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### In Vitro Assessment of The Efficacy of Metaldehyde, Methomyl and Copper Sulfate on some Terrestrial Gastropods.

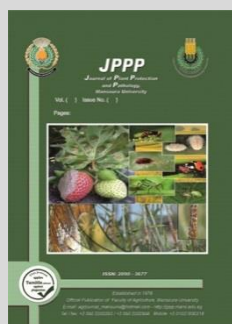
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#### ABSTRACT

Land mollusks are significant an economical pest invading diver's flora in Egypt. In the light of this trial, Evaluated the efficiency of chemical compounds as metaldehyde, methomyl and copper sulfate against two land snail's species as the chocolate-band snail, *Eobania vermiculata* and the glassy clover snail, *Monacha obstructa* related to families, Helicidae and Hygromiidae was inquired. The findings showed that metaldehyde was the most lethal complex against *M. obstructa* and *E. vermiculata* came after methomyl and copper sulfate through seven days after that, the values of lethal concentrations 50 were (1.03, 1.80 and 19.70 %) and (1.60, 9.18 and 89.38%), respectively. Furthermore, *M. obstructa* was more sensitive to methomyl, copper sulfate including metaldehyde compared to the brown garden snail. So, the compounds were caused % mortality, for the glassy clover, that (96, 96 and 84 %) respectively, whereas percentage mortalities for the brown garden snail were (96.48, 76 and 71.42%) for methomyl, metaldehyde and copper sulfate, respectively. Moreover, there is not dissimilarity of sensitivity between examined snails to methomyl. Additionally, mortality for snails was increasing by time exposure for compounds. This investigation displayed, copper sulfate can use as a molluscicide for land snails at concentration of  $20 \times 10^3$  ppm, to give % mortality in a range of (55.17 – 96.0) %.

**Keywords:** Land snails; Metaldehyde; Methomyl; Copper sulfate

#### INTRODUCTION

In most regions of Egypt, terrestrial mollusks invade vegetables, field plants and trees as animal pests. So that, they lose them marketing value (El-Okda, 1980; Glen and Wilson, 1997; Glen *et al.*, 2000).

The snails are mentioned before, they are among Egypt's most serious land snails such snails have a harmful effect on fruits and vegetables and often feed on the leaves of many ornamental plants and gardens. The regulation of these snails is therefore becoming very important. Currently, chemical pesticide management is also seeming as the more efficient approaches (Radwan *et al.*, 1992; Eshra, 2004; Moran *et al.*, 2004; El-Shahaat, *et al.*, 2005, 2009; Ghoneim, 2006).

Copper salts does not play as a fungicide and algicide except, it applied as a molluscicide. Its high portions are hazardous in environment, effecting a final disturbance of the form of DNA and proteins, sooner or later main of their nonfunctioning (Hoffman and Zakhary, 1953; Fitzgerald and Faust, 1963; Michaud and Grant, 2003; de Oliveira-Filho *et al.*, 2004).

The goal of this laboratory looks at is to evaluate the toxicity for one of an insecticide for oximecarbamate, an inorganic and an organic compound as methomyl, copper sulfate and metaldehyde respectively, towards the two snails defined above.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

##### Animals

Adults of land snails; the chocolate-band snail, *E.*

*vermiculata* (Müller) and the glassy clover snail, *M. obstructa* (Müller), have about the same age and size have been collected for laboratory examination. Those snails had been collected at some point in September from untreated nurseries of mango plants located in Abu-Rawash location, Giza Governorate, Egypt. They had been transferred in plastic sac to the lab. They had been kept as a minimum two weeks in aerated cages ( $32 \times 21 \times 25$  cm, with 10 cm layer of moistened soil at the bottom: 100 snails in keeping with glass terrarium) for adaptation under room circumstances ( $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  and  $55 \pm 2\%$  RH). They were identified counting on the essential guide given via way of Godan (1983). The animals were eating up leaves' iceberg lettuce, (*Lactuca sativa*). till the begin of trial. They were adapted to those circumstances for 14 days. deceased snails have been removed right away. The snails were starved for 24 h before the beginning of experiments.

##### Chemicals

Metaldehyde (Gastrox E 5% G), Methomyl (Lannate) 90% SP and copper sulfate (Sulfo Cup [ $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} - (25\% \text{Cu})$ ]) have been assessed.

