

## The impact of each of the essential oils of marjoram and lemon grass in conjunction with gamma irradiation against the Greater Wax Moth, *Galleria Mellonella*

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### Abstract:

**Objective:** To evaluate the larvicidal activity of essential oils derived from two essential plants and / or gamma irradiation against early fourth instar larvae of the greater wax moth (GWM), *Galleria mellonella* L. was investigated.

**Methods:** The oil of two plants were tested namely; Marjoram, *Origanum majorana* and Lemon Grass, *Cymbopogon proximus* were tested. To evaluate the relative efficacies of these materials as alternative control agent against GWM. The two essential oils were evaluated further for the determination of their LC10, LC50 and LC90 values based on Probit analysis, five of gamma irradiation doses (100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 Gy) and the combined effect of them and essential oil were tested.

**Results:** Comparing the estimated LC10, LC50, LC90 values of present investigation of mentioned essential oils indicated that essential oils of *Origanum majorana* is more toxic to *G. mellonella* than the other essential oil of *Cymbopogon proximus*, then were selected in combined with the dose of 100 Gy in the shared experience. It also found that the percentage of pupation, emergence and sex ratio decreased with increasing concentration of both extracts

- The lack of the number of eggs and the percentage of hatched eggs increase with the increase the radiation dose used from 100 Gy to 300 Gy

-Also found that the percentage of larval mortality increases in the case of combined treatment of radiation and aromatic oils of the two plants than in the case of both of them solo. The percentages of pupation and emergence less in the case of combined treatment, but increased in the case of sex ratio

**Conclusion:** it can be concluded that the insects varied in their susceptibility to various essential oils that probably referring to insecticidal ability of their active constituents

**Key Words:** Gamma Radiation / Essential oils / *Galleria mellonella* / Larval mortality

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### I. Introduction

The greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella* L., is a major pest of the honey bee, *Apis mellifera* L. It feeds on wax and pollen stored in combs of active honey bee colonies (Milan, 1970).

Wax moths are serious pests of beeswax worldwide. Greater wax moth (GWM), *Galleria mellonella* L., and lesser wax moth, *Acheria gresilla* L., are known to be harmful to deposited and stored beeswax. GWM causes the greatest damage in apiaries which lead to financial losses every year, beside damaging wax combs by larval feeding, and destroying frames and wooden parts in the hive. Adult wax moths and larvae can also transfer pathogens of serious bee diseases, e.g. fowlbrood. However, in colonies infested with this disease, feces of wax moth contain large amounts of spores of the causative bacteria, *Paenibacillus* larvae (Charrière and Imdorf, 1997 and Owayss and Abd-Elgayed, 2007).

Possibilities for controlling wax moth including some manipulations in the hive and other treatments to stored combs i.e. technical, physical, biological and chemical methods e.g. sulphur fumigation, acetic and formic acids evaporation and applying paradichlorobenzene are practiced (Calderone, 2000 and Owayss and Abd-Elgayed, 2007). Although the use of these chemicals is somewhat easy and effective, some precautions of safety and contamination of bee products are considered. Also, some of these materials seemed to be ineffective against eggs of the wax moth (Fraser, 1997 and Owayss and Abd-Elgayed, 2007).

The environmental problems caused by overuse of pesticides have been the matter of concern for both scientists and public in recent years. The extensive use of the synthetic insecticides lead to the biological imbalance due to the destruction of beneficial species such as parasites and predators of the pests beside the destruction of pollinating insects such as honey bees. Natural products are an excellent alternative to synthetic pesticides as a means to reduce negative impacts to human health and the environment (Arnason et al., 1989; Kwon et al., 1996; Ahn et al., 1997 and Koul et al., 2008). Natural products of plants and plant derivatives are

alternative agent to currently use for insect control because they constitute rich sources of bioactive chemicals. They are often active against insect species. They are biodegradable to non-toxic products. Additionally, plant-derived materials are found to be highly effective against insecticide resistant insect pests (**Arnason et al., 1989; Kwon et al., 1996 and Ahn et al., 1997**), so that many investigators initiated a large screening efforts poisonous effects to use them as insecticides (**Khmbabay et al., 2002; El-Shazly and Hussien, 2004; Prowse et al., 2006 ; Malarvannan and Subashini, 2007 and Khalaf et al., 2009**).

Irradiation techniques seem to offer solutions that are desirable in many aspects, contributing that this treatment should eventually prove to be cheaper, safer and more reliable than chemical control. Irradiation shortens life span of insects (**Baxter and Blair, 1969**). According to (**Knipling, 1955**), insect exposure to ionizing radiation causes sterilization through induction of dominates lethal mutation in the genetic structure of organisms. This technique to be successful control device for suppressing and combating many lepidopteraus insect pests, including *Galleria mellonella* has been studied (**Ibrahim, 1981; EL- kady et al., 1983; EL-Naggar et al., 1984 , 1999 and Abd El -Hamid 2004**).

The release of sterile males into the insect population in nature did not show a great success with Lepidoptera species, because they are highly resistant to irradiation (**North and Holt, 1968**) and **La Chance et al., 1973**). First (F<sub>1</sub>) and second (F<sub>2</sub>) filial generations, from treated insects, exhibited various degrees of sterility, including alternation in various developmental characteristics (**Carpenter et al., 1986 and El-shall et al., 1997**). With some species of Lepidoptera it will be desirable that females are totally sterile to ensure no addition of immature to the field population. Also, irradiated females could share matings with the males.

In recent years, searching for environmentally safe methods to control insect pests has been carried out using plant derivatives with significant insecticidal effects, which have been considered as new source of pesticides with negligible side effects on the environment (**Balandrin et al., 1985**). Several wild plant extracts or isolated active compounds have been shown to act as potent acute or chronic insecticides (**Emara et al., 2002; Tripathy and Singh, 2005 and Moawad and Ebadah 2007**). Antifeedant, (**Salem et al., 2003; Shishir et al., 2004 and Erturk, 2006**) and insect growth regulators (**Abou El-Ghar et al., 1996**) against a variety of insect species.

Some facts show that the use of synthetic chemicals to control insects and arthropods raises several obvious concerns related to environment and human health. So, there is a growing demand for alternative repellents or natural products. These products possess good efficacy and are environmentally friendly. Essential oils from plants belonging to several species have been extensively tested to assess their repellent properties as a valuable natural resource (**Grad, 2010; Nerio et al., 2010**).

Essential oils are complex mixtures isolated from aromatic plants which may possess antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities of interest in thye food and cosmetic industries as well as in the human health field (**Miguel, 2010**).

