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## Evaluation of different newer insecticides against mango hopper (*Amritodus atkinsoni* L.)

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### Abstract

A field trials were conducted carried out at the HRC, Siwaya farm of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agricultural and Technology, Meerut U.P., India during 2018-19 to manage the mango hopper, *Amaritodus atkinsoni* L, using chemical and bio insecticides. These was used of different treatments Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.005 > imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.005% > dimethoate 30 EC @ 0.005% > thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.01% > neemal oil @ 1500 PPM > NSKE @ 5% > *Metarhizium anisopliae* 1x10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ml > *B. bassiana* 1.0X10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ml. Dinutefuran proved most effective as 4.59 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as untreated control and second Imidacloprid was also effective in suppressing *Amritodus atkinsoni*.

**Keywords:** Temperature, treatments, panicle, effectiveness, mortality, suppressing

### Introduction

Mango is a “National fruit of India” because of delicious taste, besides delicious taste, excellent flavour and attractive fragrance. A 100 g serving of raw mango has 65 calories and about half the vitamin C found in oranges. Mangoes are thought to help stop bleeding, to strengthen the heart and to benefit the brain. Fresh mangoes and mango pulp are the important items of argil-exports. The mango kernel contains 8-10 per cent good quality fat, which can be used for soap and also as a substitute for cola in confectionery. The mango is also used to make the processed products like candy, relishes, pickles, beverages and many more. Insect pest problems are increasing fast because of rapid change in the agro-ecosystems, advancement of modern agricultural practices. More than 400 insect pests have been listed attacking this king fruit (Srivastava, 2000) <sup>[10]</sup>. Out of these, about two dozen insect pests severely damage different parts of mango tree. The major pests of mango are leaf hoppers, *Idioscopus clypealis*, *I. nitidulus*, *Amritodus atkinsoni*; mango mealybug, *Drosicha mangiferae*; gall midge, *Erosomia indica*, *Dasyneura amaramanjarae*, *Procistiphora indica*; stone weevil, *Sternochetus mangiferae*; leaf webber, *Orthaga euadrusalis*; fruit fly, *Bactrocera* spp., mango stem borer, *Batocera* spp., termites, *Odontotermes* spp.; shoot borer, *Chlumetia transversa*; bark eating caterpillar, *Indarbela quadrinotata* and scale insect, *Pulvinaria polygonata*, (Srivastava, 1997) <sup>[9]</sup>. Among the mango pests, mango hoppers are most serious and widespread pests throughout the country (Verghese, 2000) <sup>[11]</sup>. *Amritodus atkinsoni* (Lethierry), *Idioscopus clypealis* (Lethierry) *I. niveosparsus* (Lethierry) and *I. nitidulus* (Walker), are serious pests of mango at flowering and fruiting stages and could cause yield loss up to 100% (Rahman *et al.*, 2007) <sup>[5]</sup>.

### Methods and materials

To evaluate the bio-efficacy of newer insecticides and bio pesticides against mango hoppers, field trials was be conduct during May 2018 to April 2019 at the Horticultural Research Centre Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel University of Agriculture & Tech., Meerut (U.P.) with Nine treatments, replicated thrice in Randomized Block Design. Nine tree of mango (Var. Dashehari) were be randomly selected and tagged, the insecticidal treatments would be applied with the help of rocker sprayer before bud burst stage on the these tree when the pest population reaches between 5-10 hoppers/twig/panicle. The pre and post treatment observations would be recorded before twentyfour hour and after 1DBS, 7DAS, 14DAS and 21DAS days of insecticide spray,

respectively. The hopper population was recorded on randomly selected and tagged twelve/panicle *i.e.* three panicle in each direction (North, South, East, and West) per branch in each tree. The sample size of each panicle/were of about ten

to twelve cm. The pretreatment hopper counts along with the post treatment population reduction were transformed and subjected to statistical analysis for result interpretation. The fruit yield was also recorded from each treatment.

