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In vitro efficacy of cypermethrin against Hyalomma anatolicum anatolicum

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Abstract

The present investigation was undertaken to evaluate *in vitro* efficacy of cypermethrin against *H. a.anatolicum*. The engorged *H. a.anatolicum* females dropped on ground were collected from dairy farms of nearby villages of Mhow and were maintained in the laboratory till hatching of the eggs and larvae were used for further study. Larvae were placed in filter paper packets impregnated with 100, 200, 400, and 800 ppm concentrations of cypermethrin for 24 hours which revealed the per cent mortality 89.84, 93.70, 100 and 100%, while the corrected per cent mortality and efficacy was found 89.30, 93.36, 100 and 100%.

Introduction

Hyalomma anatolicum anatolicum has gained noticeable importance because of its role as the major vector of *Theileria annulata* in cattle. Use of acaricides is the most common method of tick control adopted by the cattle owners in India and these acaricides are applied on infested animals at frequent intervals. Indiscriminate use with incorrect concentrations of acaricides might be

the cause of development of resistance against acaricides. Commonly used Cypermethrin (synthetic pyrethroid) is commercially available acaricide for tick control in India. Apart from its application against agriculturally important pests, it is also extensively used for the control of mosquitoes. The indiscriminate use of acaricides with incorrect concentrations of acaricides results in development of resistance against the acaricides. Therefore the present study was

conducted to assess the *in vitro* efficacy of cypermethrin against *H. a. anatolicum*.

Materials and Methods

The engorged H. a.anatolicum females dropped on ground were collected from dairy farms of nearby villages of Mhow. Each fully engorged female tick was placed in a test tube and these test tubes were transferred in a desiccator having 10% potassium hydroxide solution at the base and the desiccators were placed in incubator at 28 \pm 1°C and 85 \pm 5% relative humidity and maintained till hatching of the eggs and released larvae were used to assess the efficacy of cypermethrin as per the method described by Shyma et al. (2012) with minor modifications. Pieces of Whatsman filter paper No. 11 (5 x 10 cm in diameter)were used. The filter papers were impregnated with 100, 200, 400 and 800 ppm concentrations of analytical grade cypermethrin (Sigma-Aldrich). day-old hungry larvae were placed in openended packets which were transferred in desiccators. After 24 hours incubation in BOD incubator, live and dead larvae were counted and Corrected mortality (%) was calculated by using Abbortt's formula.

Results and Discussion

In the present study, the per cent mortality was observed as 89.84, 93.70, 100 and 100% while the corrected per cent mortality and efficacy was recorded as 89.30, 93.36, 100 and 100% at 100, 200, 400, and 800 ppm concentration of cypermethrin, respectively (Table 1). The data revealed that per cent mortality increased with increasing the concentration of cyprtmethrin and 100% mortality was observed at 400 ppm.

The efficacy of 89.30% recorded at the recommended concentration is in line with the findings of Arunachalam *et al.* (2007) and Sajid *et al.* (2009). At the same time Sangwan *et al.*

Table 1: Efficacy of cypermethrin against H. a.anatolicum

Cypermethrin (ppm)	Average no. of larvae		Mortality (%)	Corrected mortality
	Treated	Dead		(%)
Control	135	07	05.18	-
100	128	115	89.84	89.30
200	143	134	93.70	93.36
400	137	137	100	100
800	126	126	100	100

(1993) and Singh *et al.* (2015) reported resistance against cypermethrin. Continuous and indiscriminate use with incorrect concentrations of acaricides results in development of resistance against these compounds, which is attributable to the reduced efficacy of cypermethrin in the present investigation.

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Conflict of Interest

All authors hereby declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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