

## ***Combined Effect of Some Bio-Agents Against the Grasshopper, *Heteracris littoralis* Under Semi-Field Condition***

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**Abstract.** LC<sub>50</sub> of the alcoholic-80% extract of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (0.714%), essential oil of Garlic plant *Allium sativum* (0.067%) and nematodes of *Steinernema* and *Heterorhabditis* (500 IJs/ml), were tested for their solely and/or combined toxic effects and for their effects on some biological aspects against the grasshopper, *Heteracris littoralis* 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs under semi-field condition. The joint action of the mixture of the most effective extract (*E. pulcherrima*) and oil (Garlic oil) exhibit an antagonistic effect with co-toxicity index of (−24), despite the increase the proportion of death in the mixture for all the tested groups the type of interaction were antagonism, all the tested materials had variable mode of action which resulted in significantly antagonistic effects. Co-toxicity action of the mixture have been based on the physical and chemical properties of the compound. Reviewing the obtained results, it can be concluded that the efficiency of the different tested bio-agents material mixture against the 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs of *H. littoralis* varied tremendously according to the type of compounds of the tested mixture. *Euphorbia* 80% methanol extract and Garlic oil may used separately or in combination as alternatives safe tools against *H. littoralis* grasshopper. The effect of volatile oil and the plant extract may be attributed to one or more of the following: fumigant, contact or poisoning effect and may due to the presence of some chemical groups in their structure. Semi-field experiments cleared that nematodes in combination with the oil or extract

increased the mortality percentage. The combination mixture of extract, oil and nematode significantly affected development, reproduction and life cycle of *H. littoralis*. Lethal effect varied with regard to the nematode species. Semi-field experiment of the plant extract, plant oil and their mixture revealed some changes on the biological aspects, an increase in the nymphal period, pre-oviposition, oviposition and post-oviposition periods. There is vigorous decrease in the female fecundity and fertility. The control of the insect by nematode and sub-lethal dose of plant extract or plant volatile oil as biological control may enhance their lethal effect on insect pest when applied simultaneously. Plant products played as catalytic agents and increased the susceptibility of pests to infection by nematode. Combination mixture of the tested bio-agent could be considered as possible means for use in programs of integrated pest management of *H. littoralis* grasshopper.

**Keywords:** Grasshopper, *Heteracris littoralis*, Entomopathogenic nematode, *Steinernema*, *Heterorhabditis*, Joint action, Biological aspects, Semi-field test. Plant extract, Essential oil, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, *Allium sativum*.

## Introduction

Botanical insecticides are one of the best alternatives for these hazardous chemicals. They are plant-derived insecticides, either naturally occurring plant materials or the products simply derived from such plants (GUPTA *et al.*, 2005). A number of medicinal plant species like *Euphorbia* sp., *Dodonea viscosa*, *Eucalyptus* sp. and *Chinus trbinlitolia* etc..., are known to possess insecticidal properties (SHARMA and GUPTA 2009; MAZEN *et al.*, 2009; OPARAEKE, 2004; UWAEZUOKE, 2002 and CRUZE *et al.*, 2000. Essential oils are volatile, natural, complex compounds characterized by a strong odor and are formed by plants as secondary metabolites. In nature, essential oils play an important role in protection of the plants as antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal, insecticides and also

against herbivorous by reducing their appetite for such plants. They also may, attract some insects to favor the dispersion of pollen and seeds or repel undesirable others (BAKKALI *et al.*, 2008). Therefore, the use of essential oils extracted from aromatic plants to control insect pests has been investigated and is well documented (ISMAN, 2006; KOUL *et al.*, 2008; RAJENDRAN & SRIRANJINI, 2008). The possibility of using pathogenic nematode to control destructive pest has been envisioned for a long time. From time to time efforts to institute the control of certain insects by such measures have been made in various parts of the world. In recent years there has appeared a need to reappraise the possibilities of this method in the light of new technique and newer knowledge concerning the effect of pathogenic nematodes, plant essential oils and plant extracts on insect population and their control. Recently, most researches tend to use some strains of nematode and extracts of some plants for controlling grasshopper. The grasshopper, *H. littoralis* considered one of the most harmful pests to different cultivated crops in Egypt. Its economic importance comes from attacking many vegetable cultivated areas even trees, feeding on it and causing great losses in quantity and quality of the attacked crops. In some cases thousands of cultivated hectares may be attacked by the swarms of grasshopper leaving it as a divested desert. The economic injury of *H. littoralis* in Egypt had been documented by MISTIKAWY (1929) and NAKHLA (1957). Insecticide mixtures are usually applied in the field to enhance the spectrum of the control when multiple pests are attacking simultaneously. They are also recommended to increase the efficacy of the control of a single pest to delay the development of insecticide resistance or to combat current resistance in a pest species. Insecticide resistance has become a major obstacle to successful chemical control with conventional insecticides. The evolution of resistance to insecticides is governed by a complex of events and factors; mainly, intense and repeated applications of insecticides which are often from the same chemical group or which employ the same mode of action. To prevent the resistance phenomenon, there is a need for different compounds

