

EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF YELLOW LUPINE AND FENUGREEK EXTRACTS ON BIOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS ON COTTON LEAF WORM

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ABSTRACT: *The Egyptian cotton leaf worm is considered the major pest that causes great damage to cotton plants as well as other vegetable crops in Egypt. Great efforts have been made to control this pest chemically. Insecticides of synthetic origin have been used to manage insect pests for more than 50 years. Due to the continuous use of chemical pesticides against this pest, resistance to the action of pesticides had dramatically evolved.*

This study was planned to identify the phenolic compounds in ethanol extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine, on the other hand, investigate the effect of water and alcoholic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine on the biochemical responses of the 4th instar larvae of cotton leaf worm. In our study a recommended pesticide namely chlorpyrifos (dursban) was used as a reference. Our results indicated that seven compounds were detected in two ethanolic extracts; gallic acid (164.409 mg/ml) was the major component in fenugreek extract, while catechin was (113.705 mg/ml) the major phenolic compound in yellow lupine extract. All tested extracts showed a significant deterioration in biochemical parameters (GOT, GPT, ALP, ACP activities and total protein levels). The 10 % concentration was the best in both plants extracts, while the ethanolic extract of the fenugreek was the most effective of all the extracts used in the experiment. So, we recommended by using fenugreek and yellow lupine extracts as insecticides to control the cotton leaf worm.

Key words: *Cotton leafworm – Fenugreek – Yellow lupine – Biochemical response.*

INTRODUCTION

The Egyptian cotton leaf worm, *Spodoptera Littoralis* (Boisd.) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae) is an economically important polyphagous pest, that causes considerable destruction to numerous important crops in Egypt (Rawi *et al.*, 2011). Chemical insecticides are the most effective control means for this pest, but this approach has become less attractive due to its side effects; environmental pollution, insect resistance, disturbance in natural balance between pests and their natural enemies and high cost of

pesticides (Gamil *et al.*, 2011). The ultimate aim of recent researches focuses on development and evaluation of various alternative control strategies to reduce dependence on synthetic pesticides. Recently, attention has been focused on using natural materials (Badawy and El-Aswad, 2012).

On the other hand, many researchers in the field of insect physiology found that the level of protein and some enzymes activities such as GOT, GPT, ACP and ALP are significantly affected when insects treated with insecticides,

making the assessment of these biochemical indicators very important in understanding and perception of how the pesticides works (El-Sheakh *et al.*, 1990; Abdel-Hafez *et al.*, 1993; Assar *et al.*, 2012 and Khaled and Farag, 2015).

Plant extracts and essential oils are safe, eco-friendly and more compatible with environmental components compared to synthetic pesticides so they come under "Green pesticides" category. Several studies have shown the strong efficacy of some plant extracts, especially neem and zanzalacht as substitutes for pesticides (Hashem *et al.*, 1999; Schmidt *et al.*, 1998; Rawi *et al.*, 2011 and Yousef and EL-Lakwah, 2014).

Since the plant produces secondary compounds, especially phenolic compounds, to protect it from insects that may attack it during its different stages of development, we have the idea of using plant extracts rich in phenolic compounds to evaluate their potential using to reduce the destructive effect of cotton leaf worm on different crops. This study was planned to identify the phenolic compounds in alcoholic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine, on the other hand, investigate the effect of cold water and alcoholic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine on the biochemical responses of the 4th instar larvae of cotton leaf worm.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Rearing of the tested insect *Spodoptera littoralis*:

The present study was carried out on the Egyptian cotton leafworm, *Spodoptera littoralis* (Boisd.) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae). The original susceptible culture of the cotton leafworm, was obtained from a well-established culture, maintained at the department of cotton Leaf worm, Plant Protection Research Institute, Sharkia Branch.

Tested plants

In the present investigation fenugreek seeds and yellow lupine were selected to test their effects against cotton leafworm. The selected plants selected are obtained from a supermarket in Zagazig, Sharkia, Egypt.

Preparation of fenugreek and yellow lupine extracts

The extraction of seeds of fenugreek and yellow lupine was carried out using distilled water and 95% ethanol as solvents. Extraction using water and ethanol was carried out according to Abd El-Monem *et al.*, (1995).

The extracted solutions were evaporated by rotary evaporator (50°C) until completely dryness to obtain the extracts crude, then weighted. The crude of each plant was diluted to the desired concentrations (10%, 5% and 2.5% (w/v) of distilled water.

