



Observations of the effect of Chitosan and its nano compositions against the locust *Schistocerca gregaria* (Orthoptera: Acrididae)

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Abstract : The effect of Chitosan and nano Chitosan tested on the target insect pest *Schistocerca gregaria*. Results obtained showed that, under laboratory conditions, the LC₅₀ of the newly hatched is recorded, 278, 244, 233, 247 and 241 ppm for newly hatched, nymphs, Last nymphal stage Adult ♀ and Adult ♂ respectively. Also, when *S. gregaria* treated with nano- Chitosan, the LC₅₀s obtained 268, 204, 213, 231, and 132 ppm for Newly hatched, nymph, Last nymphal stage, Adult ♀ and Adult ♂, respectively after treated with nano-Chitosan. Also, results recorded that, the Number of egg laid/female recorded, 158 ± 2.2 and 88 ± 0.01 eggs/female after treated with Chitosan and nano- Chitosanas compared to 258 ± 3.11 eggs/ female in the control. The % of Adult ♀ and % of Adult ♂ significantly decreased to 18 and 10 after nano-Chitosan treatments as compared to 99 and 99% in the control. Our results showed, under semi field conditions, the number of *S. gregaria* were significantly decreased after the Chitosan and nano-Chitosan treatment, the number of infestations with *S. gregaria* decreased to 29 ± 3.6 and 8 ± 1.1 individuals after 120 days of treatments.

Key words : locust, *Schistocerca gregaria*, Chitosan, Nano.

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