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## Bio-efficacy of new insecticides against diamond back moth (*Plutella xylostella*) on cabbage

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### Abstract

The Diamondback moth (*Plutella xylostella*) shows resistance to every group of conventional insecticide and unable to reduce the population and their damage. New molecules are crucial tool for their management. The efficacy of insecticides were evaluated against *P. Xylostella* with treatments viz. spinosad 45% SC @ 185ml, emamectin benzoate 5% SG @ 250g, indoxacarb 14.5 SC @ 500ml, chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC @ 150ml, Cyantraniliprole 10% OD @ 600g, neem oil 32% EC @ 1.5L and flubendiamide 20% WG @ 100g commercial formulation dosage ha<sup>-1</sup>. The efficacies were calculated by Henderson and Tilton method. After five days of spray, maximum efficacy was obtained from chlorantraniliprole which was at par with, Cyantraniliprole, emamectin benzoate, flubendiamide and spinosad, these were significantly superior over indoxacarb and neem oil. After ten days of spray, maximum efficacy was again with Cyantraniliprole which was at par with chlorantraniliprole and these were significantly superior over rest of the treatments. Chlorantraniliprole and cyantraniliprole may be admissible in to IPM tool to combat *P. Xylostella* by dint of their efficiency.

**Keywords:** Bio-efficacy, *Plutella xylostella*, cabbage, chlorantraniliprole, cyantraniliprole

### Introduction

During post green revolution globally crop losses by dint of insect pest were 13.6% and in first decade of this century it declined 10.8% and similar trend also recorded in India (Dhaliwal *et al.*, 2015) [3]. The insect-pests cause 23.73 % weight loss in cabbage (Jat *et al.*, 2017) [7]. The *P. Xylostella* is a most detrimental pest of cabbage. This insect rely on glucosinolates cue for host location, oviposition and herbivore. Certain glucosinolates, cardenolides, plant volatiles, waxes, plant nutritional quality, leaf morphology and leaf color, or a combination of these factors, may trigger reproductive and feeding activities of *P. Xylostella* (Sarfraz *et al.*, 2006) [14]. This insect difficult to control due to rapid develops resistance against multiple insecticides. Insecticides remain key tool for *P. Xylostella* (Talekar and Shelton 1993) [16]. It shows resistance to almost every group of conventional insecticide (Ridland and Endersby, 2011) [13]. The conventional insecticides are unable to reduce the population of *P. Xylostella* and their damage due to resistance (Perumal *et al.*, 2009) [12]. Most of the conventional insecticides slow degradable and their bioaccumulations affect human health. New molecules viz. Cyantraniliprole, chlorantraniliprole and flubendiamide belong to diamide group and trending as safer insecticides with novel modes of actions. These molecules are more efficacious and fast degradable. These molecules are ideal for IPM. Hence, present investigations envisage to evaluate the bio-efficacy of new insecticides against *P. Xylostella*.

### Materials and methods

The experiment was conducted under field condition at the Experimental farm of Banda University of Agricultural & Technology, Banda, during Rabi 2020 on susceptible variety of cabbage Green Voyager. The crop was grown as per recommended package and practices in Randomized Block Design with 8 treatments including control and replicated thrice. The dosage of commercial formulation of insecticidal treatments viz. spinosad 45% SC @ 185 ml ha<sup>-1</sup>, flubendiamide 20% WG @ 100 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, neem oil 32% EC @ 1.5 l ha<sup>-1</sup>, Cyantraniliprole 10% OD @ 600 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, emamectin benzoate 5% SG @ 250 g ha<sup>-1</sup>, indoxacarb 14.5 SC @

500 ml ha<sup>-1</sup>, chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC @ 150 ml ha<sup>-1</sup>, dosage ha<sup>-1</sup>, control with two sprays with hand operated knapsack sprayer (300 l ha<sup>-1</sup>) were applied.

The first spray was applied at ETL 5 larvae plant<sup>-1</sup> (Patra *et al.*, 2015) [11] and second spray was applied at 15 days interval after the first application. The larval populations were recorded from randomly selected five plants from each plot. The head portion of the plant was observed and recorded larval population. The observations of larval population were recorded at just before the spray and 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> days after spray. The percentage reduction of larval population of the treatments over control was expressed as percent field efficacies of various treatments were calculated by Henderson and Tilton as given below. The yield of marketable cabbage head was recorded from each plot. The cumulative yield thus obtained from each plot was extrapolated in to yield in quintal ha<sup>-1</sup>. The percent efficacy data were arc sine transformed and yield data were square root transformed and data of each character were subjected to statistical analysis by applying analysis of variance technique (Gomez and Gomez, 1983) [5].

$$\text{Percent efficacy} = \left[ 1 - \frac{Cb \times Ta}{Ca \times Tb} \right] \times 100$$

Where, Ca = Number of larvae per plant on untreated check after treatment.

Cb = Number of larvae per plant on untreated check before treatment.

