Field Efficacy of Certain Insecticides against Rice Gundhi Bug \([Leptocorisa\,\textit{acuta}\,\text{(Thonberg)}]\) Under Agro-Climatic Condition of Allahabad, India

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An experiment was conducted during Kharif season of 2016, to evaluate the field efficacy of certain insecticides against rice gundhi bug \([Leptocorisa\,\textit{acuta}\,\text{(Thonberg)}]\) under agro-climatic condition of Allahabad, at Central Research Farm, SHUATS, Naini, Allahabad. Three applications of seven insecticides viz. Imidacloprid 17.8% SL, Triazophos 25% SP, Monocrotophos 36% SL, Thiamethoxam 25% WG, Acephate 75% SP, Carbaryl 50% SP, Malathion 50% EC were evaluated against Rice Gundhi bug, \(Leptocorisa\,\textit{acuta}\). Results were revealed that all the treatments were effective significantly to suppress population of gundhi bug as compared with control (3.51 bug/hill). And the treatment Imidacloprid was recorded lowest population of gundhi with (0.91 bug/hill) and found to be superior among all other treatments. This was followed by Thimethoxam (1.22 bug/hill) < Triazophos (1.44 bug/hill) < Monocrotophos (1.77 bug/hill) < Acephate (2.06 bug/hill) < Carbaryl (2.57 bug/hill) < Malathion (2.84 bug/hill) respectively.

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Introduction

Rice \((\textit{Oryza sativa} \text{L.})\) is the most important staple food crop with more than half of the world’s population relying on rice as the major daily source of calories and protein. (Khanjani 2006) Asia accounts for about 90% of world's rice area and production.

Among the rice growing countries, India has largest area under rice in the world (about 44.6 mha) i.e. 28% of the world’s area of production, and ranks second next to China. The share of India to the world's production is near about 22.1 percent. In Madhya Pradesh, the area under rice cultivation is 5144.6 million hectares with production of 5748.3 Million tonnes with a productivity of 1-2 t/ha (Anonymous, 2011).

Rice gundhi bug, \(Leptocorisa\,\textit{acuta}\) (Thumb) is an important pest of rice (Rao and Prakash, 1995). The rice bug both nymphs and adults causes damage by feeding on the sap of milky grain and turns them chaffy.

Rice gundhi bug is one of the serious pests of rice in India and sometimes reduce yield by as much as 30% (Tiwari \textit{et al.}, 2014; Banerjee \textit{et al.}, 1982; Gupta \textit{et al.}, 1993 and Israel \textit{et al.},...
1961). The rice plant is subject to attack by more than 100 species of insects and 20 of them can cause economic damage (Pathak and Khan, 1994).

**Materials and Methods**

The experiment was conducted during the kharif, 2016, at Central Research Farm, SHUATS, Naini, Allahabad. In the experiment, the variety under supervision ‘Rupali’ was grown for this study.

Later the seedlings of sufficient age were transplanted to main field with a spacing of 20 × 10 cm in hills and all the agronomical practices viz. irrigation, fertilizer application and intercultural operations were followed as recommended for rice crop in this area to raise the crop.

Seven formulations of insecticides viz., Imidacloprid 17.8% SL @ 300g/ha, Thiamethoxam 25% WG @ 100g/ha, Traizophos 25% @ 625g/h, Acephate 75% SP, @ 800 ml/ha, Carbaryl 50% SP @ 1000g/h, Malathion 50% EC @ 1150 ml/h with Monocrotophos 36 % SL @ 1390 ml/ha against insect pest of rice. The trial was laid out in randomized block design with three replications. Observations on the incidence of Gundhi bug population was calculated by counting per hill of bugs from each plot, on five randomly selected plants at 1 day before and 3, 7 and 14 days after imposing treatments. And the data recorded in the different treatments were subjected to statistical analysis after suitable transformation by following standard procedures of RBD experiment.

**Results and Discussion**

All the treatments were found to be significantly superior to control the population of gundhi bug.

The minimum populations of gundhi bug were recorded in (T1) Imidacloprid (0.91 bug/hill) followed by (T4) Thaimethoxam (1.22 bug/hill), (T2) Triazophos (1.44 bug/hill), (T3) Monocrotophos (1.77 bug/hill), (T5) Acephate (2.06 bug/hill), (T6) Carbaryl (2.57 bug/hill), (T7) Malathion (2.84 bug/hill) and (T0) Control (3.51 bug/hill). Imidacloprid 17.8% SL was found to be the best and it was at par with Thaimethoxam. The results of Imidacloprid 17.8% SL were supported by Chaudhary and Raghuraman (2014) (Table 1).

| Tr. | Treatments      | Population of gundhi bug/hill |          |          |          |
|-----|----------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|     |                | Before spray                 | 1 DBS    | 3rd Day  | 7th Day  | 14th Day |
|     |                |                              |          |          |          |          | Mean    |
| T0  | Control        | 3.96 (11.74)                 | 3.73 (11.13) | 3.66 (11.03) | 3.13 (10.18) | 3.51 (10.79) |
| T1  | Imidacloprid   | 3.13 (10.18)                 | 1.26 (6.43) | 0.86 (5.28) | 0.60 (4.40) | 0.91 (5.42) |
| T2  | Triazophos     | 3.26 (10.38)                 | 1.66 (7.36) | 1.46 (6.93) | 1.20 (6.22) | 1.44 (6.84) |
| T3  | Monocrotophos  | 3.46 (10.51)                 | 2.20 (8.50) | 1.66 (7.36) | 1.46 (6.93) | 1.77 (7.62) |
| T4  | Thiamethoxam   | 3.17 (10.49)                 | 1.53 (7.08) | 1.20 (6.22) | 0.93 (5.49) | 1.22 (6.29) |
| T5  | Acephate       | 3.33 (10.55)                 | 2.33 (8.75) | 2.00 (8.08) | 1.86 (7.83) | 2.06 (8.22) |
| T6  | Carbaryl       | 3.41 (10.63)                 | 3.00 (9.94) | 2.60 (9.24) | 2.13 (8.35) | 2.57 (9.19) |
| T7  | Malathion      | 3.53 (10.77)                 | 3.20 (10.27) | 2.86 (9.72) | 2.46 (9.02) | 2.84 (9.68) |
| F test |                  |                              |          |          |          |          |          |
| CD (5%) |              | 1.43                         | 0.37     | 0.53     | 0.43     | 0.30     |
| S.Ed.  |                | 0.47                         | 0.12     | 0.18     | 0.14     | 0.10     |
| CV %   |                | 7.63                         | 2.44     | 3.82     | 3.37     | 2.18     |

Figures in parenthesis are arc sin transformed values. DBS –Day before spray.

Table 1. Efficacy of certain chemical insecticides against gundhi bug (*Leptocorisa acuta*) during kharif 2016
The most effective treatment was imidacloprid, Thaimethoxam, Traizophos and Monocrtophos (Girish et al., 2015; Rath et al., 2014; Ashokappa et al., 2015 and Rath et al., 2015).

Treatments

The spray revealed that Imidacloprid (17.8% SL) was found to be more effective than other Insecticides. Imidacloprid (17.8% SL) and Thaimethoxam (25% WG) were at par with each other. Traizophos (25%SP) and Monocrtophos (36% SL) were also at par with each other and Acephate (75% SP) and Carbaryl (50% SP) were also at par with each other.

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