**Table 1:** Details of the treatments used in the insecticide trial

Treat.	Chemical Name	Conc.	Trade name	Doses/Lit of water	No. of application & method
T <sub>1</sub>	Imidacloprid 17.8 SL	0.005	Coro-imida	0.4 ml/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>2</sub>	Dinutefuran 50% WP	0.005	xtrim	0.2 ml/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>3</sub>	Thiamethoxam 50 WG	0.01	Savor	0.1 ml/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>4</sub>	Dimethoate 30 EC	0.005	Herogor	1.6 ml/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>5</sub>	<i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	Ballabhbai	2 gm/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>6</sub>	<i>Baeuberia bassiana</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	Ballabhbai	2 gm/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>7</sub>	Neemal 1500	1500 ppm	Neemal	10 ml/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>8</sub>	NSKE 5%	----		50 g/Lit	2 &Foliar spray
T <sub>9</sub>	Untreated				-----

The data obtained from the field experiments were subjected to ANOVA analysis, Standard Error of mean, and Critical difference (CD). The fruit yield per tree was recorded and converted into hectare basis at each harvest and data were subjected to statistical analysis.

### Results and discussion

The efficacy of different insecticides against mango leaf hopper *Amritodus atkinsini* was observed separately on the tree panicles. The data regarding the effectiveness of various treatments at different intervals are described below in detail:

#### A. First applications

The effect of different insecticides/biopesticides treatment on the mortality of mango leaf hopper *Amritodus atkinsini* in mango crop is presented in (Table 2), the results revealed that all the treatments were significantly effective in controlling mango leaf hopper as compared to control. The mortality

ranged from 2.81 to 12.30 during in the year 2018-19 before the spray of treatments, it did not differ significantly to each other.

Data recorded on 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the application of various treatments (Table 2). Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L was the best treatment by bringing down the mortality of mango mango leaf hopper up to 2.81 during 2018-19 years. The other treatments in order of per cent mortality was Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (3.48) followed by dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (4.92) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (5.46) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 ler pf water (7.37), NSKE @ 5% (8.54), *Metarhizium anisopliae* 1x10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ml (11.18) and *Beauveria bassiana* @ 1 X 10<sup>9</sup> cfu/ml (12.30) during in the year 2018-19 respectively.

Similar trend was recorded on 7<sup>th</sup> day of application. Dinutefuran 50% WP again was the most effective treatment (3.03 mortality). The second most effective treatment was Imidacloprid

**Table 2:** Efficacy of newer insecticides against Mango hopper *A. atkinsoni* after first spray during 2018-19

S. No.	Treatment	Conc. %	Doses/Lit of water	Mean population of mango hopper/ 5 panicle				
				First spray				
				Pre-Count	3 DAS	7 DAS	14 DAS	21 DAS
1	T <sub>1</sub> Imidacloprid 17.8 SL	0.005	0.4 ml/Lit	24.55 (29.69)	3.48 (10.74)	4.17 (11.78)	5.35 (13.36)	6.64 (14.92)
2	T <sub>2</sub> Dinutefuran 50% WP	0.005	0.2 ml/Lit	25.51 (30.32)	2.81 (9.61)	3.03 (9.99)	4.02 (11.52)	5.59 (13.63)
3	T <sub>3</sub> Thiamethoxam 50 WG	0.01	0.1 ml/Lit	25.62 (30.39)	5.46 (13.50)	6.98 (15.27)	7.78 (16.19)	8.11 (16.53)
4	T <sub>4</sub> Dimethoate 30 EC	0.005	1.6 ml/Lit	25.72 (30.46)	4.92 (12.80)	5.58 (13.66)	6.69 (14.98)	7.38 (15.75)
5	T <sub>5</sub> <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	2 gm/Lit	24.61 (29.73)	11.18 (19.52)	13.56 (21.60)	14.46 (22.34)	15.86 (23.45)
6	T <sub>6</sub> <i>Baeuberia bassiana</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	2 gm/Lit	25.86 (30.55)	12.30 (20.52)	14.32 (22.23)	15.40 (23.10)	16.94 (24.29)
7	T <sub>7</sub> Neemal 1500PPM	1500 ppm	10 ml/Lit	25.50 (30.32)	7.37 (15.74)	8.10 (16.52)	9.27 (17.72)	10.03 (18.45)
8	T <sub>8</sub> NSKE	5%	50 g/Lit	25.38 (30.23)	8.54 (16.99)	9.28 (17.73)	10.07 (18.48)	11.52 (19.83)
9	T <sub>9</sub> Untreated			26.53 (30.99)	30.50 (33.50)	34.41 (35.90)	38.34 (38.24)	42.23 (40.51)
	CD			N.S.	0.839	1.142	1.050	1.075
	SE(m)			0.318	0.278	0.378	0.347	0.355