having different modes of action (FEI YI *et al.*, 2012). Combined mixture of insecticides for 1- The amount of material used can be reduced without loss of activity, 2- To delay the selection of resistant strains, 3- Biological evidence alone is not enough, because the observed efficacy of mixture should be compared with its expected efficacy (GISI, 1991).

The main aim of the present research is to evaluate the combined effect of three bio-agents (Garlic oil, Euphorbia extract and nematodes) on the grasshopper, *H. littoralis* under semi-field condition for disrupting growth and development of *H. littoralis* so that they can be used in the integrated handling of pests.

## **Materials & Methods**

### **Insect culture**

*Heteracris littoralis* grasshopper was reared under laboratory condition for several generations on semi-artificial diet as mentioned by SHARABY *et al.* (2010). Essential oils Garlic, *Allium sativum* (Family: Liliaceae) were obtained from EL-Captain company (CAPPHARM), elcaptain@elcaptain Co., Al-Obour city (Cairo), Egypt. Plant of *Euphorbia* sp. was collected from the garden of National Research Centre, Egypt. The plant parts were dried in shade place then minced into powder in an electric mill then extracted with 80% methanol as mentioned by SHARABY *et al.* (2011). The tested nematode were obtained from the Plant Protection Laboratory, National Research Centre, Egypt.

Combined actions of the plant extract, essential oil and entomopathogenic nematode on *H. littoralis* under laboratory condition:

The artificial diet that used for rearing *H. littoralis* and described by SHARABY *et al.* (2010) was mixed with the sub-lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) that previously determined by SHARABY *et al.* (2011&2012) of the different bio-agents (*Euphorbia pulcherrima* plant extract at concentration (0.714%), Garlic, *Allium*

*sativa* plant oil at concentration (0.075%) and *Steinernema carpocabsa* or *Heterorhabditis* nematode (500 IJs/ml)) separately and in combination. The treated diet for each treatment was introduced into the rearing cages each with 100 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymph of *H. littoralis* and left for feeding on the treated diet for 14 days, then the percentage of mortality was calculated. For the control test untreated diet was used. Corrected mortality was made according Abbott's formula (ABBOTT, 1925). The combined action of the mixtures were expressed as co-toxicity factor which was estimated by equation of MANSOUR *et al.* (1966). To determine the effect of applying pairs of insecticides the expected LC<sub>50</sub> concentration of each insecticide in the paired combination was applied, thus 50% mortality was expected to result when the mixture of 2 insecticides was the sum of the expected mortalities of each of the concentration used in combination. To evaluate the effect of different pairs of the bio-agent used here, the following equation was followed:

$$\text{Co-toxicity factor} = \frac{\text{Observed \% mortality} - \text{Expected \% mortality}}{\text{Expected \% mortality}} \times 100$$

This factors was used to differentiates the results into 3 categories. A positive factor of 20 or more meant potentiating, a negative factor of 20 or more meant antagonism, and any intermediate value between (-20 and +20) was considered only additive effect.

### **Semi-field experiment**

Effect of combination of different bio-agents on percentage of mortality and some biological aspects for the 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymph of *H. littoralis* under semi-field condition:

A semi-field experiment was conducted outside the laboratory in the garden of National Research Centre under the natural condition during January until April, the average temperature was 29°C (20.5-37.0°C) and the photoperiod 10:14 light to dark. Assay units were pot-planted Clover, *Trifolium alexandrinum*

40cm high, one month old, twelve treatments were investigated in addition the control (untreated potted Clover), 0.05% Tween-80 was used as emulsifier. Water was used for the control test.