##### Toxicity studies

Toxicity of the chemical compounds have been estimated against the two herbivorous land snails which alluded to above. [The weight about 10 g of the ready-made metaldehyde bait was ground and dissolved in 100 ml of distilled water to make a suspension of metaldehyde]. Identical size discs of lettuce leaves were immersing in sequence concentrations of the chemical compounds for 5 minute and use it after air-drying. The handled lettuce disks had been transferred into plastic

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beaker. Each plastic box was tightly covered with covers having holes (pierced with a pin) about one cm apart. The cover kept the air saturated with moisture and prevented the snails from escape. Ten samples of animals were put into every beaker and replicants three time. In addition to, untreated iceberg lettuce disks were used with distilled water only. Death percentages of examined animals have been counted at two periods: after three- & seven-days post treatments.

Death rate was rectified rely on Abbott's formula (Abbott, 1925). LC<sub>50</sub> and slope values were counted depending on (Finney, 1971), using "Ldp line" software by Bakr (2000).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Results

Effective of some chemical compounds against two snails; the chocolate-band snail and the glassy clover snail.

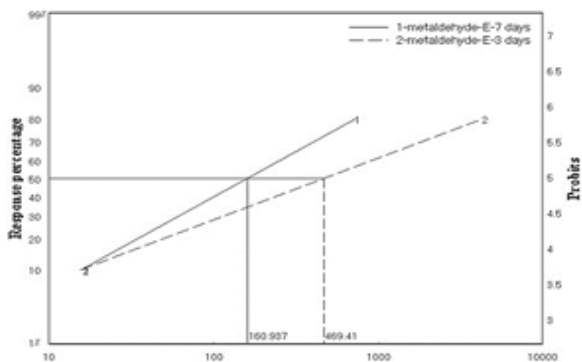
The obtained data in Tab. (1) and Figs. (1, 2) exhibited that, metaldehyde gave the % mortality values as (13.3, 16.6, 30.0, 33.3, 43.3 and 46.6) for the chocolate-band snail during three days of examination, whilst the values after seven days were (17.8, 21.4, 42.8, 46.4, 53.5 and 75.0).

By observation, the death ratios for *M. obstructa*, which were (16.6, 23.3, 30.0, 40.0, 43.3 and 50.0) after three days but it recorded after seven days (24.0, 40.0, 43.0, 52.0, 64.0 and 84.0). these findings pointed out, the values of LC<sub>50</sub> for the chocolate band snail were  $4.69 \times 10^2$  ppm at the first time and  $1.60 \times 10^2$  ppm at second time. Whereas the values LC<sub>50</sub> for the glassy clover snail were  $4.04 \times 10^2$  ppm at 1<sup>st</sup> time and  $1.03 \times 10^2$  ppm at 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

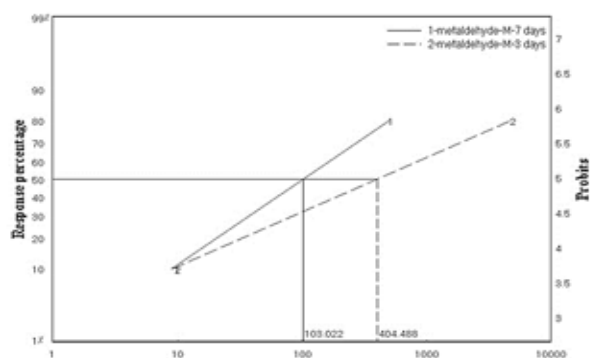
**Tab. 1. Effectiveness of metaldehyde compound on the chocolate-band snail and the glassy clover snail.**

Conc.{ppm}	% Mortality			
	The chocolate-band snail		The glassy clover snail	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time
25	13.3	17.8	16.6	24.0
50	16.6	21.4	23.3	40.0
100	30.0	42.8	30.0	43.9
150	33.3	46.4	40.0	52.0
200	43.3	53.5	43.3	64.0
500	46.6	75.0	50.0	84.0
Slop ± S.E.	0.866 ± 0.248	1.271 ± 0.250	0.779 ± 0.241	1.213 ± 0.245
LC <sub>50</sub> ppm × 10 <sup>2</sup>	4.69	1.60	4.04	1.03