(4.17 mortality) followed by dimethoate (5.58 mortality), thiamethoxam (6.98 mortality), neemal oil 1500 ppm (8.10 mortality), NSKE @ 5% (9.28 mortality), *Metarhizium anisopliae* (13.56) and *Beauveria bassiana* (14.32) respectively during the year 2018-19.

Data recorded after 14<sup>th</sup> days of first spray showed that the treatment of Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L proved most effective as 4.02 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as untreated control. Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (5.35 per cent mortality) was also effective in suppressing *Amritodus atkinsoni*. During this observational period the other treatment

to follow were dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (6.69) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (7.78) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 liter pf water (9.27), NSKE @ 5% (10.07), *Metarhizium anisopliae* 1x10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ml (14.46) and *Beauveria bassiana* @ 1 X 10<sup>9</sup> cfu/ml (15.40) during respectively, and their efficacy was statically superior over the control. The maximum damage of 38.34 per cent damage was recorded in untreated control plot.

As far as the data recorded after 21 days of spraying is concerned Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L proved most effective as 5.59 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as

untreated control. Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (6.64 per cent mortality) was also effective in suppressing *Amritotus atkinsoni*. During this observational period the other treatment to follow were dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (7.38) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (8.11) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 ler pf water (10.03), NSKE @ 5% (11.52), *Metarhizium anisopliae*  $1 \times 10^8$  cfu/ml (15.86) and *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^9$  cfu/ml (16.94), respectively, were statically superior over the control (42.23 per cent damage). The present investigation is in agreement with the findings of Samanta *et al.*, (2008) [6]. First spray of *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^7$  spores /ml at panicle emergence stage followed by second spray (after 15 days of first spray) of *Verticillium lecanii* (@  $1 \times 10^7$  spores/ml). Third need-based spray of Neem Azal (10000 ppm @ 8 ml/l. of water). Field experiments carried out for two years during 2007 and 2008 on the efficacy of different insecticides *viz.*, organochlorines (endosulfan 0.05%), organophosphates (monocrotophos 0.05%, profenophos 0.05%), carbamates (thiodicarb 0.05%, carbaryl 0.05%), neonicotinoids (imidacloprid 0.005%) and botanicals (azadirachtin 0.05%) against mango hoppers (*Amritodus atkinsoni* Lethierry and *Idioscopus clypealis* Lethierry) and their influence on fruit yield with avoidable losses, revealed that the imidacloprid was most effective Adnan *et al.*, (2014) [1]. During 2013 to manage the mango hopper, *Idioscopus clypealis* L, using three chemical insecticides, Imidacloprid (0.3%), Alam *et al.*, (2016). Experiments were conducted to study the bio-efficacy of mixture formulation of thiamethoxam 12.6% + lambda cyhalothrin 9.5% 247 ZC at three different doses (22, 27.5 and 33 g a.i./ha) Qureshi *et al.*, (2017). The use of the systemic insecticides thiamethoxam (Actara®) and imidacloprid (Confidor®) has been previously shown to be an effective method in reducing the numbers of sap-sucking insects in mangoes. thiamethoxam and imidacloprid against mango leafhoppers Chaudhari *et al.*, (2017) [3]. Studied Management of mango hopper with newer chemical pesticides, indicated that imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.007% was superior with thiomethoxam 25 WG @ 0.0025% Shawan *et al.* (2018) [8]. Botanicals (Neem extract and Mahogoniextract) with 3 concentrations (0.5%, 1.0% and 1.5%) maintaining six replications of each to know their efficacy to control Mango hopper and botanical insecticides, *Azadirachtine* based Neem extract 1.5% was the best insecticide Neem extract (1.5%) showed higher efficacy than Mahogoniextract (1.5%) among the botanicals. Sharanabasappa *et al.* (2018) [7]. dinotefuron 20 SG found to be best the treatment which recorded a significantly lowest number of nymphs and adults, followed by imidacloprid 70 WG Economics of different treatments showed that Incremental CB ratio were obtained in case of dinotefuron 20 SG (1:4.15), imidacloprid 70 WG (1: 3.93), Acetamiprid 20 SP (1:3.84).