Each treatment was assigned four times. Each potted plant was sprayed with 250ml of the sub-lethal concentration ( $LC_{50}$ ) of solution of tested material in twelve different treatments (1- Garlic oil, 2- Euphorbia extract, 3- *Steinernima* nematode, 4- *Heterorhabditis* nematode, 5- Garlic oil+ Euphorbia extract, 6- Garlic oil+*Steinernima* nematode, 7- Garlic oil+ *Heterorhabditis* nematode, 8- Euphorbia extract+*Steinernima* nematode, 9- Euphorbia extract +*Heterorhabditis* nematode, 10- Garlic oil + Euphorbia extract + *Steinernima* nematode, 11- Garlic oil + Euphorbia extract + *Heterorhabditis* nematode, 12- Control (untreated). Spray treatment by using a hand sprayer 1 liter capacity, separately or in combination. The treated potted plant were placed under a wooden screen cages. Hundreds of 50 male with 50 females 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs of *H. littoralis* were obtained from the standard laboratory culture then released inside the cages and left for feeding on the treated potted plant for 14 days, percentages of mortality was recorded for each treatment at intervals each 2 days. The potted plants were changed with another untreated ones. Every treatment and control was replicated four times. Biological aspects were estimated for the remaining insect inside the cages till reached the adult stage and allowed for mating, oviposition and laying eggs, then calculated the number of the first offspring ( $F_1$ ) (new generation of 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs).

### Statistical analysis

Statistical, all data were subjected to analysis of Variance (ANOVA) through “SPSS” Computer Program. To differentiate between means, Duncan’s multiple range test ( $P = 0.05$ ) was used (DUNCAN, 1965).

## Results & Discussion

Insecticide mixtures are usually applied in the field to enhance the spectrum of the control when multiple pests are attacking simultaneously. They are also recommended to increase the efficacy of the control of a single pest to delay the development of insecticide resistance or to combat current resistance in a pest species. Insecticide resistance has become a major obstacle to successful chemical control with conventional insecticides. The evolution of resistance to insecticides is governed by a complex of events and factors; mainly, intense and repeated applications of insecticides which are often from the same chemical group or which employ the same mode of action. To prevent the resistance phenomenon, there is a need for different compounds having different modes of action (FEI YI *et al.*, 2012).

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### Joint action of different bio-agents

Table (1) revealed the presence of antagonistic effects between Garlic oil and Euphorbia extract in the combination mixture that was expressed as co-toxicity factors with (-24), for *Steinernema* nematode and Garlic oil (-44), for *Heterorhabditis* nematode and Garlic oil (-40), for Garlic oil, Euphorbia extract and *Steinernema* nematode (-47.9) and finally for Garlic oil, Euphorbia extract, *Heterorhabditis* nematode was (-48.88). Despite the increase in the proportion of death in the mixture for all the tested groups the type of interaction were antagonism. For example, in group1 percentage of mortality for 1<sup>st</sup> nymph instar of *H. littoralis* that fed on artificial diet treated with Garlic oil as mentioned in the methods cleared 50% and for Euphorbia extract was 45% while for their mixture was 55%.

These results indicated that all the tested materials had a variable mode of action which resulted in significantly antagonistic effects. Pesticides are grouped into classes of compounds that have similar chemical structure and modes of toxic action. The term (mode of toxic action) is defined as a series of key processes that begins with the interaction of a pesticide with a receptor site and proceed through on the operational and anatomical changes in an organism that result in sub lethal or lethal effects (EPA, 2000). GORDON and EL-DEFRAWI (1960) speculated that antagonism could be produced if one insecticide interfere with the activation of the other by retarding it, so maximal effects were not arrived at simultaneously, and the detoxifying enzymes would have more chance to acting on the less toxic parent compound. HEWLETT (1960) suggested that independence of action, whether partial or complete, might be due to different speeds of action as well as to different sites of action. Mode of toxic action is essential in understanding how mixtures may act jointly. The effect of the tested materials may be due to the presence of some chemical groups in their structure e.g., alkaloids, tannins, mono and triterpenes and sterols (SCHMIDT and WEMER, 1993). Co-toxicity action of the mixture have been based physical and chemical properties of the compound (ABDE-MAGEED and SHALABY, 2011). MANSOUR *et al.* (1966) recorded that the antagonistic pairs consisted mainly of 2 relatively strong insecticides, or combinations of 1 strong and 1 weak insecticides. None of the pairs was of 2 weak or 2 very strong insecticides. One material may interfere with the activation of the other material, antagonism would occur. Table (1) indicated that the all tested materials were relatively strong, or one material was stronger than the other, or nearly equal in the combined mixture. Reviewing the obtained results, it can be concluded that the efficiency of the different tested bio agent material mixtures against the 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs of *H. littoralis* varied tremendously according to the type of component of the tested mixtures. The effect of volatile and plant extracts may be attributed to one or more of the following, fumigants, contact or poisoning effect and may be due to the presence of



some chemical groups in their structure such alkaloides, tannins, mono and triterpenes, flavonodes, steroles, saponines and glycosides.

