


TOXICITY OF RESIDUAL EXPOSURE OF PYRETHROID INSECTICIDES TO STINGLESS BEE *HETEROTRIGONA ITAMA*



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INTRODUCTION

- *Heterotrigona itama* is one of the actively reared bee species in Malaysia (Meliponoculture)
- Products : Honey, pollen, propolis
- Usually integrated with its food sources
- The greatest alternative crop pollinator



Forager of *Heterotrigona itama*

HOW TOXICITY HAPPEN?

- Insecticides are substance to kill insect pest
- *H. itama* exposed to post-insecticide treatment.
- Pyrethroids are insecticides that are synthetic modifications of natural pyrethrins, extracts from the flowers of some Chrysanthemum species which found in many modern insecticide
- Toxicity cause harm and death to the stingless bee



OBJECTIVE

To identify the **median lethal concentration (LC50)** of selected Pyrethroid insecticides through residual exposure to the *H. itama*.

SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY

- Contributes of new knowledge for stingless bee species *H. itama*.
- To exposed the toxicity effect of insecticide to the beneficial insect.
- Open up room of new finding.
- Increase the awareness of toxicity effect.

METHODOLOGY

Experimental location

- Experimental laboratory, Agricultural Research Station Tenom, Sabah.
- Temperature of $27 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 70% RH.

Materials

- (450) foragers of *H.itama*
- Pyrethroid insecticides
 - 1.DELTAMETHRIN
 - 2.CYPERMETHRIN

TOXICITY ASSAY PROCESS

Preparation of test insecticides



Residual toxicity bioassay method



Residual exposure against examined organisms



Mortality observation



LC50 values

THE TOXICITY PROCEDURES

Step 1



Each concentrations were diluted with 500ml of distilled water.
Labelled as: C5,C4,C3,C2,C1

Concentration	Deltamethrin	Cypermethrin
C1	1.65 ml	2.00 ml
C2	1.40 ml	1.00 ml
C3*	1.10 ml*	0.50 ml*
C4	0.83 ml	0.25 ml
C5	0.56 ml	0.125 ml
C6	0	0 ml

C3*: Recommended dosage
C6 : Control (distilled water)

Step 2



The dilution was coated inside the glass jar, by rotating the glass jar several times. Left to dried at room temperature for at least 3 hours

Step 3



H. itama foragers were freshly caught using sweeping net & directly transferred to the laboratory

Step 4



10 selected stingless bees from the anaesthetised procedure (chilling for 50 seconds at $3^{\circ}C$)

Step 5



Tested *H.itama* were introduced in contaminated jar for 1 hour

Step 6



The treated organism were transferred into the post cage for 24 hours, and supplied with 50% sucrose solution diet.