## B. Second applications

The effect of different insecticides/biopesticides treatment on the mortality of mango leaf hopper *Amritodus atkinsini* in mango crop is presented in Table 3. The results revealed that all the treatments were significantly effective in controlling

mango leaf hopper as compared to control. The mortality ranged from 1.67 to 45.89 during in the year 2018-19 before the spray of treatments, it did not differ significantly to each other.

Data recorded on 3 day after the application of various treatments (Table 3). Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L was the best treatment by bringing down the mortality of mango mango leaf hopper up to 1.67 during 2018-19 years. The other treatments in order of per cent mortality was Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (2.48) followed by dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (3.92) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (4.79) neemal oil 1500 PPM 10 ml/ler of water (6.37), NSKE 5% @ 50gm/L (7.54),

*Metarhizium anisopliae*  $1 \times 10^8$ cfu/ml (10.18) and *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^9$  cfu/ml (11.30) during in the year 2018-19. Similar trend was recorded on 7 day of application. Dinutefuran 50% WP again was the most effective treatment (2.36 mortality). The second most effective treatment was Imidacloprid (3.17 mortality) followed by dimethoate (4.58 mortality), thiamethoxam (5.64 mortality), neemal oil 1500 PPM (7.77 mortality), NSKE @ 5% (8.28 mortality), *Metarhizium anisopliae* (12.23) and *Beauveria bassiana* (13.66) respectively during the year 2018-19.

Data recorded after 14<sup>th</sup> days of first spray showed that the treatment of Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L proved most effective as 3.35 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as untreated control. Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (4.68 per cent mortality) was also effective in suppressing *Amritotus atkinsoni*. During this observational period the other treatment to follow were dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (5.50) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (6.45) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 ler pf water (8.49), NSKE @ 5% (9.40), *Metarhizium anisopliae*  $1 \times 10^8$  cfu/ml (13.46) and *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^9$  cfu/ml (14.40) during respectively, and their efficacy was statically superior over the control. The maximum damage of 43.74 per cent damage was recorded in untreated control plot.

As far as the data recorded after 21<sup>st</sup> days of spraying is concerned Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L proved most effective as 4.59 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as untreated control. Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (5.97 per cent mortality) was also effective in suppressing *Amritotus atkinsoni*.

During this observational period the other treatment to follow were dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (6.38) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (7.77) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 ler pf water (9.52), NSKE @ 5% (10.52), *Metarhizium anisopliae*  $1 \times 10^8$  cfu/ml (15.08) and *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^9$  cfu/ml (15.94), respectively, were statically superior over the control (45.89 per cent damage). The present investigation is in agreement with the findings of Samanta *et al.*, (2008) [6]. Experimented first spray of *Beauveria bassiana* @  $1 \times 10^7$  spores /ml at panicle emergence stage followed by second spray (after 15 days of first spray) of *Verticillium lecanii* (@  $1 \times 10^7$  spores/ml). Third need-based spray of Neem Azal (10000 ppm @ 8 ml/l. of water).