1<sup>st</sup> Time = Three days – 2<sup>nd</sup> Time = seven days



**Fig .1. Linear Regression for Metaldehyde versus (E) *E. vermiculata* at different times of exposure.**



**Fig. 2. Linear Regression for Metaldehyde versus (M) *M. obstructa* at different times of exposure.**

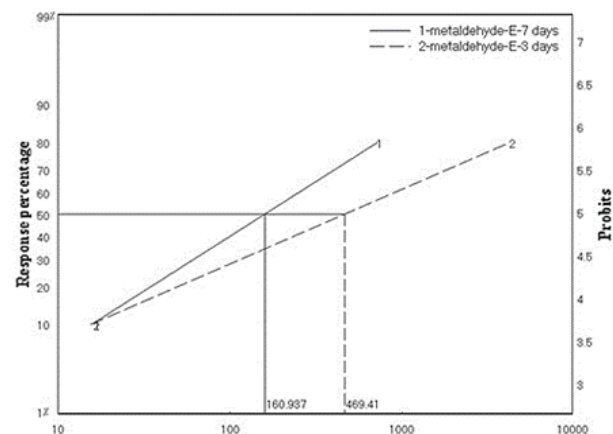
Those results indicated; the metaldehyde compound had been the most effective for the tested snails at the second time. However, the effectiveness of this compound was medium for the two snails after three days. Furthermore, the death rate for testing snails was increasing by the time.

The efficiency of methomyl versus the examined snails displayed within Tab. (2) and Figs. (3) and (4). The % mortality values were 6.66, 13.33, 20.00, 36.66, 76.66 and 90.00 after three days of testing, while they were 3.57, 14.28, 32.14, 42.85, 82.14 and 96.42 after seven days for *E. vermiculata* snail. The values that correspond to *M. obstructa* were 3.44, 10.34, 17.24, 24.13, 34.48, 37.93 and 51.72 and 48.00, 52.00, 55.99, 76.00, 84.00 and 96.00 after three and seven days, respectively.

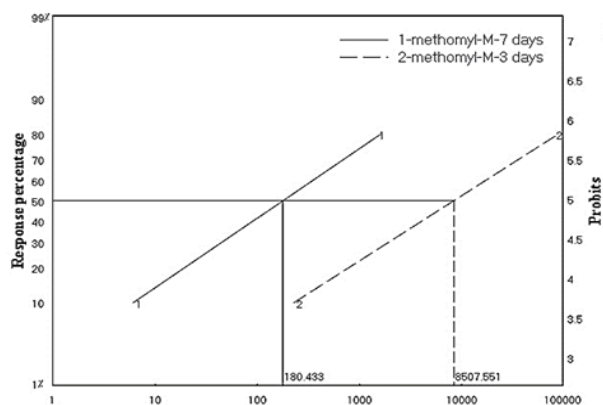
**Tab. 2. Effectiveness of methomyl compound on the chocolate-band snail and the glassy clover snail.**

Conc.{ppm}	% Mortality			
	The chocolate-band snail		The glassy clover snail	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time
100	6.66	3.57	3.44	48.00
250	13.33	14.28	10.34	52.00
500	20.00	32.14	17.24	55.99
1000	36.66	42.85	24.13	76.00
2000	63.33	82.14	34.48	84.00
5000	76.66	92.85	37.93	88.00
10000	90.00	96.42	51.72	96.00
Slop ± S.E.	1.462 ± 0.179	1.919 ± 0.219	0.820 ± 0.161	0.872 ± 0.157
LC <sub>50</sub> ppm × 10 <sup>2</sup>	14.67	9.18	85.08	1.80

1<sup>st</sup> Time = Three days – 2<sup>nd</sup> Time = seven days



**Fig .3. Linear Regression for Methomyl versus (E) *E. vermiculata* at different times of exposure.**



**Fig. 4. Linear Regression for Methomyl versus (M) *M. obstructa* at different times of exposure.**

The values of  $LC_{50}$  for methomyl altered which recorded  $14.67 \times 10^2$  ppm and  $9.18 \times 10^2$  ppm. It acted the highest death rate during two periods at the highest concentration for *E. vermiculata*. Whereas the death rate at highest concentration for *M. obstructa* was moderated percentage within three days which was 55.17 %, while it reached the highest death rate during the second period time which was 96.00%. So,  $LC_{50}$  was  $85.08 \times 10^2$  ppm and  $1.80 \times 10^2$  ppm after three and seven days, respectively.