### **Semi-field test**

Combined effect of different bio-agent under field condition on the mortality percentage of the 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymph after feeding on Clove potted plant sprayed with LC<sub>50</sub> concentration values.

Table (2) revealed that, the appearance of mortality started form the fourth day after the treatment for all treatments; garlic oil and *Euphorbia* extract gave nearly the same mortality percentage till twelve day then getting a small increase 45% for the oil and 50% for the extract. Mixture of both oil with extract slightly increased mortality to 55% . Mixture of each species of nematode *Steinernema* or *Heterorhabditis* with garlic oil and *Euphorbia* extract increased mortality percentage to 62.5 and 50%, compared with 25 and 17.5% for *Steinernema* and *Heterorhabditis*, respectively if they used separately. This result indicated that the presence of garlic oil and *Euphorbia* extract in one mixture with *Steinernema* or *Heterorhabditis* nematode increased the mortality percentages of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instar nymphs of *H. littoralis* when they mixed together in their diet. These results indicated that the presence of different mode of actions of the tested three bio-agents where the oil or the extract may activated the symbiotic bacteria of nematodes causing septicemia to the insect and increasing of insect mortality. Also, the symbiotic bacteria of nematode cause damage for t insect tissues and facilitate the oil or the extract penetration into cell tissues and making their effects.

Table (1): Joint action of different bio-agents after mixed with artificial diet on the percentage mortality of 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymph of *H. littoralis*

Combined group	Material	Mortality (%)	Expected mortality (%)	Observed mortality (%)	Co-toxicity factor	Joint action category
1	Garlic oil	50	95	55	- 42	Antagonism
	Euphorbia extract	45				
	Garlic oil+ Euphorbia extract	55				
2	Nematode (S)*	25	75	42	- 44	Antagonism
	Garlic oil	50				
	Nematode (S)+Garlic oil	42				
3	Nematode (H)**	17.5	67.5	40	- 40	Antagonism
	Garlic oil	50				
	Nematode (H)+ Garlic oil	40				
4	Euphorbia extract	45	70	40	-0.43	Antagonism
	Nematode (S)	25				
	Nematode (S)+ Euphorbia extract	40				
5	Euphorbia extract	45	62.5	32	-0.49	Antagonism
	Nematode (H)	17.5				
	Nematode (H)+ Euphorbia extract	32				
6	Garlic oil	50	120	62.5	- 47.9	Antagonism
	Euphorbia extract	45				
	Nematode (S)	25				
	Garlic oil+ Euphorbia extract +Nematode (S)	62.5				
7	Garlic oil	50	112.5	57.5	- 48.88	Antagonism
	Euphorbia extract	45				
	Nematode (H)	17.5				
	Garlic oil+Euphorbia extract+Nematode (H)	57.5				

Nematode (S)\* = *Steinernema*    Nematode (H)\*\* = *Heterorhabditis*

These findings agreed with ABDEL-MAGEED *et al.* (2011) they recorded that insecticidal mixture are usually applied in the field to enhance the spectrum of control when multiple pests are attacking simultaneously. They are also recommended to increase the efficacy of the control of a single pest to delay the development of insecticide resistance or to combat current resistance in a pest species. To prevent the resistance phenomenon, there are need for different compounds having different mode of action (AYDIN and GURKAN, 2006). The rapid action of oils against some pests is indicative of a neurotoxic mode of action, and there is evidence for interference with the neuromodulator octopamine (KOSTYUKOVSKY *et al.*, 2002). Plant extracts include alkaloids, terpenoids, phenols, flavonoids, and other minor chemicals can affect insects in several ways (LIN-ER *et al.*, 1995).

Table (2): Effect of sub lethal concentration of different bio ag s on mortality percentage of 1<sup>st</sup> instar nymphs of *H. littoralis* at intervals

Tested material	% Mortality at intervals (in days)						
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Euphorbia extract	0	25	32.5	37.5	42.5	45	45
Garlic oil	0	25	30	37.5	45	50	50
Euphorbia extract + Garlic oil	0	15	37.5	50	55	55	55
<i>Steinernema</i> nematode	12.5	12.5	20	25	25	25	25
<i>Steinernema</i> + Garlic oil	14.0	22	26	30	38	42	42
<i>Sternernema</i> + Euphorbia extract	10	20	28	32	36	40	40
<i>Stinernema</i> + Garlic oil + Ephorbia extract	0	15	47.5	57.5	62.5	62.5	62.5
<i>Heterorhabditis</i> nematode	5	12.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
<i>Heterorhabditis</i> +Garlic oil	12	16	22	32	36	40	40
<i>Heterorhabditis</i> + Euphorbia extract	6	18	22	26	32	32	32
<i>Heterorhabditis</i> + Garlic oil + Euphorbia extract	0	17.5	4205	50	50	50	50
Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Combined effect of different bio agent under field condition on the biological aspects of the 1<sup>st</sup> nymph instar after feeding on Clove potted plant sprayed with LC<sub>50</sub> concentration values.