**Table 3:** Efficacy of newer insecticides against Mango hopper *A. atkinsoni* after Second spray during 2018-19.

S. No.	Treatment	Conc. %	Doses/Lit of water	Mean population of mango hopper/ 5 panicle			
				second spray			
				3 DAS	7 DAS	14 DAS	21 DAS
1	T <sub>1</sub> Imidacloprid 17.8 SL	0.005	0.4 ml/Lit	2.48 (9.04)	3.17 (10.26)	4.68(12.49)	5.97 (14.14)
2	T <sub>2</sub> Dinutefuran 50% WP	0.005	0.2 ml/Lit	1.67 (7.40)	2.36 (8.83)	3.35 (10.54)	4.59 (12.37)
3	T <sub>3</sub> Thiamethoxam 50 WG	0.01	0.1 ml/Lit	4.79 (12.64)	5.64 (13.74)	6.45 (14.71)	7.77 (16.17)
4	T <sub>4</sub> Dimethoate 30 EC	0.005	1.6 ml/Lit	3.92 (11.37)	4.58 (12.35)	5.50 (13.55)	6.38 (14.61)
5	T <sub>5</sub> <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	2 gm/Lit	10.18 (18.59)	12.23 (20.46)	13.46 (21.52)	15.08 (22.83)
6	T <sub>6</sub> <i>Baeuberia bassiana</i> 1x10 <sup>8</sup> cfu/ml	0.004	2 gm/Lit	11.30 (19.63)	13.66 (21.68)	14.40 (22.29)	15.94 (23.52)
7	T <sub>7</sub> Neemal 1500PPM	1500 ppm	10 ml/Lit	6.37 (14.61)	7.77 (16.17)	8.49 (16.93)	9.52 (17.96)
8	T <sub>8</sub> NSKE 5%	-----	50 g/Lit	7.54 (15.93)	8.28 (16.72)	9.40 (17.84)	10.52 (18.91)
9	T <sub>9</sub> Untreated			34.83 (36.16)	38.74 (38.48)	43.74 (41.39)	45.89 (42.63)
	CD			0.964	0.347	0.524	0.881
	SE(m)			0.319	0.115	0.173	0.291

Module II: First spray of Neem Azal (10000 ppm @ 3 ml/l. of water) at panicle emergence Kaushik *et al.*, (2014). Field experiments carried out for two years during 2007 and 2008 on the efficacy of different insecticides *viz.*, organochlorines (endosulfan 0.05%), organophosphates (monocrotophos 0.05%, profenophos 0.05%), carbamates (thiodicarb 0.05%, carbaryl 0.05%), neonicotinoids (imidacloprid 0.005%) and botanicals (*azadirachtin* 0.05%) against mango hoppers (*Amritodus atkinsoni* Lethierry and *Idioscopus clypealis* Lethierry) and their influence on fruit yield with avoidable losses, revealed that the imidacloprid was most effective Adnan *et al.*, (2014) [1]. During 2013 to manage the mango hopper, *Idioscopus clypealis* L, using three chemical insecticides, Imidacloprid (0.3%), Alam *et al.*, (2016). Experiments were conducted to study the bio-efficacy of mixture formulation of thiamethoxam 12.6% + lambda cyhalothrin 9.5% 247 ZC at three different doses (22, 27.5 and 33 g a.i./ha) Qureshi *et al.*, (2017). The use of the systemic insecticides thiamethoxam (Actara®) and imidacloprid (Confidor®) has been previously shown to be an effective method in reducing the numbers of sap-sucking insects in mangoes. thiamethoxam and imidacloprid against mango leafhoppers Chaudhari *et al.*, (2017) [3]. Studied Management of mango hopper with newer chemical pesticides, indicated that imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.007% was superior with thiomethoxam 25 WG @ 0.0025% Shawan *et al.*, (2018) [8]. Botanicals (Neem extract and Mahogoniextract) with 3 concentrations (0.5%, 1.0% and 1.5%) maintaining six replications of each to know their efficacy to control Mango hopper and botanical insecticides, *Azadirachtine* based Neem extract 1.5% was the best insecticide Neem extract (1.5%) showed higher efficacy than Mahogoniextract (1.5%) among the botanicals.

### Conclusion

Dinutefuran 50% WP@ 0.2 ml/L proved most effective as 4.59 per cent mortality was recorded in it and it was statically superior over all the other treatments as well as untreated control. Imidacloprid 17.8 SL @ 0.4ml/L (5.97 per cent mortality) was also effective in suppressing *Amritodus atkinsoni*. During this observational period the other treatment to follow were dimethoate 30 EC @ 1.6 ml/L (6.38) thiamethoxam 50 WG @ 0.1 ml/L (7.77) neemal oil 1500 ppm 3 ler pf water (9.52), NSKE @ 5% (10.52), *Metarhizium anisopliae* 1x10<sup>8</sup> cfu/ml (15.08) and *Beauveria bassiana* @ 1 X 10<sup>9</sup> cfu/ml (15.94), respectively, were statically superior over the control (45.89 per cent damage).

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