCBD). With 4 replicates for each treatment, each replicate was 14 X10 m<sup>2</sup>. A knapsack sprayer was used in applying the insecticides, which diluted with water to 400 liters/feddan as foliar treatment.

The inspection of infestation was carried out just before spraying and at 2 (initial effect), 5, 7, 10 and 15 days (residual effect) intervals, after spraying of each treatment for both seasons.

To evaluate the efficacy of insecticides on *L. trifolii* and its parasitoid *Diglyphus isaea*. (Hymenoptera, Eulophidae) in bean fields, samples of 10 leaves of green bean were taken at random from the inner rows of each replicate in polyethylene bags then transmitted to the laboratory where binocular microscope was used to counting the total number of mines, living larvae and numbers of parasitoids (larvae).

The reduction percentages in the populations of the studied insects were estimation using Henderson and

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**Table1. The insecticides used against leaf minor *Liriomyza trifolii* and its parasitoid**

Common name	Rate/feddan (L.)	Pesticide group	Producing company
(1)Tregard 10% sl (Cyromazine).	0.850 L.	Insect Growth regulator	Syngenta Co.
(2) Nasr sedool 60% Ec (Diazinon)	1.00 L.	Organo-phosphorus	El-Nasr Co. for chemical.
(3) Reldan 50% Ec (Chlorpyriphos methyl)	1.00 L.	Organo-phosphorus	Agreen caerv Co.
(4) Selecron 72% Ec (Profenofos)	0.750 L.	Organo- phosphorus	Syngenta Co.
(5) Evisect 50% sp (Thiocyclam hydrogen oxylate)	0.500 k.g.	Nereistoxin	N.M. Agro. Co.

Tilton (1955) equation. Data were also statistically analyzed with analysis of variance (ANOVA), means were compared by L.S.D. test at 0.05 level (steel and Torrie, 1980).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Efficiency of insecticides against larvae of *L. trifolii*:

The reduction percentages of *L. Trifolii* larvae after application of the tested compounds during the Nile seasons of 2006 and 2007 were presented in Table (2).

The percentage initial of reduction ranged between 57.0% and 99.3% in 2006. While, it ranged from 49.5% to 98.8% in 2007 season. All tested compounds reduced the number of *L. Trifolii* larvae, but with different degrees depending on the chemical group.

In 2006 it is clear that Selecron and Reldan were the most effective compounds against *L. Trifolii* larvae in 99.3% and 97.7% initial kill, respectively after 2 days after treatment and significantly differed from the others. Tregard came on the second order (67.5% initial kill) followed by. Nasr sedool recorded 61.9% and then Evisect (57.0% initial kill), with significant difference. Taking the mean of residual effect (mean of % reduction at 5,7,10 and 15 days post treatment) into consideration, the tested compounds could be arranged as follow, Tregard (90.2), Selecron (89.15%) Nasr sedool (84.1%) and Reldan (83.75%) with non significant differences while Evisect gave the lowest activity 68.77% and significantly differed comparing with all other treatments.

During 2007 Nili season, the order of insecticides efficacy obtained were not differed from the previous trend in the season of 2006. Selecron was still the most potent chemical, whereas Evisect was the lowest effective one. Application of Selecron (Profenofos) at the recommended rate (0.750 L./fed.) gave the highest initial kill 98.8% with a significant difference from other pesticides, followed by Reldan 93.4%, Tregard 66.4%, Nasr sedool 59.8%. Evisect was still the least effective

one (49.6%). Concerning to the mean of residual reduction percentages, the tested compounds could be arranged as Selecron, Tregard, Nasr sedool, Reldan and Evisect were not significantly different (87.17%, 84.27%, 83.65%, 82.87% and 71.37%, respectively).

However, it could be concluded that the efficiency of the tested insecticides based on the average number of living larvae of the two seasons was evidence that Selecron (profenofos) gave high efficiency (the most toxic to *L. Trifolii* larvae) while Evisect caused the lowest efficiency.

Table (3) represents the reduction percentages of mine numbers caused by *Liriomyza trifolii* per 40 leaflets after insecticidal applications during 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Results in 2007 showed that initial and mean of residual reduction percentages of mines in all treatments was relatively higher than that in 2006 season. There were significant differences between initial reduction percentages in all the tested insecticides, (Table 3).

These results were agree with the previous findings of El-Haemaesy *et al.* (1974) which showed that some insecticides such as Anthio, Nexion and sumithion were effective in reducing the number of mines and killing *L. Trifolii* larvae infesting broad bean plants.

As conclusion the greatly decreasing of living larvae after insecticide applications indicated that counting the surviving larvae may be more accurate than counting the infested leaflets merely or counting the mines which contain dead larvae and/or empty mines besides the living larvae.

Abdalla *et al.* (1992) also mentioned that evaluation of insecticides against *Phytomyza atricornis* should depend on estimation of the infested leaves in the field and also include the determination of survival larvae in the laboratory.