In Nature, essential oils play an important role in the attraction of insects to promote the dispersion of pollens and seeds or to repel other ones. In addition, essential oils may also act as antibacterials, antivirals, antifungals, insecticides, herbicides, or have feeding deterrent effects against herbivores by reducing their appetite for such plants. Essential oils have also an important role in allelopathic communication between plants (**Ibrahim et al., 2001 and Bakkali et al., 2008**). The detection of some of these biological properties needed for the survival of plants has also been the base for searching similar properties for the combat of several microorganisms responsible for some infectious diseases in humans and animals. This search intends to respond to the increasing resistance of pathogenic microbes to antibiotics (**Miguel, 2010**). Recently, research in essential (volatile) oils has received increased attention from both industrial and academic circles due to a growing interest in green consumerism (**Burt, 2004; Holley and Patel, 2005 and Busattaa et al., 2008**).

**Origanum majorana**, The genus *Origanum majorana* L. is an aromatic, perennial, herbaceous plant belonging to the family Lamiaceae. The plant has been used as a flavouring and herbal spice from time immemorial. Steam distillation of leaves and flower heads yields a volatile oil, known in the trade as oil of Sweet marjoram, widely used in flavouring food and also in perfumery. Medicinally it is used in both Ayurveda and Yunani system to cure various human ailments. The plant is pungent, bitter, hot, stomachic, anthelmintic, alexipharmic, useful in diseases of the heart and blood, fevers, leucoderma and inflammation (**Kirtikar and Basu, 1985**). An infusion of the plant is used as a stimulant, sudorific, emmenagogue and galactagogue and also useful in asthma, hysteria and paralysis (**Farooqi and Sreeramu, 2004; Leeja and Thoppil, 2007**). An essential oil against several species of bacteria (**Busattaa et al., 2008**) Among several essential oils that may be useful as antimicrobial agents, marjoram oil (*Origanum majorana* L.) may have the greatest potential for use in industrial applications (**Baratta et al., 1998; Daferera et al., 2000; Deans and Svoboda, 1990; Ezzeddine et al., 2001; Busattaa et al., 2008 and Ayari1 et al., 2013**).

**Cymbopogon proximus**, The genus *Cymbopogon* belongs to the family Poaceae and possesses more than 100 species in tropical countries, including Brazil. Of those species, approximately 56 are aromatic. A few of them should be given special attention for their wide use in folk medicine and high content of essential oils

with quite varied purposes, such as therapeutic and cosmetic ( **Lorenzi and Matos, 2002** ) . Within this genus are *Cymbopogon citratus* (D.C.) Stapf. (lemongrass), native to India, known for producing an essential oil rich in citral ( **Ming et al.,1996**) and *Cymbopogon nardus* (L.) Rendle (citronella), native to Ceylon, known for the repellent power of its essential oil rich in citronellal ( **Castro and Ramos, 2003**). The use of essential oils from species of the genus *Cymbopogon*, such as *C. citratus* and *C. nardus*, for the control of foodborne pathogenic bacteria is an interesting alternative, since these plants have a high essential oil yield ( **Oliveira et al., 2011**) are widely distributed in Brazilian territory, in addition to being easy to cultivate ( **Barwick et al., 2000; Lorenzi and Matos, 2002 and Brugnera et al., 2011**). The n-hexane extract of *Cymbopogon proximus* Stapf (halfa barr) showed a potent antifungal effect against two of the toxigenic fungi, namely *Fusarium verticillioides* and *Aspergillus flavus*. Also, was superior to other extracts of the evaluated plant species in inhibiting the growth of *Fusarium verticillioides* and *Aspergillus flavus* and reducing the production of mycotoxins; fumonisin and aflatoxin ( **El-Assiuty et al., 2006a, b**).

The use of gamma radiation and plant extract are the most promising new approaches for controlling this insect. The combined effects of gamma irradiation and bioinsecticides on Lepidopterous insects have been studied by several authors ( **Sallam et al., 1991; Mohamed, 2004; Mohamed et al., 2004; El-Nagar et al., 2004; El-Shall and Mohamed, 2005; Mohamed, 2006 and Mohamed, 2013**).

The objective of this work is to evaluate the larvicidal activity of essential plant oils ( **marjoram and lemon grass**) and / or gamma irradiation against early fourth instar larvae of the greater wax moth (GWM), *Galleria mellonella* L.

## II. Materials And Methods

### 1. Insect rearing technique

The laboratory strain larvae of *G. mellonella* were reared on a semi-synthetic diet composed of grounded wheat fortified with Treacle (molasses) (we excluded bee honey because of its known anti-bacterial effect), glycerin, yeast and powdered milk at 28-30 °C and 65 ±5% R.H. Culture used in this study originated from eggs surface sterilized with formalin (10%) vapour treatment as suggested by **David et al. (1972)**. Emerged adults were collected and kept in similar empty glass containers (egg laying cages) provided with paper lids (egg laying substrate) to the glass container. Paper carrying the eggs were removed for egg collection and replaced by new ones.

### 2. Source of irradiation

The source of gamma radiation used during the present study was from a Cobalt 60 (<sup>60</sup>Co) irradiator installed in the cyclotron project, Nuclear Research Center, Abu Zaabal, Egypt; the dose rate of irradiation source was 1 Gray/ second.

### 3. Experimental technique

#### 3.1. Volatile oils

Two commercially available volatile oils were tested in this study. Marjoram oil (***Origanum majorana*** Lamiaceae) and Lemon Grass Oil (***Cymbopogon proximus*** Poaceae). The tested oils were purchased as pure oil (Branded in Egypt) from Pharaonic Company of medicinal and aromatic oils and Nabet Company. The oils were extracted from the dried plants by steam distillation.

#### 3.2. Biological studies

Four different concentrations (0.625%, 1.25%, 2.500% and 5.00 %) of each of the tested essential oils were prepared from the stock solution by diluting with an acetone in volumetric flasks to give the necessary concentrations.

The contact toxicity of four different acetone concentrations of the two volatile oils has been tested in Petri dish (10 cm) each of them containing 10 larvae of insects. Filter paper disks (Whatman No. 1) were cut into the Petri dish 10 cm diameters. Filter papers were impregnated with series of concentrations of each essential oil. Concentrations used for essential oils of ***Origanum majorana*** and ***Cymbopogon proximus*** were 0.625, 1.250, 2.500, and 5.00%. Ten replicates were run for each concentration and control (Acetone as control, the filter paper was impregnated with acetone only). After 24, 48, 72 and 96 h from the beginning of exposure, numbers of dead and alive larvae were counted. The 10%, 50% and 90% lethal concentrations (LC10, LC50 and LC90) values were assessed by Probit analysis ( **Finney, 1971**). The effect of sublethal concentrations (LC50) on some biological aspects of the treated stage and its subsequent developmental stages were determined. % pupation, % Emergence, Sex ratio and % Survival were calculated.