Step 7



Mortality was observed after 24 hours

All steps were replicated 3 times for each different concentration

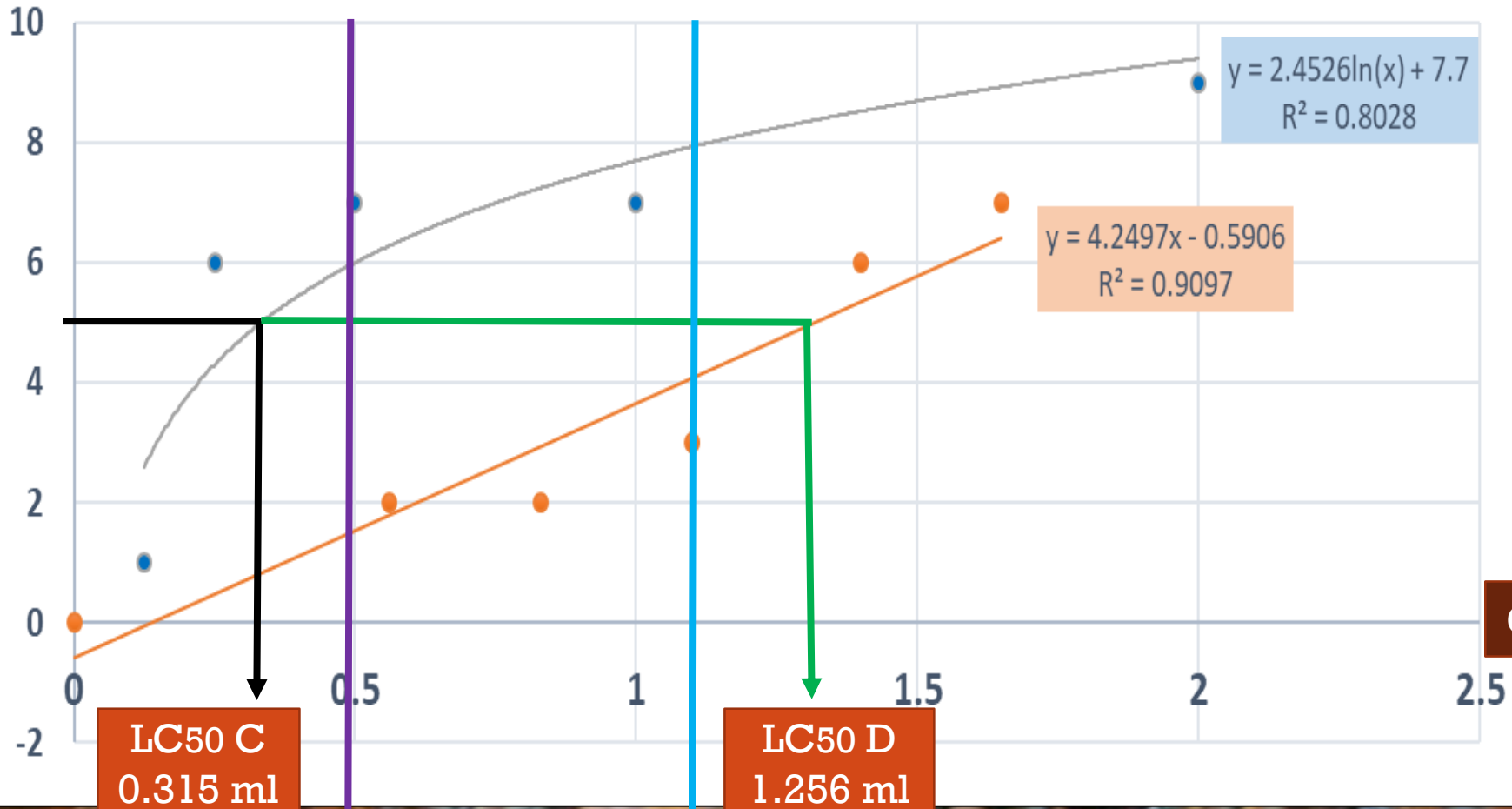
STATISTIC ANALYSIS

- Mortality data obtained from the bioassay tests of residual exposure were analysed using Probit Analysis (SPSS Statistic 21) to calculate the LC50 values.



Mortality of SB

LC50 Values of Deltamethrin and Cypermethrin



RESULT

LC50 value of cypermethrin was below the recommended dosage meanwhile the value for deltamethrin was above the recommended.

Concentration

Recommended concentration of C

Recommended concentration of D

RESULT

Table 1. The value of LC50 for deltamethrin and cypermethrin

Insecticides	No. of Foragers per replication	Time (hr)	Recommended dosages (ml)	LC50 (ml)	Mortality mean On recommended dosage
Deltamethrin	10	24	1.10	1.256 (0.978 – 2.022)	3
Cypermethrin	10	24	0.50	0.315 (0.189 – 0.568)	7

DISCUSSION

- Pyrethroids toxicity via residual exposure is possible as a study showed.
- Residual exposure of cypermethrin is more harmful than deltamethrin on recommended dose.
- Recommended dose of deltamethrin (killed 30% of tested population) and cypermethrin (killed 70%)

RECOMMENDATION

- Time of insecticide application : Evening application
- Granular insecticides are less hazardous
- Do not treat fields in bloom
- Choose short residual materials and low-hazard formulations if insecticides
- Apply insecticides when bees are not foraging

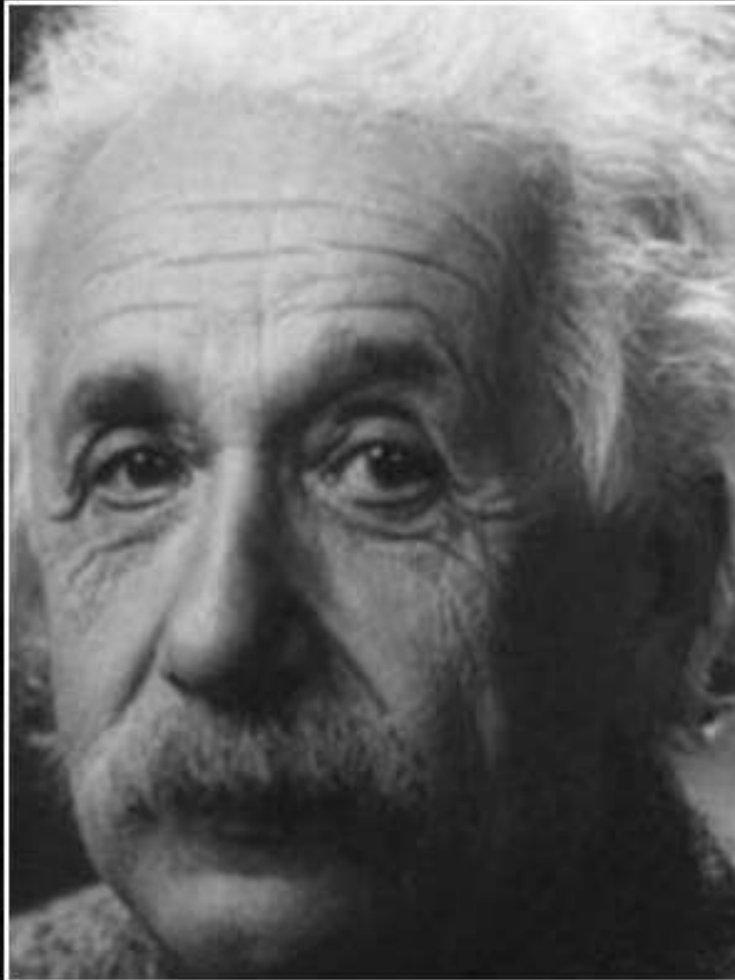
CONCLUSION

- Toxicity effect is a serious issue
- *H. itama* was proved to be susceptible to pyrethroid insecticides for residues exposure.
- Suggested that new analyses of the lethal and sublethal effects of pesticides recommended for use in bee attracting crops be carried out on stingless bee species through both field and semi-field experiments
- Susceptibility in agricultural areas depends on other circumstances, including abiotic factors, pesticide degradation rates and bee behaviours (Gradish et al. 2012).

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If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would have only four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.

— *Albert Einstein* —

AZ QUOTES

If 1 die, we all die



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