This experiment was conducted in order to determine the insecticidal activity of the most effective extract (*Euphorbia*) and the plant oil (Garlic oil) and their combined mixture on the biological aspects of *H. littoralis* under semi-field condition. Data on Table (3) revealed a significant prolongation in the total nymphal period of *H. littoralis* that left for feeding of all the treated potted plants where it was 87.28, 98.93, and 100.13 days on the plants treated with *Euphorbia* extract, Garlic oil and the mixture of both (extract + oil), respectively compared with 63.52 days for the control untreated potted plants. Highly significant increasing was recorded for the pre oviposition period for their adults that emerged from nymphs that fed on the treated plants, it was 51.7 days for the mixture treated plants and 56.9, 59.9 days for the extract and for the oil respectively, when used separately compared to 23 days in the untreated checked plants. Highly reduction occurred in the oviposition periods for all treatment ranged from 16.71 to 23.50 days in comparing with 38.22 days for the control, decreasing of oviposition period making the adult deposited l w number of eggs and decreased the population densities of the sect. Egg production by females were greatly decreased by the treatments they re 48.24, 57.90 and 50.00 eggs/female for the extract, oil and their mixture while they were 152.80 eggs/female for control test. Percentages of egg hatchability was vigorously affected by the three different treatments, it decreased form 94% for the untreated plants to 19.3% for the mixture treatment and for 25.6 and 30.5% in case of the extract and the oil treatment, respectively. Adult longevity was significantly decreased by the treatments it decreased from 104 days in the control to 114-127 days for the extract, oil and their combined mixture. Life span was greatly decreased from 183.00 in the control compared to 222.38–236.90 days for the extract, oil and the mixture. From the f regoing data it will

be concluded that *Euphorbia* extract, Garlic oil, separately or in combination causing a great effect on the biological aspects of *H. littoralis* by increasing the total nymphal period, pre-oviposition, oviposition periods, life span, number of the deposited eggs and percentage of egg hatchability. Combination between the extract and the oil increased the total nymphal period and decreased the percentage of egg hatchability than if the two materials were used separately.

The obtained results showed that the combined mixture gave encouraging results against *H. littoralis*. This finding agrees with CASIDA (1990) who mentioned that the toxicity of phytochemicals depends on several factors among which are the chemical composition of the oil or extract and insect susceptibility. Some other different findings were reported by different scientists. FANG *et al.* (2002) thought the order of toxicity will often vary depending on particular insecticide. The insecticidal activity of monoterpenes, the major components of essential oils, has been reported against stored product insects (GARCIA *et al.*, 2005). Many plant essential oils showed a broad spectrum of activity against pest insects ranging from insecticidal, antifeedant, repellent, oviposition deterrent, growth regulatory and antifeedant activities (KOUL *et al.*, 2008). Also, they recorded that the same chemical constituents of the oils interfere with the octopaminergic nervous system in insects. Essential oil constituents are primarily lipophilic compounds that act as toxins, feeding deterrents and oviposition deterrents to a wide variety of insect pests (RICE and COAST, 1994). Secondary compounds in *Euphorbia* extract include alkaloids, terpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, and their minor chemicals can affect *H. littoralis* in several ways. The mixture of *Euphorbia* extract and the Garlic oil proved possible insecticidal activity against *H. littoralis*. Further, while resistance development continues to be an issue for many synthetic pesticides, it is likely that resistance will develop more slowly to plant products based pesticides owing to complex mixture of constituents that characterize many of these products. Ultimately, it is in developing countries which are rich in

endemic plant biodiversity that these pesticides may ultimately have their greatest impact in future integrated pest management programmes due to their safety to non-target organisms and environment. These substances are not only of low cost, but also have less environmental impact in terms of insecticidal hazard. Our findings indicated that *Euphorbia* 80% methanol extract and Garlic oil may be used separately or in combination as alternative safe tools against *H. littoralis* grasshopper.