### 3.3. Irradiation process

Full-grown pupae of GWM (Parental male ; P<sub>1</sub>) were irradiated 24–48 h before adult emergence (male line and female line) with 3 substerilizing doses 100, 150, and 200 Gy and two sterilizing doses 250 and 300 Gy, in a 100 cc plastic cup. The fecundity (No. of eggs laid/♀), fertility (No. of eggs hatched) and % of hatchability were determined. For this purpose, four crossing combination were set up as follows for each dose: 5 replicates of treated ♂♂ X untreated ♀♀, 5 replicates of untreated ♂♂ X treated ♀♀, 5 replicates of treated ♂♂ X treated ♀♀, 5 replicates of untreated ♂♂ X untreated ♀♀. The later combination was used as control. The daily-deposited eggs of irradiated and non-irradiated females were collected, counted, recorded and kept for calculating the percentage of eggs hatched.

### 3.4. Combined effect of gamma irradiation and different essential oils on fecundity and fertility of *Galleria mellonella*

Only one dose level of gamma irradiation from the previous doses was chosen (100Gy) to study the combined effect of gamma irradiation with the (Lc50) of different botanical essential oils on the Fecundity and fertility among F<sub>1</sub> generation.

To continue the F<sub>1</sub> generation for the male line, newly hatched larvae resulting from irradiated P<sub>1</sub> males were kept in groups, in glass jars, and provided with a semi-synthetic diet. The contact toxicity of three acetone concentrations (Lc50) of the three volatile oils has been tested in Petri dish (10 cm) each of them containing 10 larvae of insects. Filter paper disks (Whatman No. 1) were cut into the Petri dish 10 cm diameters. Filter papers were impregnated with series of concentrations of each essential oil. Concentrations used for essential oils of *Mentha piperita*, *Pelargonium graveolens* and *Ocimum basilicum* were 1.250, 2.50 and 0.625 %. Ten replicates were run for each concentration and control (Acetone as control, the filter paper was impregnated with acetone only). Each treatment were transferred to a glass jar (500 cc), furnished with a thin layer of sawdust to absorb excess humidity and covered with muslin fixed with a rubber band. Rearing was continued in the same way until the larvae reached the last larval instar, and then larvae were transferred individually to small plastic vials (10 cc) containing moistened sawdust for pupation. Newly formed pupae were collected and sexed, and each sex was kept separately in a plastic container with moistened sawdust and covered, as usual, with muslin cloth. For each treatment, the newly emerged males of the first generation (F<sub>1</sub>) of descendants from irradiated parental males were paired with newly emerged untreated females using all possible crosses between them in order to obtain the F<sub>2</sub> generation. The crossing scheme for this study is illustrated as follows:

F<sub>1</sub> Crosses: (Normal male x Normal female) serve as a control

F<sub>1</sub> Male (male line) x Normal female  
[Normal male x F<sub>1</sub> Female (male line)]

The daily-deposited eggs of irradiated and non-irradiated females were collected, counted, recorded and kept for calculating the percentage of eggs hatched.

## 4. Statistical analysis

Data were analyzed using the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) technique and the means were separated using Duncan's multiple range test (P > 0.05) (Steel and Torrie, 1980).

## III. Results And Discussion

The results of LC50 values of various essential oils are shown in Table 1. Results of this research showed that percentage of larval mortality was increased with the concentration and the time of exposure. In the other hand, toxicity depends on concentration, type of essential oil and exposure time. Figs. 1 and 2 shows that mortality was increased with increasing the concentration and exposure time in all cases. Essential oils of ***Origanum majorana*** at lowest concentration (0.625%) caused 4 % mortality in insect population after 24 h and compared to 100 % mortality at the highest concentration (5%) after 96h (Fig. 1). Lowest concentration of essential oil of ***Cymbopogon proximus*** at lowest concentration (0.625%) caused, also, 4 % mortality in insect population after 24 h and compared to 90 % mortality at the highest concentration (5%) after 96h (Fig. 2).

**Khoso et al., (2011)** studied the effects of various plant extracts (Akk, Eucalyptus, Dhatura, Neem ) on survival & Development of *Spodoptera litura* (Fab), (Lepidoptera, Noctuidae). Survival percentage of each life stage was observed, and for 1st instars larvae it was 55%, 70%, 78.50%, 81% on Neem, Dhatura, Akk, Eucalyptus and 85% on untreated spinach leaves was recorded. After passing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th instars the larvae percentage turned into pupae was recorded as 10.50%, 22%, 23%, 30% on Neem, Akk, Dhatura, Eucalyptus and 44% in untreated spinach leaves. The adult survival percentage was recorded as 8.50%, 14%, 22%, 31% on Neem, Dhatura, Eucalyptus, Akk and 31.50% on untreated spinach leaves. It is concluded that the neem leaf extract proved significantly effective against all life stages of *S. litura*.

**Table (1):** The effect of *Origanum majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* volatile oils on the percentage larval mortality of the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella*

Volatile oil	% Concentration	% Larval mortality after ...h ± SE				% Total larval mortality in the end larval period	% Total larval mortality in the end larval period (Deviation from control)
		24 h	48 h		96 h		
Control	---	00.00	1±1.000	2±1.33	6±2.212	14±3.715 i	000.00
Acetone	----	00.00	3±1.529	5±2.689	13±3.961	21±3.789 gh	150.00
<i>Origanum majorana</i>	0.625	04±2.212	12±2.908	26±6.869	33±5.976	44±5.816 de	314.286
	1.250	10±2.984	30±6.836	41±6.232	44±6.004	59±5.671 d	421.429
	2.500	77±8.178	87±5.592	87±5.592	87±5.920	89±4.336 ab	635.714
	5.000	97±1.529	97±1.529	97±1.529	100±0.000	100±0.000 a	714.286
<i>Cymbopogon proximus</i>	0.625	04±2.212	15±3.075	21±3.789	22±3.890	26±4.525 fg	185.714
	1.250	10±2.984	23±6.511	27±6.159	27±6.158	33±5.178 ef	235.714
	2.500	54±7.185	62±7.123	69±7.224	74±6.705	81±7.526 bc	578.571
	5.000	78±6.294	83±3.961	87±4.488	90±2.984	93±2.136 ab	664.286

Means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at (p> 0.05)

Mohamed (2012) studied the effect of Plant extract (Neem) with the concentrations 0, 10,15,20,25, 50, 75 and 100 ppm on the percentage of observed mortality and corrected mortality of the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella* Zeller. The percentage observed mortality and the percentage corrected mortality were significantly increase by increasing the plant extract concentrations. The effect of plant extract (Neem) on the percentage larval mortality of *G. mellonella* after 5, 10, 15 and 20 days increase by increasing the period horizontally and the concentration vertically. The lowest increase was 7.78 % from the control treatment after 5 days at the concentration 15ppm, while, the highest larval mortality was 63.34 % from the control treatment after 20 days at the concentration 20ppm.