Evaluation of extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine against the cotton leafworm

This experiment was carried out to investigate the effect of a fenugreek seed and a yellow lupine seed extracts on some biochemical aspects attributes of the cotton leafworm. The tested extracts were as follows: water extract of fenugreek; ethanolic extract of fenugreek; water extract of yellow lupine and ethanolic extract of yellow lupine.

Effect of a fenugreek seed and a yellow lupine seed extracts and the insecticide chlorpyrifos on some biochemical responses of cotton leafworm.

For this experiment, the cotton leafworm larvae and larvae treated with chlorpyrifos and plant extracts were investigated. Chlorpyrifos served as a reference for comparison with plant extract against the cotton leafworm. The values obtained from plant extracts and

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chlorpyrifos were compared to control as a percentage.

Sample preparation involves the use of one replicate with ten larvae for each of (biochemical assays of 3, 5 and 7 days) for 4th instar larvae. Untreated larvae were used as control. Larvae were weighed and kept in clean jars. Samples were homogenized in distilled water using a Teflon homogenizer surrounded with a jacket of crushed ice. The homogenates were centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 10 minutes at 5°C according to Wigglesworth (1972). The supernatants were immediately assayed to determine biochemical parameters.

Determination of biochemical parameters.

Colorimetric determination of total soluble protein (TSP) in total homogenate of larval was carried out as described by (Gornall *et al.*, 1949); glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (GOT) and glutamic pyruvic transaminase (GPT) enzyme's activities were determined calorimetrically according to Reitman and Frankle (1957). The activities of acid phosphatase (ACP) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) were determined using the method of Powell and Smith (1954).

Identification of phenolic compounds by HPLC:

Phenolic compounds were identified using HPLC according to Ben-Hammouda *et al.* (1995). The HPLC system is Agilent 1100 series coupled with Mv-vis detector (G 1315B) and (G 1322 A) DEGASSER sample injection of 5 µl were made from an Agilent 1100 series. The chromatographic separations were performed in ZORBAX. Eclipse XDB-C18 column (46x250 mm, particle size 5µm). A constant flow rate of 4 mL/min was used with two mobile phases:

a- 0.5% acetic acid in H₂O at pH 2.65.

b- 0.5% acetic acid in 99% acetonitrile.

Statistical analysis:

All the obtained data were statistically analyzed as one way ANOVA to determine the significance of differences between means of the experiments data values according to Little and Hills (1975). To make all possible comparisons between means of different treatments, which proved to be statistically significant, least significant different (L.S.D.) test was done.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The biochemical responses expressed as total soluble protein (TSP) levels and GOT, GPT, ACP and ALP activities were assessed using the water and ethanolic extracts. These extracts were obtained from seeds of fenugreek and yellow lupine using distilled water and 95% ethanol as solvents. The biochemical responses to plants extracts were applied on 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm. In addition, the recommended insecticide, namely chlorpyrifos was used for treatment of 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm. This compound was used as a reference standard at a ratio of 1/1024 LD₅₀. These attributes were measured at the intervals of 3, 5 and 7 days for 4th instar larvae.

Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on TSP levels in 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm

Data in Table (1) showed that by increasing the concentrations (2.5 , 5 and 10%) of water and ethanolic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine seeds, levels of total soluble protein (TSP) decreased as compared to the control (25.97±0.85 mg/g); while chlorpyrifos recorded 18.08±0.14 mg/g.

(Table 1): Effect of water and alcoholic extracts of fenugreek seeds, yellow lupine seeds and chlorpyrifos on TSP levels (mg/g) of the cotton leafworm.

Treatments	Yellow lupine			Fenugreek			Chlorpyrifos 0.97 ppm	Control
	Concentration of extract (%)			Concentration of extract (%)				
	2.5	5	10	2.5	5	10		
Water extract	19.63± 0.59 ^h	17.12± 0.52 ^f	14.81± 0.09 ^d	20.08± 0.13 ^h	16.13± 0.16 ^e	14.29± 0.33 ^d	18.06±0.16 ^g	25.97± 0.85 ⁱ
Alcoholic extract	18.06± 0.06 ^g	16.29± 0.28 ^e	11.28± 0.22 ^b	12.7± 0.26 ^c	11.88± 0.28 ^b	10.46± 0.39 ^a		

Values represent means ± S.D obtained from (3), means in the same column followed by the same letters do not differ significantly, and when the means followed by different letters differ significantly at ($p \geq 0.05$)

Ethanol extracts of fenugreek seeds in all tested concentrations (2.5, 5 and 10%) recorded the best values compared with all treatments (including control and chlorpyrifos) and 10% concentration induced the lowest value (10.46 ± 39 mg/g).

