

Physical and chemical behaviour of some pesticides applied to some soils

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Results obtained in the present investigation will be discussed from the following view points: adsorption, downward movement, leachability, persistence and metabolism of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate pesticides as well as some factors influencing their behaviour in different soil types.

5.1. Adsorption of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate on calcareous minerals and soils.

5.1.1. Adsorption mechanism of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate: With regard to the effect of time on the adsorption of Dimethoate on the different adsorbents under investigation, results show that increasing the time of contact between Dimethoate in solution and the adsorbent was followed by the increase of the amount adsorbed of Dimethoate until it reached a maximum after which it indicated an equilibrium; the time required to reach equilibrium was, 25, 25, 20, 15 and 44 minutes for bentonite, attapulgite, calcareous soil, sandy clay loam soil and kaolinite respectively. Concerning the adsorption mechanism of Fenvalerate on different adsorbents under investigation; it reached its equilibrium conditions in few seconds after contact between Fenvalerate and different adsorbents.

5.1.2. Effect of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate concentrations on the rates of their adsorption on different adsorbents: The amounts of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate adsorbed per gram adsorbent; i.e.; X/m was increased by increasing the concentration until it reached maximum. Langmuir equation was used to represent the adsorption of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate, a linear isotherms were obtained except in case of adsorption of Fenvalerate on attapulgite and sandy clay loam soil. Freundlich equation fitted the adsorption of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate on all the adsorbents used, i.e., bentonite, kaolinite, attapulgite, sandy clay loam soil and calcareous soil, except in case of high concentrations of Fenvalerate on attapulgite (more than 0.004 molar).

5.1.3. Effect of adsorbent types on adsorption of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate: The effect of adsorbent types on the adsorption of the two pesticides showed that the amount of adsorbed Dimethoate was as follows: Bentonite > calcareous soil > sandy clay loam soil > attapulgite > Kaolinite; while for Fenvalerate it was: attapulgite > Kaolinite > bentonite > calcareous soil > sandy clay loam soil.

5.2. Effect of some factors on the downward movement and leachability of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate in soils:

5.2.1. Effect of soil type on Dimethoate mobility: The higher binding of Dimethoate was recorded with sandy clay loam soil followed by calcareous soil. The rate at which Dimethoate detected on soil was increased with depth. The amounts of Dimethoate remained in the third layer (10-15 cm) of both sandy clay loam and calcareous soils were 50% and 10% of the top layer (0-5 cm) respectively. The obtained results revealed that the greatest downward movement of Dimethoate occurred with calcareous soil followed by sandy clay loam soil.

5.2.1.2. Effect of Dimethoate concentration on its insecticide mobility: The higher the concentration of Dimethoate used, the higher the amount remained on soil surface and the higher the downward movement and vice versa. The higher leachability of Dimethoate occurred with the lowest concentration used.

5.2.1.3. Effect of water volume on Dimethoate mobility: The higher the volume of water used, the lower the binding on soil surface occurred, and the higher the amount of Dimethoate removed downward through soil columns. The higher the volume of water added, the higher the leachability rate obtained.

5.2.2. Fenvalerate:

5.2.2.1. Effect of soil type on Fenvalerate mobility: With Fenvalerate, it was completely adsorbed on the top layer of both sandy clay loam and calcareous soils (100%), the effect of Fenvalerate concentration on its insecticide mobility. In the three used concentrations (0.1, 0.2 and 0.3 g), the

binding on the surface of the top layer (0-5 Col) amounted 100%. 5.2.2.3. Effect of water volume on Fenvalerate mobility: Increasing the amount of leaching water had no influence on the downward movement of Fenvalerate in soil columns, since 100% of the Fenvalerate remained on the surface of the top layer. 5.3. Persistence of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate in sandy clay loam and calcareous soils under laboratory conditions. Concerning the persistence of Dimethoate in the two tested soils, results indicated that degradation in calcareous soil > sandy clay loam soil. The percentage of recovered Dimethoate amounted 60.22 and 38.71% for sandy clay loam and calcareous soils respectively after 120 days. The rate of fenvalerate degradation was higher in calcareous soil than in sandy clay loam soil. Increasing the time of exposure after treatment increased the rate of Fenvalerate degradation. 5.4. Degradation products of Dimethoate and Fenvalerate in soils. 5.4.1. Preparation and identification of Dimethoate metabolites. 5.4.1.1. Hydrolysis with aqueous sodium hydroxide. Concerning the hydrolysis of Dimethoate using NaOH, 4 compounds were appeared in a LC chromatogram at Rt 120, 216, 288 and 336 sec. The compound at Rt 336 sec. was separated using TIC technique and identified as follows: the empirical formula was found to be $C_3H_7O_2SN$. UV spectrum showed maximum absorption at 222 nm, IR spectrum is involved. The mass spectrum showed molecular ion at m/e 105, the GLC chromatogram showed Rt at 336 sec. 5.4.1.2. Oxidation at room temperature: Cool oxidation product using acidic potassium permanganate was identified as follows: elementary analysis showed C 30.5%; H, 6.3%; N 5.8%; O, 31.0%; P 14.4% and S, 32.0%. , UV spectrum showed maximum absorption at 242 nm, IR spectrum was involved and mass spectrum showed molecular ion at m/e 214. Rt was at 120 sec. 5.4.1.3. Hot oxidation: Hot oxidation product using acidic potassium permanganate was identified as follows: UV spectrum showed maximum absorption at 320, 395 and 415 nm, IR spectrum was accomplished, mass spectrum showed molecular ion (M^+) at m/e 184 and GLC showed that Rt was at 288 sec. 5.4.2. Degradation products of Dimethoate in sandy clay loam and calcareous soils: Dimethoate was metabolised in the two soils to 5 compounds at Rt 36, 60, 120, 216 and 288 sec., another sixth compound was found in the extraction of the calcareous soil at Rt 336 sec. 5.4.3. Degradation products of Fenvalerate in sandy clay loam and calcareous soils: Fenvalerate was metabolised in sandy clay loam and calcareous soils to two metabolites at Rt 168 and 456 sec.