The essential oils of *C. glandulosa* with concentration of 1.14% on *Tribolium Castaneun* showed powerful toxic and repellent effect, with very high mortality rate after 24h (56, 67%). The essential oil of *C. glandulosa* at the highest concentration tested caused the death of 83.33% of the *Tribolium Castaneun* insects after 48h. 1.14% concentration of *C. glandulosa* oils was used, 56.67% of the insects died after 24h. After 48h, the most effective formulation was *C.glandulosa* with 83.33 % mortality. After 96h, the oils of previously mentioned plants showed greatest toxicity (96.67% mortality). In the case of *Thymus serpyllum* lower mortality was observed in the same concentration (1.14%), and the percentage of died insects was 13.33% after 48h and 96h. After 48h, the mortality rate of *Origanum vulgare* and *Teucrium chameadrys* was very low 6.66%. Also, essential oils of these two plants produced a weak toxic effect, and the mortality rate was 10%, after 96h. However, the formulations containing the essential oils of remaining plants produced zero mortality after 48h and 96h. The lower concentration of essential oils of all nine plants examined was 0.02%, but there was no mortality after 24h, 48h, and 96h (Popović et al., 2013).

The insecticidal activity of the volatile oils of *Origanum majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* was evaluated. On the basis of mortality percentages, it was found that they showed a promising insecticidal activity. The toxicity of the volatile oils of *Origanum majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* against the fourth instar larvae of *G. mellonella* exposed for 24, 36, 72 and 96 hours showed that the LC50s are 1.0166 %, and 1.7824%, respectively (Table 2).

Comparison of the estimated LC50 values of essential oils (Table 2.) indicated that *Origanium majorana* essential oils is significantly more toxic to *G. mellonella* (1.0166) than other essential oil (*Cymbopogon proximus*) which were reported in this study (1.7824). Furthermore, Tables 2.1 and 2.2 indicates the preparation mortality of the two essential oils and comparison between actual and expected mortality among the five concentrations 0, 0.625, 1.25, 2.50 and 5 %. It shows that actual and expected mortality increase by increasing the concentration.

**Table 2.** Toxicity of *Origanium majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* essential oils against *G. mellonella*

Concentration %	No. of Rep.	Actual mortality %	Expected mortality %	Deviation	Probability
Control (0)	100	14	15.046	-1.046	0.1505
0.625	100	44	37.632	6.368	0.3763
1.250	100	59	66.423	-7.423	0.6642
2.500	100	89	89.493	-0.493	0.8949
5.000	100	100	98.277	1.723	0.9828

n<sup>a</sup> : number of insect <sup>b</sup> 95% : Lower and upper fiducially limits are shown in parenthesis

**Table 2.1.** Preparation mortality of *Origanium majorana* essential oil (Chi – Squared goodness of fit test)

Concentration %	No. of Rep.	Actual mortality %	Expected mortality %	Deviation	Probability
Control (0)	100	14	14.916	-0.916	0.1492
0.625	100	26	21.968	4.032	0.2197
1.250	100	33	42.095	-9.095	0.4209
2.500	100	81	72.152	8.858	0.7215
5.000	100	90	92.659	-2.659	0.9266

Square = 6.0636

**Table 2.2.** Preparation mortality of *Cymbopogon proximus* essential oil (Chi – Squared goodness of fit test)  
Chi- Square = 9.3438

Essential oils	n <sup>a</sup>	LC <sub>10</sub>	LC <sub>50</sub>	LC <sub>90</sub>	Slope	Df	Chi-square (X <sup>2</sup> )	Heterogeneity
<i>Origanium majorana</i>	100	0.3752 (0.0312-0.7152)	1.0166 (0.3818-1.5773)	2.7548 (1.8073-8.5533)	2.960±0.364	2	6.0636	3.0318
<i>Cymbopogon proximus</i>	100	0.6763	1.7824	4.6977	3.045±0.407	2	9.3438	4.6719

Table (3) indicates the effect of two volatile oils on larval stages and its subsequent developmental stages on the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella*. It shows that the percentage larval mortality, the percentage pupation, the percentage emergence, Sex ratio and the percentage survival to the two essential oils *Origanium majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* among the concentrations 0.625%, 1.250%, 2.500%, 5.00%, Control and Acetone.

The percentage larval mortality, increase by increasing the concentrations at the two volatile plant oils among all treatments when compared with the untreated control and the acetone.

The results in Table (3) illustrate that the two volatile oils treatment of the fourth instar larvae among the four concentrations induced a significantly decrease in the percentage of pupation by 56.00,41.00,11.00 and 00.00 % respectively when compared with 86% to the untreated control in treatment with *Origanium majorana*. The concentrations 2.500 and 5.00 % were more significantly decreased than the other concentrations 0.625 and 1.25 %.

In treatment with *Cymbopogon proximus*, the percentage pupation was more significantly decrease to 17.00 and 07.00 % from the control treatment (86 %) at the two concentrations 2.500 and 5.00 % respectively than the two other concentrations 0.625 and 1.25 % (74.00 and 67.00%).

Essential oils of *Origanium majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* (Table 2, 2.1 and 2.2) displayed considerable contact toxicity on larvae of *G. mellonella* especially, *Origanium majorana* (97 % larval mortality at the concentration 5.00% from the first day. In previous investigations demonstrated that essential oils of *Origanum*

**Table (3):** The effect of *Origanium majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* volatile oils on some biological aspects of the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella*

Essential oil	% Concentration	% Larval mortality ±SE	% Pupation ±SE	% Emergence ±SE	Sex ratio		% Survival ±SE
					Male ±SE	Femal e	
Control	---	14±3.715 f	86±3.715 a	97.89±01.411 a	1.43±0.228 a	1	83±3.002 a
Acetone	----	21±3.789 e	79±3.789 a	95.39±01.897 a	1.69±0.208 a	1	75±3.075 a
<i>Origanum majorana</i>	0.625	44±5.816 cd	56±5.816 cd	97.50±02.502 a	1.03±0.248 a	1	54±5.211 c
	1.250	59±5.671 c	41±5.671 d	96.67±03.335 a	0.92±0.394 a	1	40±5.967 d
	2.500	89±4.336 ab	11±4.336 e	50.00±16.679 b	0.25±0.067 b	1	11±4.336 e
	5.000	100±0.000 a	00±0.000 f	38.33±14.508 c	0.10±0.067 b	1	00±0.000 f
<i>Cymbopogon proximus</i>	0.625	26±4.525 de	74±4.525 ab	86.83±04.278 a	1.12±0.226 a	1	64±4.524 b
	1.250	33±5.178 d	67±5.178 bc	88.21±04.278 a	0.40±0.111 b	1	60±5.967 b
	2.500	81±7.526 b	17±6.511 e	50.00±16.678 b	0.80±0.396 a	1	17±6.511 e
	5.000	93±2.136 a	07±2.133 f	50.00±16.678 b	0.10±0.100 b	1	06±2.212 f

1-T/C% = Treatment / Control X100

2- Means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at (p > 0.05)

**majorana** (LC50; 1.0166, Table, 2 nearly at the concentration 1.25 %, Tables, 1 and 2.1 at the end of larval period), but, **Cymbopogon proximus** (LC50; 1.7824, Table, 2 between the concentrations 1.25 and 2.50 %, Tables, 1 and 2.2).

