

Original Research Article

Efficacy of Selected insecticides, *Beaveriabassiana*, Neem oil against Diamondback moth (*Plutella maculipennis*) (L.) in Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea var capitata*).

ABSTRACT

In order to determine the efficacy of selected insecticides, *Beaveriabassiana*, neem oil against diamondback moth (*Plutella maculipennis*) on cabbage under Allahabad conditions, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The experiment was laid out in Randomised block design with eight treatments. Each replicated thrice using a variety Green sector 546. The treatments are Spinosad 45% SC, Indoxacarb 14.5% SC, Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG, Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC, Fipronil 5% SG, *Beaveriabassiana*, Neem oil 0.3% along with an untreated control against diamondback moth (*Plutella maculipennis*) in cabbage. The data on mean larval population of diamondback moth over control on first and second spray overall mean revealed that treatments significantly superior over control. Among all treatments Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC recorded lowest number of larva of diamondback moth (1.78), which was significantly superior over control followed by Spinosad 45% SC (2.03), Indoxacarb 14.5 SC (2.25), Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG (2.39), Fipronil 5% SC (2.63), *Beaveriabassiana* (1×10^8 CFU/gm) (2.72), Neem oil 0.3% (3.1) recorded highest number of larva. While the highest yield 314.9 q/ha was obtained from the treatment Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC as well as B:Cratio (1:7.59) obtained high from the treatment was followed by Spinosad 45% SC (1:6.77), Indoxacarb 14.5 SC (1:6.33), Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG (1:5.25), Fipronil 5% SG (1:5.78), *Beaveriabassiana* (1×10^8 CFU/gm) (1:5.50), Neem oil 0.3% (1:4.72) as compared to control (1:4.32).

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INTRODUCTION

Cabbage is one of the most popular Cole vegetable crop in India. It is known to possess medicinal properties and its enlarged terminal buds is a rich source of Ca, P, Na, K, S, Vitamin C and dietary fibre. It is said to be good for persons suffering from diabetes. It may be used for preparing soup, stew, as stuffing for cake. (Norton 1997). India is the second largest producer of cabbage after China. India is producing about 8755000 tonnes in an area of 388000/ha with a productivity of 22,564 (kg/ha). In Uttar Pradesh cabbage is grown in an area of about 0.72 million ha producing 5.7 million tonnes.

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The brassica crop has multiple insect pest complex. A total of 37 insect pests have been reported to feed on cabbage in India. (Lal, 1975). The important insect pest species are Diamond back moth (*Plutella maculipennis* (L.)), Cabbage caterpillar (*Pieris brassicae* Linnaeus), Cabbage semilooper (*Thysanoplusia orichalcea* Fabricius) and (Autographa nigrisignata Walker), Tobacco caterpillar (*Spodoptera litura* Fabricius), Cabbage leaf webber (*Crocodolomia binotalis* Zeller), Cabbage borer (*Hellula undalis* Fabricius), Cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae* W.).

Diamond back moth is the most destructive pest (Kumar et al., 2007) and is a limiting factor for successful cultivation of cruciferous crops (Rai et al., 1992). Kumar et al., 1983 reported 52% of loss in marketable yield due to the attack of *Plutella maculipennis* (L.) and loss of US\$ 16 Million per year. This has necessitated the use of alternative eco-friendly insecticides to sustain the management of diamond back moth and the development of resistance against these traditional insecticides can be easily broken down by using the newer group of molecules.

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Diamond back moth has developed resistance to almost all the group of chemical pesticides. In view of the undesirable effects due to unilateral dependence on conventional chemicals, recent advances in research are directed towards development of safer and effective insecticides i.e. avermectins, microbes, pyrazoles, spinosyns and biopesticides which are relatively safe to natural enemies and reduce pesticide load in environment and reported that these molecules spare good number of coccinellid beetles, spiders and Chrysoperla. (Dhanalakshmi et al., 2008). Hence the present study was undertaken, "Efficacy of Selected insecticides, Beauveria bassiana, Neem oil against diamond back moth *Plutella maculipennis* (L.) in cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. capitata) and to Calculate Cost Benefit ratio.