The aim of studying protein content in insect because it is the major cell components which play the most important role in all biological processes including reproduction and it is major biochemical component necessary for an organism to develop, grow and perform its vital activities (El-Halafawy *et al.*, 2001). Some reports indicated that plant extracts reduced protein level (Baker *et al.*, 2002). Similarly, our observations about effect of the tested extracts are in concordance with that obtained by Mohamed and Rayas, (1995). Additionally, Ali and Azab (2003) observed reduction in the total protein in 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm when treated with extracts of seeds of cotton and sunflower plants. Meanwhile, (TSP) level was found to decrease following treatment of 4th instar larvae

with chlorpyrifos. This decline in the level of TSP could suggest mobilization of amino acids to meet energy demands in detoxification of the tested insecticide or could be attributed to the hormonal control. This reduction in the protein content may be due to inhibition of DNA and RNA synthesis (El-barky *et al.*, 2008).

Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on GOT and GPT activities in 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm

Data in Table (2 and 3) showed that by increasing the concentrations (2.5, 5 and 10%) of water and ethanolic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine seeds, the activities of GOT and GPT was decreased as compared to the control (0.71 ± 0.01 and 0.73 ± 0.03 µg/min/g body weight, respectively); while chlorpyrifos recorded 0.587 ± 0.015 and 0.58 ± 0.017 µg/min/g body weight, respectively. Ethanolic extracts of fenugreek seeds in all tested concentrations (2.5, 5 and 10%) recorded the best values compared with all treatments (including control and chlorpyrifos) and 10% concentration induced the lowest value.

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(Table 2): Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on GOT activity ($\mu\text{g}/\text{min}/\text{g}$ body weight) of the cotton leafworm.

Treatments	Yellow lupine			Fenugreek			Chlorpyrifos 0.97 ppm	Control
	Concentration of extract			Concentration of extract				
	2.5%	5%	10%	2.5%	5%	10%		
Water extract	0.63 \pm 0.013 ^h	0.606 \pm 0.005 ^g	0.57 \pm 0.01 ^f	0.56 \pm 0.02 ^f	0.49 \pm 0.008 ^d	0.42 \pm 0.01 ^c	0.587 \pm 0.015 ^f	0.71 \pm 0.01 ⁱ
Alcoholic extract	0.6 \pm 0.01 ^g	0.54 \pm 0.012	0.51 \pm 0.01 ^e	0.49 \pm 0.015 ^d	0.399 \pm 0.008 ^b	0.24 \pm 0.025 ^a		

Values represent means \pm S.D obtained from (3), means in the same column followed by the same letters do not differ significantly, and when the means followed by different letters differ significantly at ($p \geq 0.05$).

(Table 3): Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on GPT activity ($\mu\text{g}/\text{min}/\text{g}$ body weight) of the cotton leafworm.

Treatments	Yellow lupine			Fenugreek			Chlorpyrifos 0.97 ppm	Control
	Concentration of extract			Concentration of extract				
	2.5%	5%	10%	2.5%	5%	10%		
Water extract	0.67 \pm 0.01 ⁱ	0.614 \pm 0.004 ^h	0.576 \pm 0.006 ^g	0.56 \pm 0.015 ^g	0.49 \pm 0.016 ^d	0.42 \pm 0.012 ^b	0.58 \pm 0.017 ^g	0.73 \pm 0.01 ^j
Alcoholic extract	0.63 \pm 0.01	0.57 \pm 0.011 ^g	0.5 \pm 0.01 ^e	0.53 \pm 0.015 ^f	0.46 \pm 0.02 ^c	0.31 \pm 0.018 ^a		

Values represent means \pm S.D obtained from (3), means in the same column followed by the same letters do not differ significantly, and when the means followed by different letters differ significantly at ($p \geq 0.05$).

Azmi *et al* (1998) demonstrated that transaminases (GPT and GOT) that help in the production of energy and serve as a strategic link between the carbohydrates and protein metabolism and are known to be decreased during various physiological and pathological conditions and suggested that this may be attributed to the occurrence of reversible binding between bio-

insecticides and enzymatic site of action on the enzyme surface. This is may be due to the fact that the relationships between protein synthesis and transaminase levels were affected by the hormonal control of protein synthesis and neurosecretory hormones which involved in the regulation of transaminase levels (Etebari *et al.*, 2005).

Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on ACP and ALP activities in 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm

Data obtained in Table (4) represented that three concentrations of the alcoholic extract of fenugreek generally caused decrease in levels of acid phosphatase (ACP) activity as compared to both of the control (8.07±0.11µg/min/ body weight) and chlorpyrifos (7.6±0.06µg/min/ body weight). It recorded 6.96± 0.06µg/min/ body weight at 2.5% concentration followed by 5.9±0.12 and 3.54±0.3µg/min/ body weight at concentrations of 5 and 10%, respectively. On the other hand, all concentrations of alcoholic extract of yellow lupine decreased levels of ACP activity as compared to the control. Levels of ACP recorded 6.3±0.122, 5.29±0.17 and 4.15±0.09µg/min/body weight at concentrations of 2.5, 5 and 10%, respectively.

Data tabulated in Table (5) cleared that three concentrations of alcoholic extract of fenugreek caused decrease in levels of alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity as compared to the control (3.77±

0.025µg/min/g body weight) and ranged between a minimum of 1.74±0.15µg/min/g body weight at 10% concentration to a maximum of 2.46±0.1µg/min/g body weight at 2.5% concentration.; while it recorded 2.62±0.2µg/min/g body weight when larvae were treated with chlorpyrifos. On the other hand, three concentrations of alcoholic extract of yellow lupine caused reduction in levels of ALP activity as compared to the control. It recorded 3.08±0.02, 2.57±0.08 and 2.01±0.026 µg/min/g body weight at 2.5, 5 and 10% concentrations.

Ibrahim and Abd El-Kareem (2018) showed that ACP and ALP enzymes were significantly decreased when 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm were treated with some plant extracts. Similar observations were mentioned by Mohamed, (2012) who concluded that bioactive compounds isolated from fenugreek seeds include flavonoids which have remarkable biological activities, including inhibitory effects on enzyme.

(Table 4): Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on ACP activity (µg/min/g body weight) of the cotton leafworm.

Treatments	Yellow lupine			Fenugreek			Chlorpyrifos 0.97 ppm	Control
	Concentration of extract			Concentration of extract				
	2.5%	5%	10%	2.5%	5%	10%		
Water extract	7.46± 0.07 ^e	7.18± 0.06 ^e	6.85± 0.065 ^e	7.31± 0.09	6.77± 0.1 ^e	6± 0.035 ^d	7.6± 0.06 ^e	8.07± 0.11 ^f
Alcoholic extract	6.3± 0.122 ^d	5.29± 0.17 ^c	4.15± 0.09 ^b	6.96± 0.06 ^e	5.9± 0.12 ^d	3.54± 0.3 ^a		

Values represent means ± S.D obtained from (3), means in the same column followed by the same letters do not differ significantly, and when the means followed by different letters differ significantly at (p ≥ 0.05).

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(Table 5): Effect of fenugreek extracts, yellow lupine extracts and chlorpyrifos on ALP activity ($\mu\text{g}/\text{min}/\text{g}$ body weight) of the cotton leafworm.

Treatments	Yellow lupine			Fenugreek			Chlorpyrifos 0.97 ppm	Control
	Concentration of extract			Concentration of extract				
	2.5%	5%	10%	2.5%	5%	10%		
Water extract	3.05 \pm 0.05 ^e	2.81 \pm 0.046 ^d	2.56 \pm 0.056 ^c	2.86 \pm 0.064 ^d	2.45 \pm 0.13 ^c	2.15 \pm 0.081 ^b	2.62 \pm 0.2 ^c	3.77 \pm 0.025 ^f
Alcoholic extract	3.08 \pm 0.02 ^e	2.57 \pm 0.08 ^c	2.01 \pm 0.026 ^b	2.46 \pm 0.1 ^c	2.17 \pm 0.04 ^b	1.74 \pm 0.15 ^a		

Values represent means \pm S.D obtained from (3), means in the same column followed by the same letters do not differ significantly, and when the means followed by different letters differ significantly at ($p \geq 0.05$).

The ALP and ACP activities were found to be low during the larval molting stage and to increase gradually after molting. Higher enzyme activity in the midgut of control insects is most probably due to consumption as well as utilization of large quantities of food. Imbalance in the enzyme-substrate complex and inhibition of peristaltic movement of the gut might have inhibited the enzyme activity in the treated insects (Hori, 1969). Also, enzyme production is clearly related to the feeding behavior (amount of food that passes through the alimentary canal) (Chapman, 1985).

As a matter of fact, changes in ALP and ACP activities after treatment indicated that changing the physiological balance of the mid-gut might affect these enzymes. Apparently, decreased level of ACP suggested reduced phosphorus liberation for energy metabolism, decreased rate of metabolism, as well as decreased rate of transport of metabolites, and may be due to the direct effect of the treatments on enzyme regulation (Shoukry *et al.*, 2003).

