
Assessment of the biosafety of the bioinsecticide agerin on different biological systems

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This study was carried out in the laboratories and in the field of the department of Genetics. Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, Shoubra El-Khema, Cairo, Egypt. The objectives of this study were to: 1- Study the cytogenetic effect of the bioinsecticide "Agerin" on different biological systems to identify its safety. 2- Identify of its mutagenicity using SDS-protein isozyme and the existence of any mutation in p53 tumor suppressor gene. The main findings could be summarized as follows: I- Effect of Agerin on plant system. 1- Effect of Agerin on the mitotic behaviour of vicia faba. Agerin was tested by the following concentrations "1-5 2-5 3-5" g/L which showed that a great rate of aberration in most phases of mitotic division and the highest percentage of aberration was 52% after treating with the highest concentration. 1.2- Effect of Agerin on the meiotic behaviour of vicia faba. After the treatment of Vicia faba flower buds with the following concentrations of Agerin (1-5 2-5 3-5) g/L day after day, we found that the rate of aberration increases by increase of the concentration in both of first and second meiosis and the highest percentage obtained was 46% with the higher concentration comparing with the control. 1.3- Effect of Agerin on Allium cepa. Allium cepa was treated with the same concentration of Agerin, we found some aberration in the root tips of the plant. II- Biochemical genetic studies. 1- Electrophoretic analysis. 1.1- For vicia faba. Agerin induced obvious alterations in the electrophoretic profiles of the seed proteins of Vicia faba. The maximum number of bands was 17. Comparison between the treated samples and the control revealed the existence of some changes in the protein banding pattern among the treated samples. 1.2- For mice. By treatment of the mice with the following doses "1.5- 2.5 -3.5" g/L of Agerin. The electrophoresis of mice liver protein indicates that the maximum number of bands was 24 and some protein bands exist in control disappear in the treated groups and vice versa. II- Isozyme analysis. 1- For vicia faba. a. Esterase isozyme profiles exhibit a maximum number of four bands in the highest concentration while only two bands present in the control. b. Peroxidase isozyme profiles revealed only shading in all samples and the control. c. Glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (GOT) isozyme profiles revealed only one band in all treatments and the control. 2- For mice. a- Esterase isozyme profiles revealed that the maximum number of bands are four in the control while the treated sample showed only three bands. b- Peroxidase isozyme profiles exhibit only one band in all groups and the control. c- Glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase isozyme profiles revealed two bands in all treatment except the highest dose.

absolutely disappeared.III- DNA analysisTumer suppressor gene p53 was affected by treating the mice with the three doses of Agerin which revealed the occurrence of mutation.