Materials and Methods:

The experiment was conducted during rabiseason at Central Research Field (CRF) of Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Naini, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India, in a randomized block design with eight treatments replicated three times using variety Green soccer 546 in a plot size of (2m×2m) at a spacing of (60×45cm) with a recommended package of practices excluding plant protection. The Efficacy of Selected Insecticides, one biopesticide i.e. Beauveria bassiana (Almax) and one botanical i.e., Neem oil and five insecticides i.e., spinosad (Tracer), Indoxacarb (oxadizine), Emamectin benzoate (Rebel), Chlorantraniprole (coragen), Fipronil (Regent) were purchased from local pesticide traders. For comparison untreated check was included. Application of treatments was started as soon as the pest level crossed the ET L i.e., 5-6 larvae per plant the second spray was given after 15 days respectively.

The insect population was counted from randomly selected plants in every plot and population per 5 plants was noted. After that mean of three replications was calculated for each treatment and the same was done with the untreated plot. The population of *Plutella xylostella* was recorded before 1 day spraying and on 3rd day, 7th day and 14th day after insecticidal application.

Larval population = $\frac{\text{No. of Infested plants}}{\text{Total number of randomly selected plants}}$

Healthy cabbage heads were harvested when they reached appropriate marketable size and their weight from each treatment was expressed as marketable yield in quintal per hectare and subjected to analysis of variance. The data collected on larval population of Diamond back moth (*Plutella xylostella*) were subjected to statistical analysis for testing the level of significance. Similarly, the replication wise data of each treatment on yield of cabbage head were also subjected to analysis of variance. Cost effectiveness of each treatment was assessed based on net returns. Net return of each treatment was worked out by deducting total cost of the treatment from gross returns. Total cost of production included both cultivation as well as plant protection charges.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The data on Mean larval population over all mean shows that all the treatments were significantly superior over control. Among the treatments T_4 Chlorantraniliprole 18.5% SC recorded best effective for Diamondback moth (DBM) larval population having less number of larva (1.78) followed by T_1 Spinosad 45 SC (2.03), T_2 Indoxacarb 14.5 SC (2.25), T_3 Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG (2.39), T_5 Fipronil 5% SC (2.63), T_6 Beauveria bassiana (1×10^8 CFU/gm) (2.72), T_7 Neem oil 0.3% (3.15) and T_0 control (7.52).

All the insecticides were found very effective and significantly superior over control. The data on Marketable yield revealed that T_4 Chlorantraniliprole 18.5% SC recorded best effective for Diamondback moth (DBM) with a yield (283.6q/ha) these results supported by Nikam (2013) followed by T_1 Spinosad 45 SC (273.71q/ha) these results supported by Mandal et al., (2009), T_2 Indoxacarb 14.5 SC (233.48q/ha) these results are supported by Jaishreebanjaree (2017), T_3 Emamectin benzoate 5% SG (221.72q/ha) these results are supported by ADETAL (2018), T_5 Fipronil 5% SC (211.27q/ha) these results are supported by Deivendran et al., (2007), T_6 Beauveria bassiana (1×10^8 CFU/gm) (201.57q/ha) these results supported by Shelton et al., (1998), T_7 Neem oil 0.3% (194.90q/ha) these results supported by Devi et al., (2017) and T_0 control (165.15q/ha).

Among best and most economical treatment T_4 Chlorantraniliprole 18.5% SC recorded highest Diamondback moth (DBM) CBR (1:7.59) these results supported by Purushotam (2016) followed by T_1 Spinosad 45 SC (1:6.77) these results are supported by Sharma (2020), T_2 Indoxacarb 14.5 SC (1:6.33) these results supported by Nikhita et al., (2021), T_3 Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG (1:5.25) these results supported by Akbar et al., (2021), T_5 Fipronil 5% SC (1:5.78) these results supported by Nikhile et al., (2020), T_6 Beauveria bassiana (1×10^8 CFU/gm) (1:5.50) these results are supported by Shelton et al., (1998), T_7 Neem oil 0.3% (1:4.72) these results are supported by Devi et al., (2017) and T_0 control (1:4.32).

