CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound.

METHODS AND MATERIALS:

Test Type: Toxicity to honey bee.

Test Species: Honey bee (Apis mellifera).

Test Procedure:

The trials were carried out in wire-netting isolators measuring 4 x 2 x 2 m. The day means ranged from 14.1 to 24.7°C. The isolators were placed in a field of white mustard Sinapis alba in full bloom. A hive populated by a bee colony numbering approximately 4500 insects was placed in each isolator. A trap was placed at the hive exit to catch the dead bees. After two days, when the bees had become accustomed to their new abode and had begun intensive flights, the application was carried out. The spray preparations were applied in the recommended doses, i.e., 500 liters of spray liquid per hectare and 20 kg of dust per hectare. The number of poisoned bees was checked daily for 5 days. The dead insects were located in the trap.

After two days of contact by the bees with the plants subjected to the applications, the isolators, together with the hives, were transferred to noncontaminated blooming mustard. Daily observations were made for another 3 days. Then the behavior of the bees and the viability of the colony were observed periodically. Studies covering several years revealed that the natural mortality rate of bees in isolators did not exceed 5 (0.1% of the entire population of the experimental hive) during a 5-day period.

REPORTED RESULTS:

Ex. "Harmful" preparations: fenitrothion, carbaryl, dioxacarb

Harmful preparations: dimethoate, propoxur, Azotox dust 5 (at 15.4°C.)

Relatively innocuous: Azotox 50 (at <15°C.), Tritox suspension extra 50, Sapecron 50EC, Methox liquid 30, Owadziak liquid 10.


For application rates and numerical data, see table.
Table: Characteristics of the Insecticides Investigated and their Toxicity for Bees

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<th>Commercial name</th>
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DISCUSSION:

A. Test Procedure - Procedure is sound.

B. Statistical Analysis - None reported.

C. Discussion/Results - This study is scientifically sound.