Ta = Number of larvae per plant on treated plot after treatment.

Tb = Number of larvae per plant on treated plot before treatment.

### Results and discussion

The larval incidence of *P. Xylostella* and efficacy of insecticides given in table 1, reveals that the before treatment larval populations were statistically at par to each other. At 5<sup>th</sup> day after 1<sup>st</sup> spray of insecticides, larval populations were varied from 0.67 to 5.27 plant<sup>-1</sup>. The chlorantraniliprole and Cyantraniliprole were at par to each other and both these treatments were significantly superior over rest of the treatments. All the chemical treatments were significantly superior over the neem oil and all the treatments were significantly superior over untreated plots. At 10<sup>th</sup> day after 1<sup>st</sup> spray, larval population was varied in the range 0.67 to 6.00 plant<sup>-1</sup>. Again Cyantraniliprole and chlorantraniliprole were at par to each other and both these treatments were significantly superior over rest of the treatments. Similar results were observed after 2<sup>nd</sup> spray of insecticidal application. Chlorantraniliprole and Cyantraniliprole belong to anthranilic diamide class; these insecticides cease feeding immediately after contact, opens

muscular calcium channels in the ryanodine receptor ensued rapidly cause paralysis and death (Karin *et al.*, 2010) [8]. The feeding cessation by dint of chlorantraniliprole is significantly greater than that of most recently developed other insecticides (Hannig *et al.*, 2009) [6]. Due to above facts, chlorantraniliprole and cyantraniliprole showed better results. This finding corroborates by Yadav (2014) [17]. Flubendiamide was most effective followed by spinosad and indoxacarb (Kurakula and Pandurang, 2015) [9].

At 5<sup>th</sup> day of treatment, the field bio-efficacy varied from 22.33 to 87.01 percent. The field bio-efficacy of chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole, flubendiamide and emamectin benzoate were statistically at par to each other and these treatments were significantly superior over rest of the treatments. At 10<sup>th</sup> day of treatment, the field bio-efficacy varied from 14.34 to 89.89 percent. The field bio-efficacy of chlorantraniliprole and Cyantraniliprole, were statistically at par to each other and both these treatments were significantly superior over rest of the treatments and all the chemical treatments were significantly superior over the neem oil treatment. Similar results were observed after 2<sup>nd</sup> spray of insecticidal application. Chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole and flubendiamide cease feeding almost immediately after contact with the product (Karin *et al.*, 2010) [8]. Due to above facts, chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole and flubendiamide showed better results in comparison of spinosad, indoxacarb and neem oil insecticides. Similarly, Dotsara *et al.* (2017) [4] reported that chlorantraniliprole was the most effective pesticides. Kurakula and Pandurang (2015) [9] reported flubendiamide was most effective followed by spinosad and indoxacarb.

The results of marketable yield depict in Fig. 1, reveals that all the treatments effective in reducing marketable yield loss. The highest marketable yield 398.17 q ha<sup>-1</sup> was recorded from chlorantraniliprole and minimum marketable yield 106.83 q ha<sup>-1</sup> was recorded from untreated. The marketable yield of chlorantraniliprole and Cyantraniliprole were at par to each other and both these treatments were significantly superior over rest of the treatments. The marketable yields of all the treatments were significantly superior over the neem oil treatment and all the treatments were significantly superior over control. Larva is damaging stage and this infestation reduce marketable yield. The minimum larval population was recorded in chlorantraniliprole and Cyantraniliprole both treatments were superior over rest of the treatments and all the treatments were significantly superior over control, similar trend was observed marketable yield. Our findings corroborate by Sawant and Patil (2018) [15] reported highest yield of cabbage recorded from the chlorantraniliprole followed by spinosad and flubendiamide.

**Table 1:** Bio-efficacy of insecticidal treatments *Plutella xylostella* against on cabbage Rabi 2020

Treatments	Dosage ha <sup>-1</sup>	DBM larvae population head <sup>-1</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> spray)			Population reduction % after 1 <sup>st</sup> spray		DBM larvae population head <sup>-1</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> spray)			Population reduction % after 2 <sup>nd</sup> spray	
		Before spray	After 5 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 10 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 5 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 10 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	Before spray	After 5 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 10 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 5 <sup>th</sup> day of spray	After 10 <sup>th</sup> day of spray
Spinosad 45% SC	185 ml	4.40	2.20	3.13	54.66 (7.39)	44.06 (6.65)	5.13	2.13	3.40	52.30 (7.25)	37.00 (6.11)
Flubendiamide 20% WG	100 g	5.20	1.40	2.20	76.62 (8.78)	66.87 (8.20)	4.67	1.27	1.93	69.07 (8.34)	60.34 (7.79)

