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Efficacy of Some Insecticides Against Whitefly, *Bimiciatabaci* (Genn.), White Butterfly, *Pieris rapae* (Linn.) and Their Associated Natural Enemies on Brassica Fields

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The aim of this study was to investigate the efficiency of four pesticides thiamethoxam, emamectin benzoate, lambadacyalothrin and methomyl (Lannate) against brassica plant pests *Bemiciatabaci*, *Pries rapae* and their side effects on the associated natural enemies infesting brassica plants under field condition during the two growing seasons, 2021 and 2022 in Sharkia governorate in Egypt.

ABSTRACT

The obtained results showed that the thiamethoxam compound recorded the highest reduction percentage against *Bemiciatabaci* after 1, 7 and 10 days of spray. Also,emamectin benzoate and lambadacyalothrin compounds recorded the highest reduction percentage against *Pierisrapae* pests after 1, 7 and 10 days from treatment. The side effect was a significantly effectual reduction inpopulation predators, where's methomyl gave efficacy against *Chrysoperlacarnea*, also emamectin benzoate gave efficacy on *Cocconellaseptumpunctata*, while other compounds showed a lowereffect in population predators.

#### INTRODUCTION

Cabbage (*Brassica oleracae* var. *capitata* L.) is a very important vegetable field thatcontents as vitamins and many task minerals as humanfood in all countries where contents as vitamins and many tasks mineral so infested by different pests, whereas brassica (cabbage), whitefly, *Bemiciatabaci* (Genn.) and whitefly, *Pieris rapae* (Linn.) one of the important insect pests of brassica and crop which causes remarkable quantitative and qualitative crop losses, these pests caused very losses in crop yields fresh which needed to control, the control of these pests whitefly, *B. tabaci* and *p. rapae* beside side effects pesticides on bio enemy green lacewing, *Chrysoperlacarnea* (Stephens) and *Chrysoperlaseptempunctata* by convention pyrothriod pesticides in brassica and cauliflower fields.

Cabbage (*Brassica oleracae* var. *capitata* L.) is an herbaceous green leafy vegetable belonging to the Brassica genus, of the Brassicaceae family with several other crop species including broccoli, cauliflower, kale and kohlrabi (Katz and Weaver.,2003). Cabbage plants have been subjected to infestation by severe insect pests, especially the butterflies, *Pieris. brassicae*, L. and P. *rapae* L (Razmi *et al.*, 2011; El-Sheikh, 2020).

However, the control of plant pests should be based on observations of the pest population and pest species (Ellis and Singh, 1993) in north Egypt, a weekly survey of pests present in cabbage crops was assayed by Embaby and Lotfy (2015).

The main objective of this study was to study the efficacy thiamoxam, lambadacyhalothrin, emamectin benzoate and methomyl compounds against whitefly, *B. tabaci* and white butterfly, *P. rapae* and their associated natural enemies on brassica fields.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

To study the occurrence of the most important economic pests attacking cabbage plants, field experiments were executed. An area of about one feddan.

#### **Tested Compounds:**

**Lambada-cyhalothrin** (Karate 5% EC) at a rate of 75ml/100/liter water obtained from Kafr El-Zayt Company for pesticides.

**Thiamoxam** (Actara 25% WG) at a rate of 80g/feddan, obtained from Syngenta Agro company Yanbu StreetDokki Giza-Eygpt.

**Methomyl** (Lannate 90% SP) at a rate of 300g/feddan, obtained from Du Pont USA Starchem Industrial chemicals.

**Emamectin benzoate** (proclaim 5%SG) at arate of 60g/feddan, obtained from AGRES Syngenta.

To evaluate the reduction percentage of *P. rapae* larvae, 4 cabbage plants were tagged and visually examined in the field, 4 replicates for treatment ) in addition to the control ( without treatment). Mean numbers of *P.rapae* larvae were counted before spray by the selected compounds and consequently after 1-, 7- and 10-days post application. The reduction percentage of the targeted insect pest larvae was calculated according to Henderson and Tilton's (1955) equation. Data were statistically analyzed according to Littie and Hills (1975), using F-test and means were compared according to Fisher (1950) and Duncan's multiple range tests as described by Steel and Torrie (1982). Controlling these pests substantially with insecticides treatments; expansiveuse of insecticides has led to controlling these pests substantially with led to several problems, including the reduction of natural enemies caused by insecticides causing rejuvenescence of new pests and the eruption of secondary pests (Ferandeset al., 2010) C. carnea is a polyphagous sucker that preys on a wide range of pest species similar as; aphid, scale insects, leafhoppers, whiteflies, psyllids, thrips, psocids Lepidoptera, hence they are truly important biocontrol agents. These natural enemies fail to survive as a result of the extensive use of pesticides and sudden environmental changes (Nayar et al., 1976) C.septempuntata, isanaphidophagous enemy species and animportant natural control agent (Hoded&HonA<sup>+</sup>, 1996, Alexidze). Extensive use of insecticides will lead to the death of many of the vital enemies of the pest, as well as the emergence of many secondary pests that harm the crop, (Cloud, 2012).