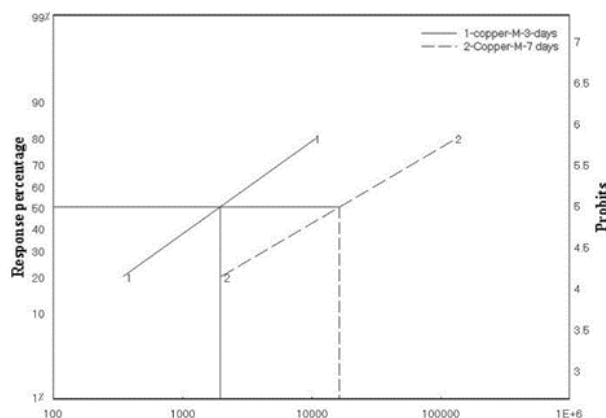
The effectiveness of copper sulfate versus the two examined snails was lethal and highest during the second time comparison with the first time of trial. The obtained data in Tab. (3) and Figs. (5) and (6) exhibited that death rates were increasingly gradual with increasing concentration at concentrations (1000, 2500, 5000, 10000, 1500 and 20000 ppm) which (21.42, 25.00, 28.57, 46.42, 64.28 and 71.42%) after seven days, while these values were (13.33, 20.00, 23.33, 40.00, 53.33 and 56.66 %) at the first period of testing against *E. vermiculata*, respectively. the percentage of mortalities for *M. obstructa* snail were (43.99, 52.00, 60.0, 72.00, 84.00 and 96.00%) at the second period. Whilst the death rates at first time were (13.79, 20.69, 34.48, 37.93, 48.27 and 55.17%), respectively.

These results indicated that, the value of  $LC_{50}$  for the first snail were  $154.64 \times 10^2$  ppm for three days and  $89.38 \times 10^2$  ppm at seven days. Moreover, it recorded for the second snail  $165.89 \times 10^2$  ppm at three days and  $19.70 \times 10^2$  ppm at seven days. Those results illustrated; the glassy clover snail was extremely influenced compared by the chocolate band snail.

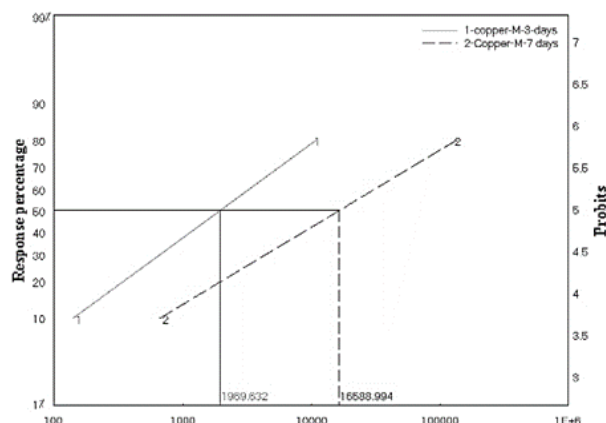
**Tab. 3. Effectiveness of copper sulfate compound on the chocolate-band snail and the glassy clover snail.**

Conc.{ppm}	% Mortality			
	The chocolate-band snail		The glassy clover snail	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time
1000	13.33	21.42	13.79	43.99
2500	20.00	25.00	20.69	52.00
5000	23.33	28.57	34.48	60.00
10000	40.00	46.42	37.93	72.00
15000	53.33	64.28	48.27	84.00
20000	56.66	71.42	55.17	96.00
Slop ± S.E.	1.055 ± 0.240	1.919 ± 0.219	0.920 ± 0.232	1.123 ± 0.227
$LC_{50}$ ppm × 10 <sup>2</sup>	154.64	89.38	165.89	19.70

1<sup>st</sup> Time = Three days – 2<sup>nd</sup> Time = seven days



**Fig. 5. Linear Regression for copper sulfate versus (E) *E. vermiculata* at different times of exposure.**



**Fig. 6. Linear Regression for Copper sulfate versus (M) *M. obstructa* at different times of exposure.**

**Discussions**

Previous findings are consistent with those came by Hammond, *et al.* (1996), declare that the effectiveness of pesticides depends on the good application of them, because the opposite leads to an increase in cost and impact on the environment. Chabert (1996) noticed that metaldehyde in its form as a commercial bait caused a death rate of 90% during the first period of exposure of terrestrial mollusks to it compared to methiocarb as bait, which caused a death rate of 68% during that period and then the effect of both decreased after that. Radwan & EL-Wakil (1991) discovered that methomyl had a greater effect on population decrease than oxamyl at field conditions versus *Monacha cartusiana* (Müller) and *Eobania vermiculata*. They discovered that, after one day of treatment to the bait prepared from wheat bran, with 2% methomyl added to it, it had a greater effect on *T. pisana* compared by the chocolate band snail, Abdallah, *et al.* (1992). In laboratory testing, Aioub, *et al.* (2000) discovered that several carbamate compounds were very poisonous to *M. cartusiana* snails. Also, Vertemic and Neomyl caused a high toxic against *E. vermiculata* snails, according to Daowd (2004). Further, under field settings, methomyl had the strongest residual impact against *M. cartusiana* snails, according to Ismail, *et al.* (2005). Furthermore, under laboratory and field circumstances, they observed; the chocolate band snail was more sensitive to abamectin and methomyl, Ismail and Hegab (2006). Besides, the value of  $LC_{50}$  for copper

