

Pathogenicity of Oil Formulations of Entomopathogenic Fungus, *Nomuraea rileyi* (Farlow) Samson Against *Spodoptera litura* (Fabricius)

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ABSTRACT

Three oil formulations of entomopathogenic fungus *Nomuraea rileyi* were evaluated for their efficacy in terms of LC_{50} , LC_{90} and LT_{50} against *Spodoptera litura* during 2011-2012 at the Department of Entomology, S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati. The lowest LC_{50} (0.3×10^4 spores ml^{-1}) and LC_{90} (1.2×10^7 spores ml^{-1}) were obtained with groundnut oil formulation. LC_{50} and LC_{90} values of *N. rileyi* were lower with oil mixed application than applying the fungus as crude suspension. Lower LT_{50} of 3.93 days was obtained with groundnut oil formulation at 1×10^8 spores ml^{-1} concentration. The LT_{50} values recorded with sunflower oil, coconut oil and crude formulations are 4.81, 5.28, and 5.93 days respectively at higher concentration (1×10^8 spores ml^{-1}). LT_{50} values were higher at lower concentrations.

Key words : LC_{50} , LT_{50} , *Nomuraea rileyi*, Oil formulations, Pathogenicity.