

مقایسه واکنش تابعی وابسته به سن در دو نژاد *Trichogramma brassicae* (Hymenoptera: Trichogrammatidae)

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Camparision of age-specific functional response in two strains of *Trichogramma brassicae* (Hymenoptera: Trichogrammatidae)

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The parasitoid, *Trichogramma brassicae* Bezdenko is used for inundative release in biological control programs against lepidopteran pests in agroecosystems. This egg parasitoid displays two reproductive modes, arrhenotoky (bisexuality) and thelytoky (unisexuality). Thelytokous forms are related to the presence of endosymbiotic *Wollbachia* bacterium. In this study, age-specific functional response of these two populations to different egg densities (5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 60 and 80 sterilized eggs of *Ephestia kuhniella*) at $25 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, $60 \pm 5\%$ RH and 16:8 (L:D) photoperiod were compared. These densities were presented to a single mated female of *T. brassicae* (1 day old). It was replicated 10 times. The egg densities were replaced everyday until the end of parasitoid life. Data analysis was done for the first five days of parasitoid life to determine the type of functional response and its parameters. The type II functional response was obtained for the 1 and 2 day old females, and type III for 3 to 5 day old ones of both thelytokous and arrhenotokous strains. Searching efficiency for first and second day old of thelytokous strain were 1.6975 ± 0.4992 and $3.7765 \pm 1.1106 \text{ h}^{-1}$ and for arrhenotokous strains were 5.383 ± 1.5831 and $3.9375 \pm 1.1579 \text{ h}^{-1}$. Searching efficiency for 3 to 5 day old females of thelytokous strain were 0.0328 ± 0.0250 , 0.0616 ± 0.0489 and $0.2251 \pm 0.3694 \text{ h}^{-1}$, and for arrhenotokous were 0.3120 ± 0.2741 , 0.1162 ± 0.573 and $0.0891 \pm 0.0426 \text{ h}^{-1}$, respectively. Handling time (T_h) for *Wollbachia*-infected wasps for 1 to 5 day old females were 0.4209 ± 0.0925 , 2.4043 ± 0.3403 , 4.6911 ± 0.8655 , 3.8076 ± 0.5645 and 3.5270 ± 0.4394 hours, respectively. Also, T_h for bisexual wasps at 1 to 5 day old females were 0.7498 ± 0.0599 , 2.1964 ± 0.1949 , 2.2315 ± 0.1602 , 2.558 ± 0.2069 and 2.5859 ± 0.2307 hours, respectively, suggesting that handling time in infected strains (thelytokous) is higher than uninfected strains.