Neem Oil 32% EC	1.5 lit	4.67	4.13	5.13	22.33 (4.69)	14.34 (3.59)	5.13	3.87	4.53	13.63 (3.60)	15.82 (3.90)
Cyantraniliprole 10% OD	600 g	5.07	0.87	0.67	85.19 (9.26)	89.89 (9.51)	3.00	0.53	0.47	78.76 (8.88)	84.09 (9.18)
Emamectin benzoate 5% SG	250 g	5.20	1.47	2.07	75.10 (8.69)	68.89 (8.32)	5.07	1.40	2.13	68.81 (8.32)	59.55 (7.72)
Indoxacarb 14.5 SC	500 ml	5.00	2.47	3.60	56.51 (7.54)	44.38 (6.70)	5.20	2.20	3.93	51.35 (7.11)	28.00 (5.32)
Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC	150 ml	4.60	0.67	0.73	87.01 (9.35)	87.52 (9.38)	3.73	0.47	0.60	85.67 (9.28)	84.49 (9.22)
Untreated control	-	4.60	5.27	6.00	0.00 (0.71)	0.00 (0.71)	7.00	6.13	7.33	0.00 (0.71)	0.00 (0.71)
SE (m) ±	-	0.26	0.09	0.31	0.26	0.39	0.18	0.22	0.28	0.41	0.41
CD 5 %	-	0.80	0.26	0.96	0.79	1.18	0.54	0.67	0.83	1.23	1.26

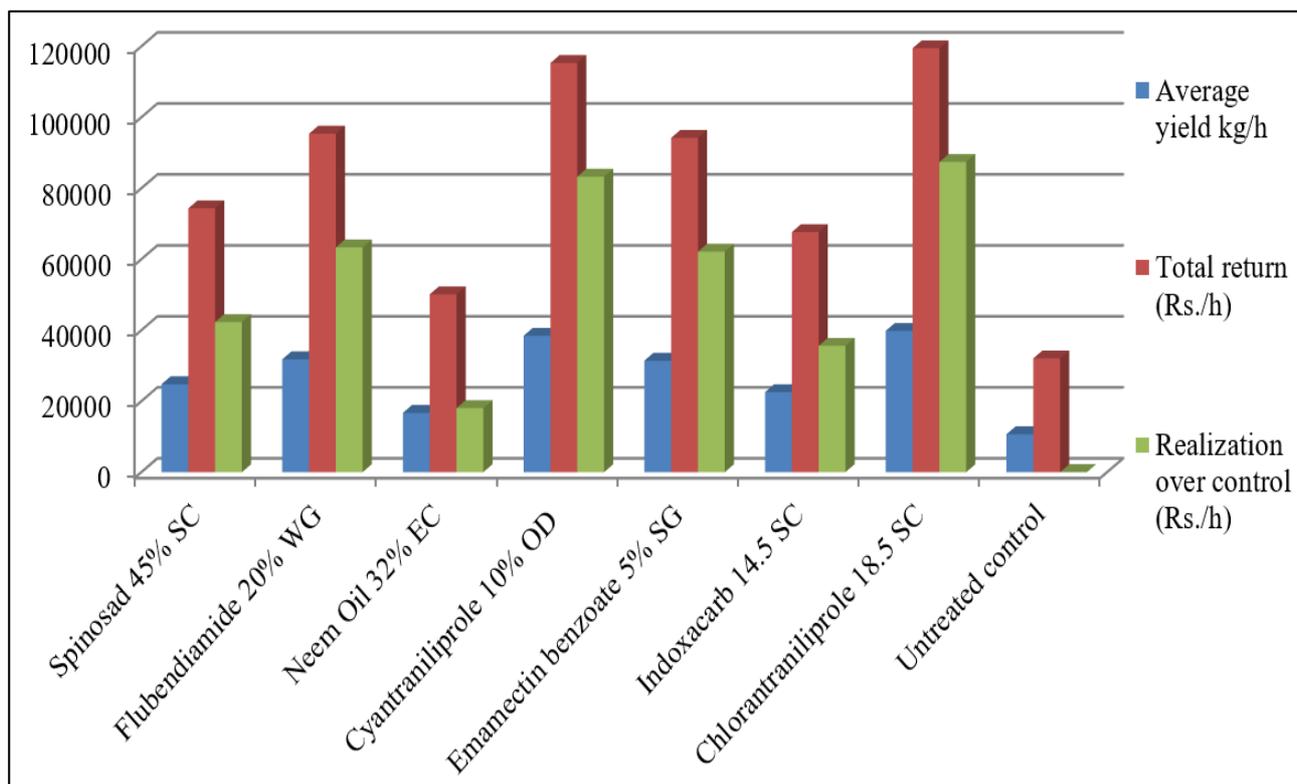


Fig 1: Yield, total return and realization over control of cabbage

## Conclusion

Chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole, flubendiamide and emamectin benzoate are best alternatives of conventional insecticides and out of these chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole shows great promises in order to protect the loss of yield. These molecules may be admissible in to IPM tool to combat *P. Xylostella* by dint of their high efficiency.

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