Comparing the estimated LC50 values of present investigation with LC50 values of mentioned essential oils indicated that essential oils of **Origanum majorana** is more toxic to **G. mellonella** than the other essential oil of **Cymbopogon proximus**. Results of this investigation clearly illustrated that insects varied in their susceptibility to various essential oils that probably referring to insecticidal ability of their active constituents. These results agreement with **Pavela (2005)** tested thirty-four essential oils for insecticidal activity (fumigation or topical application) against larvae **Spodoptera littoralis**. Twenty essential oils applied by fumigation were highly toxic to the third instar of **S. littoralis** larvae. Two essential oils **Nepeta cataria** and **Thuja occidentalis** were highly toxic, with  $LC_{50} \leq 10.0$  ml/m<sup>3</sup>. Five essential oils **Salvia sclarea**, **Thymus mastichina**, **Origanum majorana**, **Pogostemon cablin** and **Mentha pulegium** were toxic with LC50 between 10.1 and 20.0 l/ml/m<sup>3</sup>.

Twenty-three essential oils were highly toxic to the third instar of **S.littoralis** larvae after topical application. Eight essential oils **Mentha citrata**, **N. cataria**, **S. sclarea**, **O. vulgare**, **O. compactum**, **Melissa officinalis**, **T. mastichina**, and **Lavandula angustifolia** were highly toxic with  $LD_{50} \leq 0.05$  micro l/larvae. **Abbasipour et al (2009)** they reported that essential oils of **Rosemarinus officinalis** possess toxic effect in gaseous phase against adults of **Tribolium castaneum** ( $LC_{50}$  103.28  $\mu$ l/L air).  $LC_{50}$ s values of peppermint oil against larvae and adults of the black carpet beetle were 1.093 and 1.673ml/80cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively, compared with 1.279 ml/ 80cm<sup>3</sup> and 1.799 ml/ 80cm<sup>3</sup> for the larvae and adults of cigarette beetle, respectively (**Bakr et al., 2010**). The noticeable signification between the  $LC_{50}$  values of **T. castaneum** and **C. maculatus** can be of their differences in morphology, physiology, sensitivity and other factors. Results of this study suggested that essential oils of **L. citrodora**, **R. officinalis**, **M. piperita** and **J. sabina** plants are good choice for controlling this pest (**Mahmoudv et al., 2011**). Also, we need some additional studies for formulating and improving methods of application of them.

The obtained results in Table 3 Also, clearly demonstrate the treated fourth instar larvae of **G. mellonella** with four concentrations (0.625%, 1.25%, 2.500% and 5.00%) of the two volatile oils. The percentage of adult emergence reduced to 97.50%, 96.67%, 50.00% and 38.33% respectively from the untreated control treatment when treated with **Origanum majorana**. **Cymbopogon proximus** reduced the percentage of adult emergence to 86.83%, 88.21%, 50.00% and 50.00% respectively from the untreated control treatment. In treatment with the two volatile oils (Table 3), the sex ratio significantly decreases by increasing the concentration at all treatments. **Origanum majorana** was more delayed effect than the other volatile oil observed at all. Also, the percentage survival has the same trend nearly.

These previous results are agreement with many authors among them **Mohamed (2012)** who studied the effect of Plant extract (Neem) with the concentrations 0, 10,15,20,25, 50, 75 and 100 ppm on the percentage of pupation, emergence and adult survival which shows that the percentage decreased among the three parameters by increasing the concentration, the percentage pupation decreased from 69.16% at the concentration 5 ppm to 33.66 % at the concentration 20 ppm. The percentage emergence decreased from 68.63% at the concentration 5 ppm to 35.40 % at the concentration 20 ppm. The percentage of adult survival decreased from 47.46% at the concentration 5 ppm to 12.98% at the concentration 20 ppm.

Similar observation on the other plants extracts effect on several insect pests have been reported that The plant volatile essential oils isolated from **Trachyspermum ammi**, **Anethum graveolens**, **Nigella sativa** show insecticidal activity against **T. castaneum** (**Chaubey, 2007**), while the leaf essential oil of **Melaleuca cajuputi** had different insecticidal activity against **Sitophilus zeamais** and **T. castaneum** but 100% repellency was only occurred in **T. castaneum** (**Ko et al., 2009**). The essential oil derived from Citrus peels possesses pesticidal activity against both insect pests **T. castaneum** and **S. oryzae** (**Mishra et al., 2011**). The effect of essential oil of **Ocimum grattissimum** leaves on **S. zeamais** was assessed for repellency and toxicity (**Mishra et al., 2012**).

Extract of leaves of **Ocimum viride** proved most effective in the control of **Tribolium castaneum** (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) and **Sitophilus oryzae** (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), followed by that of **Chromolaena odorata**. **O. viride** showed strong repellent activity and thus deterred the insects from feeding. It reduced survival of both insect pests to less than 25% after 10 days of treatment at concentrations of 0.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> and above. The results show the potential of **O. viride** and **C. odorata** in the control of stored-product insects (**Owusu, 2000**).

**Jain et al. (2005)** reported the growth-inhibiting effect of four non-edible oils (NEOs) at 1%, i.e. neem (**Azadirachta indica**), karanj (**Pongamia pinnata**), mahua (**Madhuca indica** [**M. longifolia**]) and eucalyptus (**Eucalyptus rostrata**), on castor semilooper, **Achaea janata**, was studied by feeding the larvae on treated castor leaves.

All the NEOs effectively inhibited the growth of the test insect as manifested by prolonged larval, pupal and total life cycle duration, larval survival and normal adult emergence, adult longevity and growth index. The growth-inhibiting effect of the NEOs in descending order was neem oil > karanj oil > mahua oil > eucalyptus oil.

Plant products especially in the form of essential oils having considerable potential as insecticidal compounds are gaining tremendous importance in recent years. The leaves essential oil of **Eucalyptus globulus** and **Ocimum basilicum** was significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) repellent at very low concentration against the flour beetle and rice weevil and join a series of some other essential oils which have similar insecticidal effects on the management of pests and provides a scientific relation for their use in control of stored-grain insect pests (**Hassanali et al., 1990; Bekele et al., 1996; Bouda et al., 2001 and Mishra et al., 2012**).