Table (3): Effect of *Euphorbia* extract and Garlic oil on biological aspects of *H. littoralis*

Biological parameters	Treatments (Mean $\pm$ SE)				F-value
	Euphorbia	Oil	Euphorbia+Oil	Control	
1 <sup>st</sup> instar nymph	10.47 $\pm$ 0.12 b	10.50 $\pm$ 0.14 b	11.61 $\pm$ 0.22 a	8.40 $\pm$ 0.10 c	105.710**
2 <sup>nd</sup> instar nymph	15.50 $\pm$ 0.41 a	15.43 $\pm$ 0.27 a	14.91 $\pm$ 0.41 a	10.06 $\pm$ 0.12 b	109.221**
3 <sup>rd</sup> instar nymph	18.56 $\pm$ 0.22 c	23.00 $\pm$ 0.48 b	24.48 $\pm$ 0.73 a	12.94 $\pm$ 0.12 d	234.326**
4 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	20.59 $\pm$ 0.40 b	24.37 $\pm$ 0.48 a	24.17 $\pm$ 0.41 a	15.48 $\pm$ 0.16 c	174.727**
5 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	22.25 $\pm$ 0.42 b	25.27 $\pm$ 0.42 a	25.00 $\pm$ 0.37 a	16.54 $\pm$ 0.14 c	193.255**
Total nymphal period (in days)	87.28 $\pm$ 0.84 b	98.93 $\pm$ 0.97 a	100.13 $\pm$ 1.36 a	63.52 $\pm$ 0.31 c	549.865**
Pre-oviposition period (in days)	56.94 $\pm$ 1.43 a	59.90 $\pm$ 1.63 a	51.70 $\pm$ 1.14 b	23.00 $\pm$ 0.15 c	326.665**
Oviposition period (in days)	16.71 $\pm$ 0.51 c	19.10 $\pm$ 0.59 c	23.50 $\pm$ 0.89 b	38.22 $\pm$ 1.19 a	113.699**
Post-oviposition period (in days)	40.59 $\pm$ 2.10 c	47.30 $\pm$ 2.17 b	56.00 $\pm$ 0.87 a	42.48 $\pm$ 0.68 c	16.865**
No. of deposited eggs/female	48.24 $\pm$ 7.14 b	57.90 $\pm$ 6.57 b	50.00 $\pm$ 5.96 b	152.83 $\pm$ 2.68a	111.476**
Percentage of Egg hatchability	25.59 $\pm$ 3.78 bc	30.50 $\pm$ 2.52 b	19.30 $\pm$ 3.34 c	94.04 $\pm$ 0.51 a	225.921**
Incubation period	31.65 $\pm$ 4.50 b	50.30 $\pm$ 5.30 a	24.40 $\pm$ 0.93 b	23.00 $\pm$ 0.23 b	12.854**
Longevity (in days)	114.03 $\pm$ 1.57 c	118.37 $\pm$ 1.41 b	127.87 $\pm$ 1.01 a	104.20 $\pm$ 0.96 d	61.506**
Total mortality percentage	0.56 $\pm$ 0.16 c	1.67 $\pm$ 0.14 a	1.00 $\pm$ 0.22 b	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00 d	24.844**
Malformation percentage	0.06 $\pm$ 0.04 b	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00 b	1.00 $\pm$ 0.00 a	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00 b	94.542**
Lifespan (in days)	222.38 $\pm$ 4.43 b	232.73 $\pm$ 5.65 ab	236.91 $\pm$ 3.85 a	183.32 $\pm$ 3.62 c	27.548**

\*\*= Highly significant

Same letters within the horizontal column were not significantly different  $P < 0.05$



Data in table (4) show effect of entomopathogenic nematode, *Steinernema carpocapsea* separately or in combination with Garlic essential oil or 80% methanolic *Euphorbia* plant extract on some biological parameters of *H. littoralis*. The data cleared that there was increase in the total nymphal period, it lasted 70.8 day for the mixture of the all tested bio agents (*S. carpocapsea*+oil+*Euphorbia* extract) and nematode+ extract 65.8 comparing with 63.5 day for control. Oviposition period decreased in all treatments if the bio-agents used separately or in combinations they ranged from 17.8–26.2 day in comparison with 38.2day in control. The mean number of deposited eggs/female significantly decreased in all treatments ranged from 63.5 to 73.0 egg/female comparing with 152.8 for the control. Highly significance obtained in the egg fertility it decreased by about 86% in case of treatment with nematode+extract, where it decreased to 72% in case treatment with mixture *Steinernema*+oil+extract, where the lowest egg numbers was deposited. The longevity of adult is also differ from treatment to another, treatment with the mixture of the three bio-agents prolonged the longevity by about 16 days followed by treatment with mixture of *Steinernema* and Garlic oil which prolonged by about 12 days than the control while the two other treatment, *Steinernema* alone or in combination with the extract shortened the longevity by about 11 and 14 days than the control, respectively. The effect of *Steinernema* separately or in combination with Garlic oil and/or *Euphorbia* extract on mortality percent of adults and malformation of produced adult is so small that it can be neglected in relation to the control. It worthy to mention that, the positive effect of *Steinernema* when applied with Garlic oil on most biological parameters rather than application with other additives may be attributed to presence of Garlic oil which enhance or synergists the effect of *Steinernema*.