#### **Field Experiments:**

Experiments were done in Abn El-Aase, Kafr Sakr region, Sharkia governorate, Egypt during brassica planting seasons (2021 and 2022) in fields planted with brassica plants in October to evaluate the efficiency of tesed insecticides namely, emmamactn benzoate (Proclaim), thiamethoxam (Actara), lambadacyalothrin (Karate zeon) and methomyl (Lannet) against *B. tabaci*, *P. rapae* and their side effects on the associated natural enemies during two consecutive seasons 2021 and 2022 in Sharkia Governorate Egypt on brassica (cabbage) fields. Moreover, the study pests were whitefly, *Bemiciatabaci* (Genn.) and white butterfly, *Pieris rapae* (Linn.) and associated predators the green lacewing, *Chrysoperlacarnea*((Stephens) and *Coccinellae spp*.

The experiment area about 1 feddan divided into 4 treatments and untreated (control), each treatment replicated three times. The plot had an area of 1/100 feddan. brassica plants treated with the tested compounds at the recommended rates with a solodosal sprayer motor (20 liters of water).

Randomly 25 brassica plants of each replicate were inspected in the field, the number of *P.rapae* and two predators (*C. carnea&Coccinellae spp.*); all instar larvae and two predators, were counted just before spraying and after one day (initial kill), 7 and 10 days (residual effect) with the tested insecticides. Additionally, the numbers of *B.tabaci*adult insects were counted visually in the early morning 25 leaves from three levels of the plant werepicked up and put in paper bags then the sample wastransferred to the laboratory and the number of *B. tabaci* nymphs was counted using a binocular stereomicroscope. The reduction percentages of pests were calculated according to Henderson and Tilton's (1955) equation:

Reduction percentage= 1 - (A/B \* C/D) \* 100

Where:

A= No. of alive larvae in the treatment after application.

B= No. of alive larvae in the treatment before application.

C= No. of alive larvae in the control before application.

D= No. of alive larvae in the control after application.

#### **Statistical Analysis:**

All obtained results statistically determined the significant difference between means according to Little and Hills' (1975) methods using software Costat program. Data were analyzed using commercial statistical software. One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to test for significant differences between mean values.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## A- Impact of Tested Compounds on *Piers rapae*Pests In Brassica Field During 2021-2022 Seasons.

Data in Table (1), showed that the highest initial effect of pesticides understudies on Pieris rapae pests were (87.69 and 85.13%) and (84.53 and 81.69%) recorded with emamectin benzoate and lambada -cyhalothrin compounds, respectively during seasons 2021 and 2022, but the lowest initial effect were 60.00 and 57.55% for thiamoxam. Also, the highest residual effects were (94.97 and 94.32%) and (89.13 and 90.72%) recorded with emamectin benzoate and lambada -cyhalothrin compounds, respectively on Pieris rapa during both seasons, compared to the lowest effects were 52.00 and 47.34% recorded with thiamoxam on Pieris rapae during seasons 2021-2022. The highest annual mean effects were (92.54 and 91.22%) and (87.53 and 87.71%) with emamectin benzoate and lambadacyhalothrin, but the lowest annual mean effects were 54.67 and 50.74% recorded with thiamoxam treatment. In an agreement study about the other tested compounds in his manuscript, e. g. Evure (tau-fluvilonat) and Karate zeon (Lambda-cyhalothrin Sc 9.4%), Vukovic et al., (2014) tested the efficacy of Tau-fluvalinate insecticide and Lambda cyhaothrin based insecticides in the management of *P. rapae* and *P. xylostella* caterpillars. The results are supported by Sing, Rai and Singh (2010) and Youha and Hongemi (2009), who reportedthatemamectin benzoate compounds were effective in reducing thelarval population of cabbage butterfly, Pieris rapae pests controlling 80-90%. Also, the results in agreement with the authors Gautam et al., (2022), showed that emamectin benzoate and spinosad were found to give efficient control over cabbage butterfly, Pieris brassicae.

