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### 番茄素對小菜蛾*Plutella xylostella* L.卵之殺卵效應【科學短訊】

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## Abstract

### 摘要

分別以50 $\mu$ l、100 $\mu$ l、150 $\mu$ l劑量之0.1%、0.2%及0.4%番茄赤液處理小菜蛾產下之卵，結果顯示未加處理之小菜蛾卵之孵化率高達90%以上，而經150 $\mu$ l之0.1%番茄素溶液處理後的卵，孵化率卻降至20%以下。可見番茄素對小菜蛾所產之卵有強度的殺卵效應。

### Key words:

**關鍵詞:** 番茄素、小菜蛾、殺卵效應。

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# The Ovicidal Effect of Tomatine against Deposited Eggs of the Diamondback Moth, *Plutella xylostella* L.

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## ABSTRACT

The ovicidal effect of tomatine was tested on the deposited eggs of *Plutella xylostella* L. using 50  $\mu$ l, 100  $\mu$ l and 150  $\mu$ l of 0.1%, 0.2% and 0.4% tomatine solutions. While the hatching rate of untreated eggs was normally greater than 90%, less than 20% hatched after treatment with 150  $\mu$ l of a 0.1% tomatine solution. From our result, it is apparent that tomatine is highly toxic to the deposited eggs of the diamondback moth.

**Key words:** Tomatine, diamondback moth, *Plutella xylostella*, ovicidal effect.

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## Introduction

Formerly, protection of cruciferous vegetables against the diamondback moth (DBM), *Plutella xylostella* (L.), was mainly dependent on intense insecticidal treatment, which in the long term, often resulted in resistant DBM populations (Miyata *et al.*, 1986), as well as a contaminated environment that poses a threat to human health. In order to reduce the damage of this pest, other methods were developed such as intercropping (Buranday and Raros, 1975; Talekar *et al.*, 1984), deterrence of oviposition by plant compounds (Tabashnik, 1985), repellents (Sinchaisri *et al.*, 1988), and antifeedants. Extensive research has been carried out on the antifeedant actions of  $\alpha$ -tomatine against insects: *Empoasca fabae* (Dahlman and Hibbs, 1967), *Melanoplus bivittatus* (Harley and Thorsteinson, 1967), *Aedes aegypti* (Harley, 1967), *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Sinden *et al.*, 1978), *Heliothis zea* (Juvik *et al.*, 1982), *Myzus persicae* (Qin and Ke, 1984), *Ceratitis capitata* (Chan and Tam, 1985), *Spodoptera littoralis* (Dhillon, 1986), *Earias insulana* (Weissenberg *et al.*, 1986), *Spodoptera exigua* (Bloem *et al.*, 1989). In addition, Roddick's review (1974) on  $\alpha$ -tomatine included its inhibiting effect on the larval growth of several insects.

The antifeedant action of tomatine against DBM larvae, has been studied by Lu and Chu (1992). According to them, the application of 0.1~0.4 % tomatine solution on cabbage is sufficient to re-

duce DBM feeding anywhere from 1/6 to 1/41 of that of the control. The ovicidal effect of tomatine on DBM deposited eggs is studied in this paper.

Newly deposited DBM eggs were collected in groups of 10, placed on separated pieces of filter paper. The pieces of filter paper were inserted into a small petri-dish ( $\phi$  3 cm) and treated with either 50  $\mu$ l, 100  $\mu$ l, or 150  $\mu$ l of either 0.1 %, 0.2 % or 0.4 % tomatine solution from a micropipette. The control involved leaving the eggs untreated or treating them with either 50 % EtOH, or water. After the solvent evaporated, the small petri-dish was placed in a large tapper ( $\phi$  16 cm) and wrapped with aluminum foil. The eggs were observed daily during the hatching process. The experiment was repeated 10 times.

While the untreated eggs showed high hatching rates (around 90 %), those treated with 150  $\mu$ l of 50 % EtOH solution or water had their development slightly influenced with their hatching rate being reduced to under 80 % (Fig. 1). Note, however, that there is no statistical difference among these treatments (Fig. 1).

Treatment with 50  $\mu$ l or 100  $\mu$ l of a 0.1 % tomatine solution or 50  $\mu$ l of 0.2 % solution were not toxic to DBM eggs (Fig. 1). On the other hand, eggs treated with 150  $\mu$ l of any concentration of tomatine solution resulted in more than 80 % of the eggs failing to hatch (Fig. 1). It is concluded that tomatine had significant ovicidal effect against the deposited DBM eggs, with the  $LC_{50}$  being 0.33 % tomatine solution.

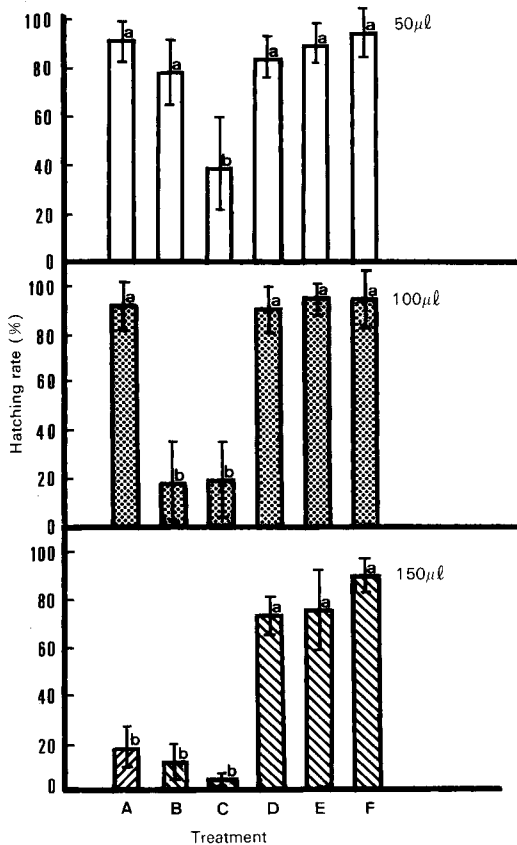


Fig. 1. Ovicidal effect of tomatine solution against deposited eggs of diamondback moth. A: 0.1% tomatine solution; B: 0.2% tomatine solution; C: 0.4% tomatine solution; D: 50% ethyl alcohol; E: Control (water); F: Dry. Columns ( $\bar{x} \pm SE$ ) marked by the same letter are not significantly different at the DMRT 5% level.

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