Table (4): Combined effect of *Euphorbia* extract+Garlic oil+*Steinernema* nematode on biological aspects of *H.littoralis*

Biological parameters	Treatments (Mean±SE)					F-value
	<i>Steinernema</i>	<i>Steinernema</i> +Oil	<i>Steinernema</i> +Euphorbia	<i>Steinernema</i> +Oil+Euphorbia	Control	
1 <sup>st</sup> instar nymph	9.69±0.15 c	10.35±0.17 b	10.07±0.17 bc	11.27±0.22 a	8.40±0.10 d	52.693**
2 <sup>nd</sup> instar nymph	9.72±0.14 d	11.38±0.14 c	11.83±0.19 b	12.46±0.21 a	10.06±0.12 d	56.265**
3 <sup>rd</sup> instar nymph	12.50±0.20 cd	12.24±0.16 d	13.17±0.17 ab	13.58±0.21 a	12.94±0.12 bc	8.759**
4 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	16.28±0.23 a	13.10±0.14 d	14.47±0.13 c	15.19±0.24 b	15.48±0.16 b	40.208**
5 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	16.91±0.17 b	13.97±0.15 d	16.17±0.17 c	18.23±0.40 a	16.54±0.14 bc	48.980**
Total nymphal period (in days)	64.16±0.96 bc	61.07±0.62 d	65.77±0.48 b	70.81±1.10 a	63.52±0.31 c	24.296**
Pre-oviposition period (in days)	23.25±0.31 d	60.60±1.59 a	33.64±0.98 c	50.00±1.05 b	23.00±0.15 d	457.722**
Oviposition period (in days)	26.17±0.58 b	17.80±0.63 c	24.55±0.81 b	25.20±0.95 b	38.22±1.19 a	58.550**
Post-oviposition period (in days)	47.50±1.10 b	45.60±2.52 bc	40.36±1.32 d	51.40±1.61 a	42.48±0.68 cd	9.555**
No. of deposited eggs/female	72.92±4.94 b	64.60±5.95 b	68.64±5.31 b	63.50±5.22 b	152.83±2.68 a	106.699**
Percentage of Egg hatchability	33.75±3.85 b	37.90±3.26 b	20.46±3.84 c	25.50±2.29 c	94.04±0.51 a	191.716**
Incubation period	24.08±2.28 c	44.20±2.47 a	35.64±1.16 b	26.70±0.91 c	23.00±0.23 c	40.828**
Longevity (in days)	92.97±0.86 c	116.90±1.90 a	89.93±1.64 c	120.46±1.31 a	104.20±0.96 b	94.084**
Total mortality percentage	0.56±0.36 a	0.72±0.34 a	0.67±0.39 a	0.92±0.43 a	0.00±0.00 a	1.678 <sup>NS</sup>
Malformation percentage	0.00±0.00 b	0.00±0.00 b	0.00±0.00 b	0.08±0.05 a	0.00±0.00 b	2.850*
Lifespan (in days)	165.28±3.65 c	193.90±5.93 ab	168.60±4.95 c	201.58±4.69 a	183.32±3.62 b	11.417**

\*\*= Highly significant

\*= Significant

NS= not significant

Same letters within the horizontal column were not significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ )

Data in table (10) show the effect of another species of entomopathogenic nematode (*Heterorhabditis*) on some biological parameters of *H. littoralis* when applied separately or in a combination with the same previous agents, Garlic oil or *Euphorbia* extract. Data clear that application of entomopathogenic nematode, *Heterorhabditis* alone or with other agents led to slight differences in total nymphal period among treatments in relation to control, where there is an increase in nymphal period by about two days as in treatment with nematode alone to about 5 days as in treatment with mixture of nematode and Garlic oil with *Euphorbia* while treatment with nematode and Garlic oil led to decrease in nymphal period as a whole by about 2 days from the control. Treatment with *Heterorhabditis* nematode alone or mixed with the other additives had antagonistic effect on oviposition period where it decreased by about 12, 18, 12, 12 days as treatment with nematode alone, nematode and Garlic, nematode and *Euphorbia* extract and mixture of nematode and Garlic oil with *Euphorbia* extract, respectively. In case of female fecundity, it is observed that all treatments led to decrease the female fecundity by more than 50%, where in the mixture of nematode and Garlic oil with *Euphorbia* treatment the percent decrease was about 68.2%, about 59.2% in both nematode+Garlic oil and nematode+*Euphorbia* extract, and treatment with nematode alone led about 58% off in female fecundity. The incubation period was increased by different treatments in various degrees if compared with the control treatment. Longevity of the resulting adults of *H. littoralis* (F<sub>1</sub>) increased in some treatments as in case nematode+Garlic oil which increased by about 23 days more than the control, and nematode+Garlic oil+*Euphorbia* extract which increased by about 17 days more than the control, while the other treatments led to decrease in the longevity by about 10.7 and 7.3 day less than the control in treatments of nematode alone and nematode+*Euphorbia*, respectively.