Table 4 Illustrates the effect of gamma irradiation on the average number of eggs and the percentage of the egg hatch of the Greater wax moth, **Galleria mellonella** at 0,100,150,200,250,300 Gy of gamma radiation among the pairings normal male with normal female, treated male with normal female and normal male with treated female.

The average number of eggs and the percentage of the egg hatch were significantly decrease by increasing the concentration at all treatments when compared with the untreated control.

The highest decrease in the average number of eggs was at the mating (treated Male x Treated Female) among the three doses 200 Gy, 250 Gy and 300 Gy, it was 00.00 %, at the three doses from the untreated control treatment. Also, the percentage of the egg hatch in table 4 was significantly decrease by increasing the concentration at all treatments when compared with the untreated control. The highest decrease in the percentage of the egg hatch was 0.00% from the untreated control treatment at the dose rates 200 Gy (Treated male X Treated female) , 250 Gy (Treated male X Treated female) and 300 Gy among the three matings ( Treated male X Normal female , Normal male X Treated female and Treated male X Treated female) .

Many authors agreement with us, **Ibrahim et al., (1999)** Studied the fecundity, egg hatch and mating of normal females of **Agrotis ipsilon (Hufn.)** crossed with males irradiated as full grown pupae with doses of 100 and 150 Gy of gamma radiation. The egg hatch of females was significantly reduced by increasing the radiation dose among  $P_1$  and  $F_1$  generations as compared with the control. **Hofmeyr et al. (2004)** reviewed the control of false codling moth, **Cryptophlebia leucotreta**, and the history of the sterile insect release technique. The fecundity (number of eggs produced) and fertility (number of eggs hatched) of irradiated false codling moth are progressively reduced with increasing doses of gamma radiation in the range 50 to 350 Gy.

**Tate et al. (2007)** studied the Influence of gamma irradiation on female adults of the cactus moth, **Cactoblastis cactorum** (Berg). Inherited deleterious effects of gamma radiation were observed in the  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  generations. Fecundity and the daily egg laying pattern of irradiated and unirradiated females mated to irradiated males was not significantly different from untreated controls. Adverse effects of gamma radiation were observed in the percentage egg hatch and rate of development. Levels of sterility in the  $P_1$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  generations were higher than that of untreated controls.

**Aye et al. (2008)** demonstrated the inhibitory effects of gamma irradiation on the development and reproduction including egg hatch, Pupation, adult eclosion and oviposition of **Plodia interpunctella**. Failure of all these events increased with increasing doses from 0.1 to 1.0 Gy. However, the rates of developmental inhibition were different among three behavioral events. Egg hatch was almost completely inhibited by 0.5 Gy and higher doses. Fecundity and hatchability of eggs were greatly reduced when pupae were irradiated at 0.1 KGy and completely inhibited at 0.25 KGy and higher doses. This suggests that irradiation at 0.5 KGy is appropriate for the inhibition of development and reproduction of **P. interpunctella**.

**El-Kholy and Abd-El-Aziz (2010)** studied the effect of gamma irradiation on the biology of greater wax moth, **Galleria mellonella**. When irradiated full grown pupae with 100,150,300 and 400Gy. The four doses given to male parents in the  $F_1$  generation decreased the average number of eggs per mated female, the percentage of egg hatch. Dose dependence of the reduction in the fecundity and the percentage of egg hatch among the female line pairings (female descendants of irradiated parental male pupae) were more significant than among the male line pairings (male descendants of irradiated parental male pupae).

**Mohamed (2012)** studied the effect of gamma irradiation on some biological aspects of **G. mellonella** indicates that the average number of eggs per mated female was significantly decreased by increasing the dose rate and its more significantly decreased among the pairing (Normal male X Treated female) than the pairing (Treated male X Normal female). The lowest average was 80.67 eggs at the dose rate 300 Gy (Normal male X Treated female) and 30.33 eggs at the dose rate 400 Gy (Normal male X Treated female).

From the previous results turned out to be the  $Lc_{50}$  of **Origanum majorana** was ranged from 0.625% to 1.250 % (Fig.1), estimated as 1.0166 % (table, 2) and the larval mortality was ranged from 44% to 59 % (Fig.1, Table,1 and Table, 2.1.). Also,  $Lc_{50}$  of **Cymbopogon proximus** was ranged from 1.25% to 2.50 % (Fig.2), estimated as 1.7824 % (table, 2) and the larval mortality was ranged from 33% to 81 % (Fig.2, Table, 2 and Table, 2.2.). So, we irradiated the full grown pupae of parental male of GWM with the dose rate 100 Gy



then treated the F<sub>1</sub> larvae (4<sup>th</sup> instar) with Lc50 of the plant essential oils **Origanum majorana** and **Cymbopogon proximus**.

**Table (4):** The effect of Gamma irradiation on fecundity and fertility of the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella*

Dose (Gy)	Pairings			Av. No. of eggs / ♀ ±SE	Hatch % ±SE
	♂	X	♀		
Control (0)	N	X	N	1912.2±218.913 a	92.74±0.424 a
100	T	X	N	1387.4±195.070 b	63.92±0.519 b
	T/C % <sup>1</sup>			72.56	68.92
	N	X	T	1254.4±195.070 c	33.86±0.940 d
150	T	X	T	0712.0±215.431 f	10.86±0.475 ef
	T/C %			37.23	11.71
	T	X	N	1186.0±182.868 cd	42.12±0.916 c
200	T/C %			62.02	45.42
	N	X	T	1033.6±143.667 e	15.50±0.737 e
	T/C %			54.05	16.71
250	T	X	T	0680.0±183.715 fg	05.10±0.303 f
	T/C %			35.56	5.50
	T	X	N	0668.2±122.814 g	19.76±1.237 e
300	T/C %			34.94	22.14
	N	X	T	0308.0±031.220 h	0 3.12±0.629 g
	T/C %			16.11	3.36
350	T	X	T	0000.0±000.000 k	00.00±0.000 h
	T/C %			0.00	0.00
	T	X	N	0628.2±149.099 g	04.02±0.860 g
400	T/C %			32.85	4.33
	N	X	T	0253.2±043.441 i	00.98±0.171 h
	T/C %			13.24	1.06
450	T	X	T	0000.0±000.000 k	00.00±0.000 h
	T/C %			0.00	0.00
	T	X	N	0626.8±121.777 g	00.00±0.003 h
500	T/C %			32.78	0.00
	N	X	T	0180.0±043.769 ij	00.00±0.000 h
	T/C %			9.41	0.00
550	T	X	T	0000.0±000.000 k	00.00±0.000 h
	T/C %			0.00	0.00
	P 0.05			0.0479*	0.0000***
LSD 0.05			419.4656	1.526789	

1-T/C% = Treatment / Control X100

2- Means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at (p > 0.05)

Table, 5 and figure, 3 demonstrates the combined effect of 100 Gy of Gamma irradiations and Lc50 of the two volatile oils on some biological aspects of the Greater wax moth, **Galleria mellonella** (the percentage larval mortality, the percentage pupation, the percentage emergence, sex ratio and the percentage survival).