			202	1		2022						
Treaments	Initial kill	Residual effect		Residual		Treatments	Initial	Residual effect		Residual	Annual mean	
		7d.	10d.	mean	mean		kill	7d.	10d.	mean		
Methomyl	62.75	59.86	52.75	56.31ª	58.45ª	Methomyl	80.21	79.84	80.05	79.95 <sup>d</sup>	80.03 °	
Emamectin	87.69	94.67	95.27	94.97ª	92.54ª	Emamectin	85.13	94.44	94.08	94.32 ª	91.22 <sup>b</sup>	
Thiamoxam	60.00	54.00	50.00	52.00 d	54.67 d	Thiamoxam	57.55	50.14	44.54	47.34°	50.74 <sup>d</sup>	
Lambada	84.53	88.86	89.39	89.13 <sup>b</sup>	87.53 <sup>b</sup>	Lambada	81.69	89.38	92.06	90.72°	87.71 <sup>b</sup>	
F. Test				**	**	F. Test				**	**	
LSD 0.05				1.58	2.25	LSD 0.05				1.67	3.67	

**Table 1:** Reduction parentage of *Pierisrabae* for some pesticides in brassica fields during seasons 2021-2022.

Values followed by the same letter (s) in the column are not significantly different according to Little and Hills (1975). % Reduction = 1- (A/B\* C/D) \*100

Where:

A= No. of alive larvae in the treatment after application.

B= No. of alive larvae in the treatment before application.

C= No. of alive larvae in the control before application.

D= No. of alive larvae in the control after applications during 2021-2022 seasons.

### B- Impact of Tested Compounds on *Bimiciatabaci* Pests in Brassica Field During 2021-2022 Seasons:

Results in Table (2), indicated theinitial effect of the tested insecticides thiamethoxam expressed as the effectual reduction percentage were 91.78 and 90.17% after 24hr. from treatment during seasons 2021 and 2022, while emamectin benzoate and methomyl compounds gave moderate efficacy in theinitial effect where the reduced percentage in population B. tabaci were (68.42 and 69.57%) and (65.81 and 65.70%), respectively, in both seasons, while the reduce initial effect were for methomyl during seasons on B. tabaci pests. Also, the highest residual effects were 95.38 and 91.79% for thiamoxam, compared with emamectin benzoate showed moderate efficient residual effectswere 81.49 and 79.02% and methomyl 68.83 and 69.58% against pests. The highest annual mean effects were 94.18 and 91.25% in both seasons, but the moderate efficient annual mean effects were (77.13 and 75.87%) and (67.82 and 68.28%) with emamectin benzoate and methomyl during seasons 2021-2022. In agreement, Al-Kherb (2011) showed the highest efficacy against whiteflies in cucumber and tomato with thiamethoxam whichpartially agreed with the above results. The results are in accordance with Naggar and Zidan (2013), who showed that imidacloprid and thiamethoxam were the high effective against the sucking insect pest such as whitefly, jassids and aphids. Results in agreement with Das and Islam (2014) found that thiamoxam + emamectin benzoate showed moderate efficacy against whitefly B. tabaci. As well as the obtained results from (Wafa Al-Kherb, 2011) showed the effect of neonicotinoid insecticides, acetamiprid, imidacloprid and thiamoxam on immature stages and adults of B. tabaci was high on cucumber under field conditions, the tested neonectoniod could consider promising candidates, in controlling whitefly with a lower effect on their predators.

Mohanasundaram and Sharma (2011), found that thiamethoxam effectively reduced the sucking pests viz., leafhopper,whitefly and red spider mite populations during  $1^{st}$ , the  $2^{nd}$ , and  $3^{rd}$  sprays over two seasons on Okra, respectively.

