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CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound. See tables for results.

METHODS AND MATERIALS:

- A. Test Type - Toxicity to honey bees
- B. Test Species - Honey Bee (Apis mellifera)
- C. Test Procedures -

1. Contact toxicity tests

Test bees were anesthetized with CO₂ and placed in cylindrical wire mesh cages (10 bees per cage). Bees were maintained in the cages and fed sucrose solution.

For insecticide testing, bees were again anesthetized with CO₂ (in the cages), then laid separately on filter paper. One microliter drops of pesticide/solvent mixture were then applied to the thorax with a microapplicator. Mortality was recorded 24 hours after treatment.

2. Oral toxicity tests

As in the contact tests, groups of 10 bees were placed in wire cages. Insecticides were presented to the groups in acetone/sucrose/water solutions, each group receiving 0.2 ml of the solution.

When bees had taken all the insecticide solution, they were provided with 20% sucrose. Mortality was evaluated 24 hours after initial dosage.

3. Statistical Analysis

(Author's description)

To obtain regression lines, two lots of ten bees treated with each of five or six concentrations of poison were used after preliminary experiments established the range. LD₅₀ (median lethal dose) values were calculated using the probit method (Finney, 1952) and Table I gives means for the LD₅₀ values and for the slopes of the calculated regression lines. The number of regression assays used to obtain the figures quoted is also given in the table. The standard errors of the estimated average LD₅₀'s depend on the variation between the results of the individual experiments. Because of the small number of degrees of freedom between experiments for each type of insecticide, a pooled within-treatment estimate of the percentage standard deviation (S.D.) was calculated for each year. Thus the percentage standard error for an individual LD₅₀ or slope value in the table is given by $(S.D./\sqrt{n})\%$; for the contact LD 50 for mevinphos in 1964, this standard error is $(27/\sqrt{6})\%$, i.e. 11%. Values for LD₉₀ (the dose required to kill 90% of the insects) were calculated from the mean slope and LD₅₀ values.

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REPORTED RESULTS: Laboratory LD₅₀'s derived from contact and oral exposure are presented in tables 1 and 2, respectively. Data were developed from 3 years of testing with 21 pesticide compounds.

See table 1 and 2 for presentation of numerical data.

DISCUSSION:

A. Test Procedure

Procedure is sound.

B. Statistical Analysis

Analysis as performed by the author was assumed to be valid. No validation was performed by EEB.

C. Discussion/Results

This study is scientifically sound.

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Table 1. Acute contact toxicity of some pesticides to worker honeybees determined in the laboratory during 1964, 1965 and 1966

Mean median lethal doses (LD₅₀) expressed as ug compound per insect and mean slopes of regression lines, n is number of regression lines used to obtain each mean. LD₉₀ values derived from these means are also given.

	1964			1965			1966					
	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean LD ₉₀ (ug)	Mean slope	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean LD ₉₀ (ug)	Mean slope	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean LD ₉₀ (ug)	Mean slope
Azinphos-methyl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mevinphos	6	0.070	0.10	7.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
'Bidrin'	1	0.076	0.10	9.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dimethoate	3	0.12	0.17	8.4	9	0.11	0.14	11	7	0.098	0.15	7.4
Dieldrin	8	0.16	0.23	7.6	6	0.16	0.26	6.0	—	—	—	—
Diazinon	2	0.22	0.30	9.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malathion	2	0.27	0.38	8.5	3	0.22	0.32	8.1	—	—	—	—
Pyrethrins	4	0.29	0.45	6.6	4	0.13	0.20	4.4	—	—	—	—
Phorate	3	0.32	0.42	11	—	—	—	—	2	0.33	0.57	5.3
BHC	3	0.46	0.68	7.4	6	0.20	0.33	5.8	—	—	—	—
Demeton-methyl	3	0.74	0.90	15	1	0.41	0.52	12	3	0.54	0.95	5.2
Endrin	—	—	—	—	3	1.2	2.1	4.9	2	0.65	1.5	3.6
Carbaryl	2	1.3	7.4	1.7	1	1.1	1.5	0.96	—	—	—	—
Chlordane	3	1.4	1.9	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carbophenothion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1.4	6.6	1.9
Allethrin	4	3.4	4.6	9.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DDT	3	3.9	6.2	6.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disulfoton	3	4.1	5.9	8.1	4	4.3	8.0	4.7	2	5.0	6.8	9.4
Menazon	3	4.3	8.1	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Endosulfan	4	7.1	13	4.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ethyl mercury chloride	2	22	43	4.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Standard deviation (%)	27	—	—	23	—	21	—	24	—	20	—	20

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Table 2. Acute oral toxicity of some pesticides to worker honeybees determined in the laboratory during 1964, 1965 and 1966

Mean median lethal doses (LD₅₀) expressed as ug compound per insect and mean slopes of regression lines, n is number of regression lines used to obtain each mean. LD₉₀ values derived from these means are also given.

	1964			1965			1966		
	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean slope	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean slope	n	Mean LD ₅₀ (ug)	Mean slope
Mevinphos	3	0.027	3.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
'Bidrin'	3	0.068	2.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dimethoate	—	—	—	8	0.15	4.0	6	0.13	3.1
Azinphos-methyl	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	0.15	4.7
Carbaryl	2	0.14	4.8	2	0.11	2.3	—	—	—
Pyrethrins	2	0.15	2.1	2	0.15	2.9	—	—	—
Diazinon	2	0.20	2.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dieldrin	6	0.32	4.1	3	0.33	2.8	—	—	—
Malathion	3	0.38	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phorate	4	0.44	4.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
BHC	1	0.45	1.7	1	0.76	2.3	1	0.43	4.8
Menazon	2	0.46	5.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demeton-methyl	3	0.61	5.5	2	0.83	3.9	2	0.58	4.2
Endrin	—	—	—	2	1.4	4.2	2	0.46	3.7
DDT	5	3.7	4.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carbophenothion	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5.2	4.2
Endosulfan	3	6.9	1.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Allethrin	2	9.1	3.8	3	4.6	3.8	—	—	—
Phenyl mercury acetate	2	10	2.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ethyl mercury chloride	1	13	9.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disulfoton	2	16	3.4	1	23	5.0	1	39	9.9
Standard deviation (%)	35	—	55	22	—	33	41	43	41

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