The percentage larval mortality was significantly increased to 435.71 % from the untreated control when irradiated with 100 Gy of gamma radiation only, and then significantly increased to 700.00 % from the untreated control when treated with the Lc50 of **Origanium Majorana** only. While, it was significantly increased to 814.29 % from the untreated control when irradiated by 100 Gy combined with the Lc50 of **Origanium Majorana**.

The Lc50 of volatile oil, **Cymbopogon proximus** significantly increase the percentage larval mortality to 328.57 % from the untreated control, as well, it significantly increased to 471.43 % from the untreated control when combined with 100 Gy of gamma radiation. It is noted that the combined influence of both the essential oil and the gamma radiation higher than the essential oil alone.

**Table (5):** The combined effect of 100 Gy of Gamma irradiation and Lc50 of *Origanium majorana* and *Cymbopogon proximus* volatile oils on some biological aspects of the Greater wax moth, *Galleria mellonella*

Treatment	% Larval mortality ±SE	% Pupation ±SE	% Emergence ±SE	Sex ratio		% Survival ±SE
				Male ±SE	Female	
Control	07.00±1.53 a <sup>1</sup>	93.00±1.53 a	97.78±1.48 a	1.16±0.12 b	1	91.00±2.34 a
100 Gy	30.50±2.93 c	69.50±2.93 b	89.32±2.41 a	1.23±0.25 b	1	62.00±2.81 b
T/C % <sup>2</sup>	435.71	74.73	91.35	106.03		68.13
<i>Origanium Majorana</i>	49.00±4.07 d	51.00±4.07 cd	93.00±3.59 a	1.65±0.34 a	1	48.00±4.90 c
T/C %	700.00	54.84	95.11	124.24		52.75
100 Gy + <i>Origanium majorana</i>	57.00±2.14 d	43.00±2.14 d	92.50±3.82 a	1.62±0.35 a	1	40.00±2.98 d
T/C %	814.29	46.24	94.60	139.66		43.96
<i>Cymbopogon proximus</i>	23.00±5.18 b	57.00±5.18 c	75.22±4.278 b	0.35±0.111 c	1	50.00±3.22 c
T/C %	328.57	61.29	76.93	30.17		54.95
100 Gy + <i>Cymbopogon proximus</i>	33±2.50 c	46.00±2.50 d	70.18±1.11 b	0.40±0.50 c	1	41.00±3.00 d
T/C %	471.43	49.46	71.77	34.48		45.05

1- Means followed by the same letter in each column are not significantly different at (p > 0.05)

2- T/C% = Treatment / Control X100

The percentage pupation significantly reduced at all treatments than the untreated control treatment. It was significantly reduced to 74.73 %, 54.84 % and 61.29 % from the untreated control treatment among 100 Gy treatments and the Lc50 of both volatile oils **Origanium Majorana** and **Cymbopogon proximus** respectively. While, it was significantly more reduce to 46.24 % and 49.46 % from the untreated control at the both combined (**100 Gy+ Origanium Majorana**) and (**100 Gy + Cymbopogon proximus**) treatments respectively. The sex ratio significantly reduced at all treatments than the untreated control treatment, except, the dose rate 100 Gy not significantly reduced than the untreated control treatment.

Also, the percentage survival significantly reduced at all treatments than the untreated control treatment. It was significantly reduced to 68.13%, 52.75 % and 54.95 % from the control treatment at 100 Gy treatments and the Lc50 of both volatile oils **Origanium Majorana** and **Cymbopogon proximus** respectively. While, it was significantly more reduce to 43.96 % and 45.05 % from the untreated control at the both combined (**100 Gy+ Origanium Majorana**) and (**100 Gy + Cymbopogon proximus**) treatments respectively.

The adverse effect of irradiation on the reproductive potential was found to be greater for females than for males, and these results are in agreement with **Knipling (1970)**, **Carpenter et al. (1986)**. These findings agree with those obtained by **Ali (1992)** who studied the effect of gamma irradiation (100Gy) in combination with the (Lc50) of botanical oils tested (canola, sunflower and sesame) against the 3rd larval instar of **A. ipsilon** resulted from (irradiated males crossed with irradiated females), or from non-irradiation males crossed with irradiated females or from irradiated males crossed with non-irradiated females on some biological aspects was studied. As shown from the results obtained the combined effect of gamma irradiation (100Gy) and the (Lc50) of botanical oils tested markedly affected the different biological aspects of **A. ipsilon**. Increased the larval and pupal mortality; prolonged the larval and pupal duration; reduced the percentage of adult emergence. Moreover, the combined effect of gamma irradiation and oils treatment against the 3rd instar larvae of **A. ipsilon** drastically decreased the number of eggs/♀ (fecundity), increased the sterility percentage and decreased the egg-hatchability percent. The present study indicated that the combined effect of gamma irradiation and botanical oils induced more remarkable effects as compared to gamma irradiation or botanical oils each of them alone.

**Mohamed (2004)** mentioned that the females were more radiosensitive than males as determined by the reduction in fecundity and egg viability. The effect of the plant extract Barnoof on the reproductive behavior among the F<sub>1</sub> generation descended from P<sub>1</sub> (N♂ x N♀). The adverse effect of the plant extract Barnoof on the reproductive potential was found to be greater for females than for males when the F<sub>1</sub> progeny were treated with acetone dissolved extract at all treatment levels, but this was not true among F<sub>1</sub> progeny treated with petroleum-ether-dissolved extract. The sterility effect was greater for females than for males at the treatment levels of 1.5% and 3% extract dissolved in petroleum ether. The effect on the reproduction of **A. ipsilon** following the application of the plant extract Barnoof to F<sub>1</sub> progeny descended from parental male pupae irradiated with a 100

Gy dose. The data also indicate that the adverse effect of the combination of irradiation and plant extract on the reproductive potential was found to be reduced for males. **El-Nagar et al. (2004), Mohamed (2004) and El-Shall and Mohamed (2005)** studied The effect of the application of the plant extract Barnoof on **A. ipsilon** F<sub>1</sub> progeny descended from parental male pupae irradiated with the 150 Gy dose. The data show a slight effect when acetone-dissolved extract was used, but the adverse effects on the reproductive potential found when the combination of irradiation and plant extract dissolved in petroleum ether was used was greater for females than for males. This result is also in agreement with the previous authors. Originally, the radiosensitivity and inherited sterility among F<sub>1</sub> progeny of the two substerilizing doses of radiation (100 or 150 Gy) in male **A. ipsilon** was assessed with regard to the combination of both a 100 or 150 Gy dose of gamma radiation and the plant extract Barnoof. The male moth descendants of irradiated parental male pupae were found to be better candidates for producing more inherited sterility among F<sub>1</sub> progeny.