Treatments			2021			2022						
	Initial kill	Residual effect		Residual	dual Annual		Initial	Residual effect		Residual	Annual	
		7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean	Treatments	kill	7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean	
Methomyl	65.81	69.19	68.17	68.83 <sup>d</sup>	67.82 <sup>d</sup>	Methomyl	65.70	72.02	67.13	69.58d	68.28d	
Emamectin	68.42	83.26	79.72	81.49°	77.13°	Emamectin	69.57	77.24	80.79	79.02c	75.87c	
Thiamoxam	91.78	95.01	95.74	95.38ª	94.18ª	thiamoxam	90.17	92.08	91.49	91.79a	91.25a	
Lambada	83.64	87.34	89.43	88.39 <sup>b</sup>	86.80 <sup>b</sup>	Lambada	74.09	87.17	82.67	84.92b	81.31b	
F. Test				**	**	F. Test				**	**	
LSD 0.05				1.64	1.43	LSD 0.05				1.89	143	

**Table 2:** Reduction percentage of *Bemiciatabaci* for some pesticides in brassica fields during 2021-2022.

Values followed by the same letter (s) in the column are not significantly different according to Little and Hills (1975).% Reduction = 1 - (A/B\*C/D)\*100

Where:

A= No. of alive larvae in the treatment after application.

B= No. of alive larvae in the treatment before application.

C= No. of alive larvae in the control before application.

D= No. of alive larvae in the control after application.

#### C- SideEffects of Pesticides for Natural Enemies on Brassica:

#### 1- Chrysoperlacarnea:

Results in Table (3): showed the high efficacy reduction percentage of theinitial effect were 91.86 and 91.27% after 24hr. for methomyl compound during seasons 2020-2021, but the lowest initial effect were 50.45 and 53.96% for emamectin benzoate during seasons on C. caneapests, also the highest residual effects were 92.37 and 92.37% with methomyl compound in both seasons, compared the lowest residual effect were 58.79 and 57.72% with emamectin benzoate during seasons 2021-2022. The highest annual mean effects were 92.20 and 92.00% for mehomyl, also the lowest annual mean effects were 56.01 and 56.47% for emamectin benzoate in both seasons 2021-2022. In the same trend, Methomyl proved toxic to the larvae of C. carnea was in favor with the finding s of Guvent et al. They found that Lannat (methomyl) showed high toxicity resulting in mortality rate of 100% (2003). Salama, et al. (1990) described that Lannat (methmoyl) was proved toxic to C. carnea larvae in soya bean field conditions. It means that methomyl remained toxic even in field conditions. Also, Plapp Bull (1978) and Varghese and Beevi (2004) indicated that most organophosphate insecticides and methomyl were highly toxic to C. canea also, Badawy and El- Arnaouty (1999) had the same trend and reported that organophosphorous insecticides were more toxic and carbamates. That methomyl showed high toxicity resulting in mortality rate of 100%. Regarding to the reduction percentage of initial effect. The present findings regarding emamectin benzoate are in conformity with those of Sechser and Ayoub (2003) who repoted that emamectin benzoate was at all stages of C. carnea. Castilhos et al., (2010) also classified abamectin as slightly harmless recorded the lowest reduction percentage after 24hr.

			2021			2022						
Treaments	Initial	<b>Residual effect</b>		Residual	Annual	Turnet	Initial	<b>Residual effect</b>		Residual	Annual	
	kill	7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean	Treatments	kill	7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean	
Methomyl	91.86	92.82	91.92	92.37ª	92.20ª	Methomyl	91.27	92.79	91.95	92.37ª	92.00ª	
Emamectin	50.45	55.07	62.51	58.79 <sup>b</sup>	56.01 <sup>b</sup>	Emamectin	53.96	54.90	60.54	57.72°	56.47 <sup>d</sup>	
Thiamoxam	59.97	49.87	41.81	45.84°	50.55°	Thiamoxam	63.85	56.85	58.33	57.59°	59.68°	
Lambada	91.95	93.20	92.74	92.97ª	92.63ª	Lambada	84.65	79.72	87.31	83.52 <sup>b</sup>	83.89 <sup>b</sup>	
F. Test				**	**	F. Test				**	**	
LSD 0.05				0.67	1.87	LSD 0.05				2.28	1.33	

**Table 3:** Side effects of pesticides on the associated natural enemies *Chrysoperlacarnea* on brassica during 2021-2022 seasons.

Values followed by the same letter (s) in the column are not significantly different according to Little and Hills (1975).% Reduction = 1 - (A/B\*C/D)\*100

Where:

A= No. of alive larvae in the treatment after application.

B= No. of alive larvae in the treatment before application.