### **Efficiency of insecticides against parasitoid *D. isaea***

Obtained data from Nili seasons of 2006 and 2007 presented in Table (4). In 2006, tested compounds reduced the ecto parasite *Diglyphus spp.* of leaf miner *L. Trifolii*. The initial kill of Selecron was the highest (63.0%) but Evisect was the lowest percentage of reduction 7.1% while the remain compounds. Tregard, Nasr sedool and Reldan gave significant differences 25%, 37.5% and 42.9% initial reduction, resp. Data of the mean percentages of parasite reduction after 15 days post treatment showed that, Selecron gave also the highest mean percentage of reduction (75.5%) followed by Tregard (61.9%) which slightly differed from Nasr sedool and Reldan. But the difference between means percentages of reduction of Nasr sedool and Reldan were insignificant.

Evisect gave the lowest mean percentage of reduction 26.7% with a significant differences comparing with all remained tested compounds.

In 2007 season, results showed that, Selecron (Profenofos), also was the most effective pesticide against parasite, whereas its initial reduction percentage was relatively higher than other tested compounds with significant differences. They were 56.0%, 50.6%, 48.0%, 33.0% and 20.3% respectively. The mean reduction percentages were 78.97%, 61.22%, 56.15%, 53.4% and 31.51% for Selecron, Tregard, Reldam, Nasr sedool and Evisect. The last pesticide recorded the lowest reduction.

The above data, showed that Tregard, Reldan and Nasr sedool reduced the population of parasitoid *D. isaea* in moderate percentages with non significant differences.

In general, Evisect treatment gave the lowest reduction percentage on leaf minor *Liriomyza trifolii* and its parasitoid *Diglyphus spp.* Nasr sedool, Reldan and Tregard were responsible for high effects on *L. trifolii* and its prementioned parasitoid. Evisect gave higher effect against *L. Trifolii* than against *Diglyphus isaea*.

This results indicated that Evisect was the most safety insecticide among all used treatments on the parasitoid of *L. Trifolii*. (The active ingredient of Evisects, Thiocyclam hydrogen oxalate, is a derivative of mereistoxin, a naturally occurring insecticidal substance first isolated in 1934 from the marine annelid worm *Lumbrinerels heterapoda*).

Tregard was able to suppress *L. Trifolii* and promising compound for controlling it with a moderate effect on *Diglyphus spp.*

It could be concluded that the evaluation of insecticides by using the percentage of infested leaflets and counting the number of mines gave a quick estimation of its efficacy. However, counting the number of living larvae in the laboratory display more accurate and reliable data.

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## الملخص العربي

### دراسة تأثير بعض المبيدات علي صانعات الأنفاق للأوراق (ذبابة الفاصوليا) والطفيل المرتبط بها

#### التي تصيب نباتات الفاصوليا في منطقة الإسكندرية

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بينما أعداد اليرقات الحية تعطي نتائج حقيقية لمدي الإصابة. كذلك أظهرت النتائج أن مركب السيليكرون كان الأفضل دائما لإنخفاض أعداد ذبابة الفاصوليا، أعطي مركب التريجارا نتائج مقبولة (كمنظم للنمو) في تقليل أعداد الآفة، بينما كان مركب الإفيسكت الأقل في نسبة الانخفاض لذبابة الفاصوليا وعلي عكس من ذلك يعتبر مركب الإفيسكت آمن للطفيل المرتبط بذبابة الفاصوليا والذي يستخدم في المكافحة الحيوية.

لذلك ينصح باستخدام التريجارا بدلا من السيليكرون كمركب آمن وكمنظم للنمو IGR'S فقد أعطي نتائج مقبولة للآفة وفي نفس الوقت فهو آمن لوجود الطفيل المرتبط بالآفة أو بالخلط بين التريجارا والإفيسكت بمعدل معين لاعطاء أفضل النتائج في برنامج المكافحة المتكاملة IPM.

المهدف من البحث هو اختبار كفاءة خمس مبيدات مختلفة التركيب الكيماوي (تريجارا 1 10% SI - نرسيدول 60% Ec - ريلدان 50% Ec - سيليكرون 72% Ec - إفيسكت 50% Sp) ضد ذبابة الفاصوليا والطفيل المرتبط بها خلال موسمين زراعيين 2006م، 2007م محطة بحوث الصبحية بالإسكندرية وقد تم عمل ثلاث مستويات مختلفة لتقدير الإصابة عن طريق حساب أعداد كل من اليرقات الحية وعدد الأنفاق علي الأوراق وكذلك أعداد الطفيل المصاحب لها - كذلك تم حساب التأثير الفوري للمبيدات بعد 48 ساعة من الرش وأيضا النسبة المئوية لمتوسط الانخفاض لكل منهم. وقد أظهرت النتائج أن أعداد الأنفاق لا تدل علي نسبة الإصابة الحقيقية فقد تكون خالية أو بها أعداد من اليرقات الميتة.