Also, are agree with those obtained by **EL-Shall and Mohamed (2005)** using barnoof plant extract combined with gamma irradiation against **A. ipsilon**. Moreover, the present study indicated that treatment of both partners of mating pair induced more remarkable effects than did treatment of either sex separately. **EL-Shall and Mohamed (2005)** stated that the effect of plant extract (Barnoof) only was significantly deference at the two tested concentration 1.5 and 3 % to the two solvents (Acetone and Petroleum ether) when compared with the untreated control. The combined effect of gamma radiation (fullgrown pupae) and plant extract (F<sub>1</sub> larvae) were significantly decreased the growth rate of the larvae when compared with the untreated larvae which enhanced the consumption index of the larvae. **El-Sinary (2006)** reported that the combined effect of pumpkin leaves and seed oil and gamma-irradiation (20 and 40 Gy) drastically decreased emergence percentage, fecundity and fertility. **Mohamed (2006)** studied the effects of two gamma substerilizing doses (100 and 150 Gray) applied to full grown pupae of **Agrotis ipsilon** (Hufn.) and/or the plant extract (with two different solvents of **Conyza dioscorides** (Barnoof) applied to the resulting 4<sup>th</sup> instar larvae of F<sub>1</sub> generation. He revealed that the average number of eggs, % egg hatch and % mating. Throughout F<sub>1</sub> generation, the plant extract alone significantly decreases the fecundity using the two extract solvents, acetone and petroleum ether while the % egg viability, mating ability, and mating frequency among the two extract solvents ( acetone and petroleum ether ) while the % egg viability was not affected in case of acetone extract only. Gamma irradiation when combined with the extract in most treatments significantly lowered the fecundity, % egg hatch and mating ability at all treatments (gamma doses and extract concentrations).

**Amin et al (2010)** mentioned that Spiny bollworm, **Earias insulana** Boisid. adult males were irradiated with substerilizing doses of 50,80,100 and 150 Gray (Gy) of gamma radiation. The number of surviving larvae was dose dependant and larval/pupal mortality increased as the dose applied to P<sub>1</sub> males was increased. The larval mortality among F<sub>3</sub> was reduced compared with that of the F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub>. The average developmental time from egg hatch to adult emergence at the four tested doses was slightly affected among the progeny descendant of irradiated P<sub>1</sub> males through the three successive generations. The percentage of adult emergence was evidently reduced among F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> progeny resulting from parental males exposed to the three higher irradiation doses (80,100 and 150 Gy).The sex ratio was slightly altered in favour of males among the majority of all treatments. **Mohamed (2012)** mentioned that the combined effect of gamma irradiation and plant extract (Neem) on som biological aspects of **G. mellonella** irradiated parental males and females with 100,200,300 and 400 Gy . The percentage larval mortality and pupal mortality were increase by increasing the dose of gamma radiation combined with the concentration of the plant extract (Neem). The percentage of larval mortality increased to 100 % at the dose rate 400 Gy (Normal male X Treated female) and at the combined treatment 400 Gy + 15 ppm (Normal male X Treated female). The percentage larval mortality increased to 92.25 % at the combined treatment 400 Gy + 15 ppm (Normal male X Treated female). The percentage of pupation, Emergence and adult survival were more decrease than the control treatment by increasing the dose and the concentration at all treatments. The lowest decrease in the percentage pupation was Zero at the dose rate 400 Gy (Normal male X Treated female) and at the combined treatment 400 Gy + 15 ppm (Normal male X Treated female). In addition, the lowest decrease in the percentage emergence was 7.75 % at the combined treatment 400 Gy + 15 ppm (Normal male X Treated female). The percentages of adult survival so on. **Mohamed (2013)** investigated the effects of two substerilizing doses of gamma radiation, 100 and 150 Gray (Gy), and/or the plant extract **Conyza dioscorides** (Barnoof) in two solvents on certain biological aspects of the Black cutworm, **Agrotis ipsilon** (Hufnagel). Data revealed that the treatment combination of gamma radiation with the plant extract significantly increased reproduction compared with the control at all treatment levels (doses and concentrations). The reproductive behavior of full-grown male **A. ipsilon** pupae after treatment was observed among the P<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>1</sub> generations.

#### IV. Conclusion

It could be concluded that inherited sterility is usually not a ‘stand alone’ technology but is also a complementary component of an area-wide and sustainable long-term strategy in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (El-Shall and Mohamed, 2005; Mohamed, 2013).

Employing the synthetic insecticides remains undesirable effects such as mammalian toxicity, food chain disruption and increases resistance in insect population (Regnault-Roger, 1997). Natural compounds from plant origins could be efficient alternatives for conventional fumigants because of their low toxicity to mammals, fast degradability properties and regional availability (Rajendran & Sriranjini, 2008; Hosseinpour et al., 2009; Abbasipour et al., 2009 and Mahmoudvand et al., 2011).

Plant extracts are currently studied more and more because of their role in plant protection as well as in urban entomology (Din et al., 2001). Plant extracts are safer for non target organisms including man, therefore, plant based formulations would be more feasible from environmental perspective than synthetic larvicides (Bhat et al., 2009). Aromatic plants and their essential oils are very important sources of many compounds that are used in different respects (Amer and Mehlhorn, 2006).

Compatible control methods, such as plant extracts, that possess a source for naturally occurring substances which act as feeding and insect growth deterrents, may be synergistic when integrated with the SIT. The present data indicate that the treatment combination of irradiation and plant essential oils resulted in less fecundity, fertility and more larval mortality compared with the use of irradiation alone (Mohamed, 2004; Mohamed, 2013). Furthermore, fertility is a fundamental parameter in the assessment of any control measure. The treatment combination of plant essential oils and gamma radiation on GWM decreased the fertility of moths more than the decrease in fertility that resulted from the irradiation treatments alone. Further critical evaluations need to be conducted, both in the laboratory and in the field, on the effect of gamma radiation and/or plant essential oils for the assessment of the use of plant essential oils to suppress the pest population before introducing the SIT (Mohamed, 2013).

Finally, in this work, we attempted to control GWM with certain volatile plant oils which seem to be safer and less contaminant to bees and humans. Also, these materials are cheap, available to beekeepers, and could be used to control other hive infestations e.g. Varroa and acarine mites .etc. Also, we conclude that the combined treated with gamma irradiation and plant volatile oil were establish results more significantly affected than both gamma radiation and plant volatile oil each of them alone.

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