Table 1. Larvicidal activity of two different formulations against Aedes aegypti

| Treatment              | Larval mortality after |           |           |         |             |             |  |  |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|                        | 1 hour                 | 2 hours   | 3 hours   | 8 hours | 20<br>hours | 48<br>hours |  |  |
| Formulation-4          | 0                      | 76.0±16.7 | 84.0±8.9  | 100.0±0 | 100.0±0     | 100.0±0     |  |  |
| Formulation-5          | 0                      | 64.0±16.7 | 80.0±14.1 | 100.0±0 | 100.0±0     | 100.0±0     |  |  |
| Temephos<br>(0.01 ppm) | 30.7±12.6              | 89.3±8.4  | 100.0±0   | 100.0±0 | 100.0±0     | 100.0±0     |  |  |

Table 2. Larvicidal activity of two different formulations against Culex quinquefasciatus

| Treatment           | Larval mortality after |           |           |              |              |             |  |  |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
|                     | 1 hour                 | 2 hours   | 3 hours   | 8 hours      | 20<br>hours  | 48<br>hours |  |  |
| Formulation-4       | 0                      | 77.7±18.5 | 80.0±17.3 | 98.4±6.<br>5 | 95.5±8.<br>8 | 100.0±0     |  |  |
| Formulation-5       | 0                      | 86.6±14.4 | 91.1±14.5 | 100.0±0      | 100.0±0      | 100.0±0     |  |  |
| Temephos (0.01 ppm) | 40.6±15.8              | 98.2±10.7 | 100.0±0   | 100.0±0      | 100.0±0      | 100.0±0     |  |  |

## Results

- Formulation-5 was more effective against Cx. quinquefasciatus larvae
- Formulation-4 was more effective against Ae. aegypti; it showed 100% larvicidal activity in 8 hours
- Formulation-5 recorded 100% larvicidal activity against both mosquito species in 8 hours
- At 48 hours, the two formulations killed 100% larvae of both mosquito species.
- Ovicidal activity experiments showed that both formulations inhibited 100% egg hatching in Cx. quinquefasciatus eggs. In Ae. aegypti, formulation-4 and formulation-5 recorded only 8.4 and 12.3% ovicidal activities, respectively.

## Conclusion

- Though both formulations showed slight variation in their efficacy, they were equally effective at 48 hours of treatment against the larvae of Ae. aegypti and Cx. quinquefasciatus.
- The two formulations had 100% ovicidal activity against Cx. quinquefasciatus eggs.

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