salts was more poisonous for *E. vermiculata* within 3.31percent compared with the other chemicals tested like methomyl and urea after 72 hours of testing by Eshra; 2014. In addition, According to Samy, *et al.*, (2015), they observed Neomyl was more effective chemical against the glassy clover snails under field circumstances. As well, Rizk, *et al.* (2017) demonstrated that molluscicides metaldehyde bait 2% caused the percentage mortality values (73.2, 76.4 and 73.4) to *E. vermiculata*, *T. pisana* and *M. cartusinna*, respectively in orange orchard trees.

Several research on the toxicity of copper and copper oxide nanoparticles to aquatic animals have been performed, and these researches have revealed that these compounds are hazardous to aquatic animals. (Isani, *et al.*, 2013; Ates, *et al.*, 2014; Wang, *et al.*, 2015; Soliman, 2015; Abdel-Khalek, *et al.*, 2016; Sun, *et al.*, 2016). Also, the effect of copper sulphate on *Biomphalaria alexandrina* were observed by El Gindy (1969 a & b) Ragab, *et al.* (1998). They reported a marked reduction in the survival rate and in hatchability of eggs of *B. alexandrina* after treatment of snails with copper sulphate. Similar findings were reported by Mohamed, *et al.* (1981), Gawish (1997), and Ibrahim, *et al.* (1997). They found that the rate of infection of *B. alexandrina* and cercarial production decreased when snails were treated with sublethal concentrations of CuSO<sub>4</sub>. They displayed the copper salts was efficient to kill freshwater snails, *Oncomelania quadrasi* within every condition either the soils or the aquatic conditions, Kashifa Naghma, *et al.* (2017). Eshra (2014) displayed efficient the copper hydroxide compound versus the chocolate band snail and *T. pisana*. Moran and others; 2004, observed that the concentration one percent of copper hydroxide was more effective versus snail, *Theba pisana*.

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أصبحت الرخويات الأرضية تمثل آفات اقتصادية مهمة تهاجم العديد من النباتات في مصر. في ضوء هذه الدراسة ، تم تقييم فعالية مركب الميتالديهييد والميثوميل وكبريتات النحاس كمبيدات للرخويات ضد قوقع الحدائق البني *Eobania vermiculata* وقوقع البرسيم الزجاجي *Monacha obstructa*. أظهرت النتائج بعد سبعة أيام من المعاملة إلى أن الميتالديهييد كان أكثر المركبات سمية ضد *E. vermiculata* و *M. obstructa* يليه الميثوميل وكبريتات النحاس حيث كانت قيم LC<sub>50</sub> هي (1.03 ، 1.80 ، 19.70٪) & (1.60 ، 9.18 ، 89.38٪). ، على التوالي - علاوة على ذلك ، كان قوقع البرسيم الزجاجي أكثر حساسية من قوقع الحدائق البني لمركب الميثوميل وكبريتات النحاس والميتالديهييد. وتسببت المركبات من الميثوميل والميتالديهييد وكبريتات النحاس في نسبة موت لقوقع البرسيم الزجاجي والتي بلغت (96 و 96 و 84٪) بينما كانت نسبة الموت لقوقع الحدائق البني (96.48 و 76 و 71.42٪) وذلك على التوالي. علاوة على ذلك ، لم يكن هناك اختلاف في حساسية القواقع المختبرة للميثوميل. بالإضافة إلى ذلك زيادة فعالية سمية المركبات مع زيادة وقت التعريض. وأظهرت هذه الدراسة أنه يمكن مكافحة القواقع الأرضية باستخدام كبريتات النحاس كمبيد للرخويات بتركيز 10 × 20<sup>3</sup> جزء في المليون ، لإعطاء نسبة موت تتراوح بين (55.17- 96٪).