C= No. of alive larvae in the control before application.

D= No. of alive larvae in the control after application.

The obtained results in Table (4), indicated the highest initial effects reduction population *Cocconella spp.* 80.98 and 70.63% recorded with emamectin benzoate during seasons 2021-2022, but the lower initial effect were (60.29 and 41.03 %) and (64.13 and 74.25%) recoded with thiamoxam and methomyl compounds, respectively during both seasons, as well as the high efficacy residual effects were 84.34 and 74.42% with emamectin benzoate compound, also the lowest residual effects were (54.08 and 40.16%) and (49.00 and 56.21%) recorded with thiamoxam and methomyl, respectively. The highest annual mean effects were 83.22 and 73.15% withemamectin benzoate compound compared the lower annual mean effects were recorded (56.15 and 40.46%) and 54.03and 62.22%) with thiamoxam and methomyl compounds, respectively during both seasons. In the same trend, Wafaa *et al.*, (2019) showedthatemamectin benzoate recorded the highest reduction percentage on the predator insect *Coccinella spp*. Results agree with (Wafa Al-Kherb, 2011) showed the effect of neonicotinoid insecticides, acetamprid, imidacloprid and thiamoxam could be considered promising candidates, in controlling whitefly with a lower effect on their predator, *Coccinella spp*.

 Table 4:Side effects of pesticides on the associated natural enenmies Coccinella septempunctata on brassica during 2021-2022.

			202	1		2022						
Treaments	Initial	<b>Residual effect</b>		Residual	Annual	<b>T</b> ( )	Initial	<b>Residual effect</b>		Residual	Annual	
	kill	7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean Ir	Treatments	kill	7 <b>d.</b>	10d.	mean	mean	
Methomyl	64.13	53.73	44.27	49.00 <sup>d</sup>	54.03 <sup>d</sup>	Methomyl	70.00	60.25	52.12	56.21 <sup>d</sup>	60.79 °	
Emamectin	80.98	84.99	83.69	84.34 <sup>b</sup>	83.22 <sup>b</sup>	Emamectin	70.63	72.44	76.39	74.42 <sup>b</sup>	73.15 b	
Thiamoxam	60.29	60.47	47.68	54.08 d	56.15 d	Thiamoxam	41.03	43.01	37.30	40.16 °	40.46 °	
Lambada	79.00	71.99	61.94	66.96°	70.98 °	Lambada	70.00	64.80	60.56	62.68 °	65.12 в	
F. Test				**	**	F. Test				**	**	
LSD 0.05				1.57	1.92	LSD 0.05				1.25	1.63	

Values followed by the same letter (s) in the column are not significantly different according to Little and Hills (1975).% Reduction = 1- (A/B\* C/D)\*100

Where:

A= No. of alive larvae in the treatment after application.

B = No. of alive larvae in the treatment before application.

C= No. of alive larvae in the control before application.

D= No. of alive larvae in the control after application.

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#### **ARABIC SUMMARY**

فعالية بعض المبيدات الحشريه على الذبابه البيضاء وابي دقيق الكرنب والاعداء الحيويه المصاحبه في حقول الكرنب

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تهدف هذه الدراسه الى دراسه فعالية اربعه من مبيدات الافات وهى ثيوميسكسام وايمامكتن بنزاوات ولمباداسيهالوثرين وميثوميل على افات نباتات الكرنب الذبابه البيضاء وابى دقيق الكرنب وكذلك دراسة الاثار الجانبيه على الاعداء الحيويه المصاحبه تحت ظروف الحقل خلال موسمى الزراعه 2021 و2022 في محافظة الشرقيه .

اظهرت النتائج ان مبيد ثيوميسكسام سجل اعلى نسبة خفض فى تعداد الذبابه البيضاء بعد 1و7و10 ايام من المعامله .كما اظهرت النتائج ان هناك تاثير معنوىفى خفض اعداد المفترسات . سجل مبيدى ايمامكتين بنزوات ومبيد لمباداثيهالوثرين اعلى نسبة خفض فى تعداد ابى دقيق الكرنب والمفترسات معا فى حين اعطى مبيد مثيوميل اعلى تاثير ضار على المفترس اسد المن . ايضا اعطى مبيد ايمامكتين بنز اوات اعلى تاثير ضار على المفترس ابو العيد 7 نقط وباقى المركبات اعطت تاثيرات اقل على المفترسات .