HPLC identification of phenolic compounds in alcoholic extracts of fenugreek seeds and yellow lupine seeds:

Among the phenolic compounds of fenugreek seeds extract; gallic acid, syringic acid, cumaric acid, ferulic acid, noringenin, quercetin and cinamic acid were detected; while the phenolic compounds of yellow lupine seeds; catechin, syringic acid, vanillin, ferulic acid, noringenin, quercetin and cinamic acid were detected (Table 6). Gallic acid was the main phenolic acid which was detected in alcoholic extract of fenugreek seeds; while catechin was the main phenolic acid which was detected in alcoholic extract of yellow lupine (Table 6).

Secondary plant metabolites and their degradation products are important in all agro ecosystems. Phenolic compounds have been intensively studied with regard to their toxicity (Hakim *et al.*, 2010). They play prominent roles in plant herbivore and plant-pathogen interactions (Appel, 1993).

(Table 6): Concentrations of phenolic compounds (mg/ml) in alcoholic extracts of fenugreek and yellow lupine seeds by using HPLC

Phenolic Compounds	Fenugreek (mg/ml) Conc(mg/gm)	Yellow lupine (mg/ml)
Gallic acid	169.409	ND
Catechin	ND	113.705
Caffeic acid	ND	ND
Syringic acid	8.437	0.612
Rutin	ND	ND
Cumaric acid	3.255	ND
Vanillin	ND	0.744
Ferulic acid	3.032	0.188
Noringenin	2.120	4.354
Querctin	0.458	2.391
Cinamic acid	0.422	0.455

ND: Not detected

Conclusion

Fenugreek and yellow lupine seeds extracts showed a significant deterioration in biochemical parameters (GOT, GPT, ALP, ACP activities and total protein levels) in 4th instar larvae of the cotton leafworm. On the other hand, the 10 % concentration was the best in both plants, while the ethanolic extract of the fenugreek was the most effective of all the extracts used in the experiment. Gallic acid was the major component in fenugreek extract, while catechin was the major phenolic compound in yellow lupine extract. So, we recommended by using fenugreek and yellow lupine extracts as insecticides to control the cotton leaf worm.

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تتسبب دودة ورق القطن في خسائر فادحة في المحاصيل المختلفة لا سيما القطن في جمهورية مصر العربية. وتم بذل الكثير من الجهد لمكافحة تلك الآفة كيميائياً، حيث تستخدم المبيدات والمواد المخلفة كيميائياً منذ أكثر من خمسين عاماً. ونتيجة للاستخدام الكثيف للمبيدات الكيميائية فقد طورت الآفات مقاومة ضد تلك المبيدات.

صممت هذه الدراسة للتعرف علي المركبات الفينولية في مستخلصات بذور الترمس الأصفر والحلبة ، بالإضافة لدراسة تأثير معاملة العمر اليرقي الرابع لدودة ورق القطن بالمستخلصات المائية والكحولية لتلك البذور وتقييم تأثيرها علي المؤشرات البيوكيميائية.

وقد تم استخدام مبيد مشهور في استخدامه ضد تلك الآفة وهو الكلوربيريفوس للمقارنة. وقد أشارت النتائج إلي التعرف علي سبع مركبات في المستخلصات الكحولية موضع الدراسة ، وقد كان مركب حمض الجاليك هو المركب الأكثر كمية في المستخلص الكحولي لبذور الحلبة في حين كان مركب الكاتشين هو المركب الأكثر تركيزاً في المستخلص الكحولي لبذور الترمس الأصفر من بين كل المركبات التي تم التعرف عليها.

كما أدت المعاملة بكل المستخلصات موضع الدراسة إلي حدوث تدهور في كل المؤشرات الحيوية المدروسة (البروتين الكلي الذائب ونشاط إنزيمات: الجلوتاميك أوكسالو أسيتيك ترانس أمينيز ، الجلوتاميك بيروفيك ترانس أمينيز، الفوسفاتيز الحامضي والفوسفاتيز القاعدي) ، كما أظهر التركيز الأعلى (١٠%) من المستخلصات تأثيراً أفضل في كل المستخلصات، كما كان مستخلص الكحولي لبذور الحلبة بتركيز ١٠% هو الأفضل علي الإطلاق في التأثير علي كل المؤشرات البيوكيميائية لدودة ورق القطن. لذلك نوصي باستخدام تلك المستخلصات في مكافحة دودة ورق القطن. الكلمات الدالة: دودة ورق القطن - الحلبة - الترمس - الاستجابة البيوكيميائية.

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