Table (5): Combination of different bio-agent (*Euphorbia* extract+Garlic oil+ *Heterorhabditis* nematode) on biological aspects of *H. littoralis*

Biological parameters	Treatments (Mean±SE)					F-value
	<i>Heterorhabditis</i>	<i>Heterorhabditis</i> +Oil	<i>Heterorhabditis</i> +Euphorbia	<i>Heterorhabditis</i> +Oil+Euphorbia	Control	
1 <sup>st</sup> instar nymph	9.65±0.14c	10.57±0.21b	10.32±0.13b	11.39±0.19a	8.40±0.10d	65.163**
2 <sup>nd</sup> instar nymph	10.61±0.14d	11.33±0.19c	11.94±0.16b	12.42±0.19a	10.06±0.12e	41.350**
3 <sup>rd</sup> instar nymph	12.97±0.21b	12.27±0.19b	13.38±0.15ab	13.49±0.19a	12.94±0.12c	7.475**
4 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	15.32±0.23a	13.20±0.17c	14.27±0.14b	14.64±0.21b	15.48±0.16a	25.141**
5 <sup>th</sup> instar nymph	16.68±0.22a	14.33±0.14c	15.53±0.19b	16.27±0.24a	16.54±0.14a	24.954**
Total nymphal period (in days)	65.10±0.56b	61.67±0.86c	65.44±0.67b	68.33±0.95a	63.52±0.31b	13.304**
Pre-oviposition period (in days)	23.83±0.35c	50.70±2.08a	36.08±0.68b	48.33±1.20a	23.00±0.15c	222.972**
Oviposition period (in days)	26.67±0.67c	30.60±1.61b	26.50±0.74c	26.08±1.13c	38.22±1.19a	25.004**
Post-oviposition period (in days)	48.17±1.11c	58.50±1.64a	39.83±1.25d	52.25±1.27b	42.48±0.68d	41.609**
No. of deposited eggs/female	60.42±7.29b	62.00±5.54b	62.08±5.95b	47.92±5.31b	152.83±2.68a	102.460**
Percentage of Egg hatchability	34.58±3.11b	27.00±3.59bc	30.83±4.08b	20.42±3.11c	94.04±0.52a	179.532**
Incubation period	24.92±0.94c	43.70±2.53a	31.25±1.57b	21.42±2.99c	23.00±0.23c	27.239**
Longevity (in days)	93.52±1.07d	127.50±2.01a	96.97±1.19d	121.03±0.90b	104.20±0.96c	132.126**
Total mortality percentage	0.61±0.41a	0.67±0.35a	0.47±0.25a	0.52±0.30a	0.00±0.00a	1.236 <sup>NS</sup>
Malformation percentage	0.00±0.00a	0.00±0.00a	0.00±0.00a	0.00±0.00a	0.00±0.00a	0.000 <sup>NS</sup>
Lifespan (in days)	168.26±3.62c	202.90±6.09a	173.18±3.80bc	195.94±3.40a	183.32±3.62b	12.352**

\*\*= Highly significant

NS= not significant at  $P < 0.05$

Same letters within the horizontal column were not significantly different  $P < 0.05$

From the previous findings, we could be concluded that the tested plant extract (*Euphorbia pulcharrima* at 0.714% concentration), essential oil of Garlic plant (*Allium sativum* at 0.067% concentration) may be used separately or in combination for controlling *H. littoralis*, also could be used in combination with the entomopathogenic nematode *S. carpocapsa* or *Heterorhabditis* or in simultaneous application during the integrated pest managements of *H. littoralis* for decreasing the appearance insect resistance and increase the insect mortality.

We believe that these types of studies are critical for realistic estimation of toxicity, because rarely are organisms exposed to only a single chemical in the field. This studies should be the focus of future researches.

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