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Table.1.Efficacyofselectedinsecticides,Beauveriabassiana, neem oil against diamond back moth (*Plutellaxylostella*)in cabbage (*Brassica oleraceavar. capitata*)Larvalpopulation (1stsprayand2ndspray)

LarvalPopulation /Plant								
		1st spray			2nd spray			Cummulative Mean
	TREATMENTS	3DAS	7DAS	14DAS	3DAS	7DAS	14DAS	
T ₁	Spinosad45SC	2.8	2.2	2.6	2.00	1.26	1.33	2.03
T ₂	Indoxacarb 14.5SC	3.06	2.46	2.86	2.26	1.46	1.53	2.25
T ₃	Emamectin Benzoate5%SG	3.2	2.6	3	2.40	1.53	1.66	2.39
T ₄	Chlorantraniliprole 18.5%SC	2.6	2	2.4	1.80	1.00	0.93	1.78
T ₅	Fipronil5%SC	3.46	2.86	3.26	2.66	1.80	1.80	2.63
T ₆	Beauveria bassiana(1X108 CFU/gm)	3.6	2.93	3.33	2.80	1.86	1.86	2.72
T ₈	Neemoil0.3%	4	3.4	3.8	3.20	2.33	2.20	3.15
T ₀	Control	6.86	7.33	7.53	7.6	7.8	8.00	7.52
	SEm+_	0.12	0.14	0.11	1.35	0.94	0.18	-
	CDat5%	0.28	0.25	0.31	0.24	0.23	0.24	-

Fig:1 Efficacy of selected insecticides, Beauveria bassiana, neem oil against diamond back moth (*Plutella maculipennis*) on cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. capitata) Larval population (1st spray and 2nd spray).

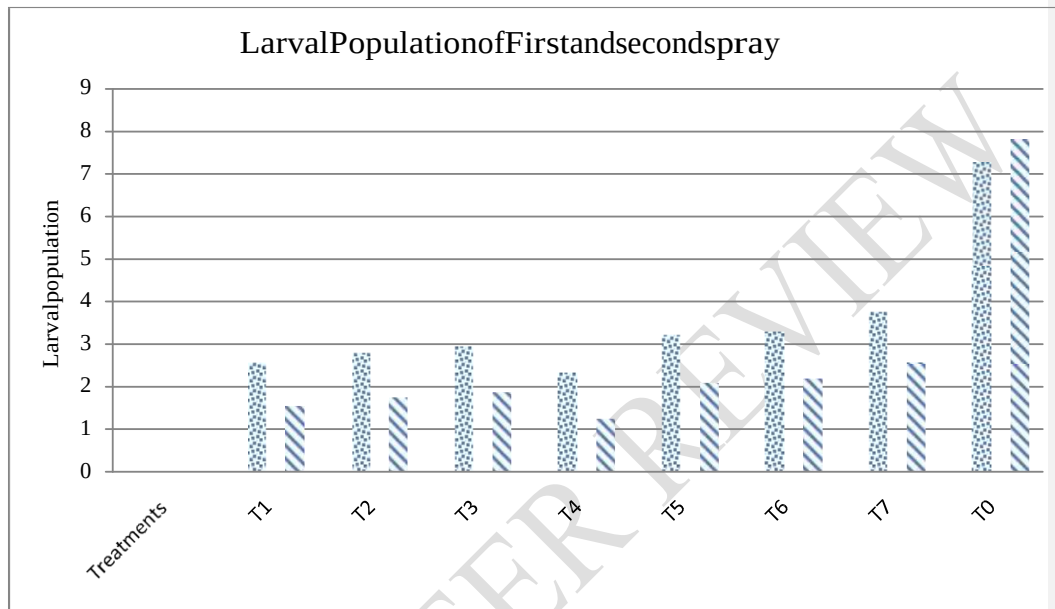


Table.2. Economics of Cultivation:

Sr. No:	Treatment	Yield q/ha	Cost of yield q/(₹)	Total cost of yield (₹)	Common cost (₹)	Treatment cost (₹)	Net profit	Total Cost	B:C Ratio
T ₁	Spinosad 45SC	273.71	750	205283	26494	3800	174989	30294	1:6.77
T ₂	Indoxacarb 14.5SC	233.48	750	175110	26494	1145	147471	27639	1:6.33
T ₃	Emamectin Benzoate 5% SG	221.72	750	166290	26494	5175	134621	31669	1:5.25
T ₄	Chlorantraniliprole 18.5%SC	283.61	750	236183	26494	1495	186206	27989	1:7.59
T ₅	Fipronil 5%SC	211.27	750	158453	26494	910	131049	27404	1:5.78
T ₆	Beauveria bassiana (1X10 ⁸ CFU/gm)	201.57	750	151178	26494	980	123704	27474	1:5.50
T ₇	Neem oil 0.3%	194.9	750	146175	26494	4425	115256	30919	1:4.72
T ₀	Control	165.15	750	135863	26494	-	109369	26494	1:4.32

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