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Management of *Exelastis atomosa* (Walsingham) based on spray schedule at different growth stages of pigeon pea

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Abstract

Study revealed during *Kharif*-2017-18 and 2018-19 pooled on variety basis, the BDN-711 noted (0.31, 0.34, 0.40 and 0.75 larva/plant), (0.25, 0.30, 0.47 and 0.81) and (0.28, 0.32, 0.43 and 0.78 larva/plant) and least larval count found when crop was sprayed at 50% flowering stage crop growth stage basis (0.75, 0.85, 1.15 and 2.06 larva/plant), (0.58, 0.79, 1.36 and 2.26 larva/plant) and (0.66, 0.82, 1.26 and 2.16 larva/plant) at 1st, 3rd, 7th and 14th DAS, respectively after 1st, 2nd spray and pooled on four different varieties of pigeon pea *viz.*, BDN-711 (early), BSMR-736 (late), BSMR-853 (late) and BSMR-716 (midlate) were observed under field condition in split plot design with two sprays of emamectin benzoate 5% SG @ 4.4 gm followed by flubendiamide 39.3% SC @ 3.9 ml/10 lit of water at 15 days interval were taken at various crop growth stages.

Keywords: E. atomosa, different cultivars, pigeon pea, emamectin benzoate, flubendiamide

1. Introduction

On pigeon pea (*Cajanas cajan* (L) Millsp.) about 250 species of insect pests belongs to 8 orders and 61 families had reported by several researchers (Davies and Lateef, 1977)^[1]. Imperative pests infesting pigeon pea crops are pod borer, *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hubner), plume moth, *Exelastis atomosa* (Walsingham), pod fly, *Melanogromyza obtusa* (Malloch), spotted pod borer, *Maruca vitrata* (Fabricius), Among the constituents of the pod borer community infesting pigeon pea, the plume moth, *Exelastis atomosa* Walshigham (Lepidoptera: Pterophpridae) posses serious menace to its cultivation, larva bore into unopened flower buds for consuming the developing anthers and more damage is seen during flowering, pod maturing and pod filling stage and reported that on an average, the pod damage in pigeon pea to plume moth was 8.9% and grain damage was 4.0%. Further, a common recommendation regarding stage of crop and pest management cannot satisfy the demand of optimum yield. Hence an attempt was made to find out the most effective time of spraying in respect to crop stage that can provide satisfactory pest control.

2. Materials and site of experiment

The field experiment was conducted during *Kharif* 2017-18 and *Kharif* 2018-19 at the Experimental Farm of Department of agricultural Entomology, Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani (MH) in split plot design with three replications on four different varieties of pigeon pea as BDN- 711, BSMR- 736, and BSMR-853 BSMR-716 with a spacing of 120 cm x 30 cm.

2.1 Experimental Detail:

1.	Year and Season	:	Kharif-2017-18, and Kharif -2018-19.
2.	Name of crop	:	Pigeon pea
3.	Varieties	:	BDN-711 (Early), BSMR-736 (Late), BSMR-853 (Late)
			and BSMR-716 (Mid-late).
4.	Design	:	Split plot Design
5.	Spacing	:	$120 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$
6.	Net plot size	:	$4.8 \text{ m} \times 4.2 \text{ m}$
7.	No. of treatments	:	06
8.	Replication	:	03
		a: 45.5 a:	

- 9. Number of plots : :
- 10. Date of sowing

16/06/2017 (1st year) and 20/06/2018 (2nd year)

Treatment details

Spray No.	Name of Insecticides	Concentration (%)	Dose /10 litre of water
1 st	Emamectin benzoate 5% SG	0.0022	4.4 g
2 nd	Flubendiamide 39.3% SC	0.0078	3.9 ml

A) Main Plot Treatment: Variety

V1- BDN-711 (Early), V2 - BSMR-736 (Late) V3 -BSMR -853 (Late) and V4 - BSMR-716 (Mid late),

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B) Sub Plot Treatments: (Crop growth stages)

T₁: 1st spraying at bud initiation stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

T₂: 1st spraying at 50% bud formation stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

T₃ : 1st spraying at flower initiation stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

T₄ : 1st spraying at 10% flowering stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

 T_5 : 1st spraying at 50% flowering stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

 T_6 : 1st spraying at pod formation stage followed by 2nd spraying after 15 days

Method of recording observations of larval population of E. atomosa

The observations on larval population were noted on randomly selected five plants from each treatment 1 day before and 1, 3, 7 and 14 days after each application of insecticides. The data obtained in insect numbers were subjected to poison formula $\sqrt{X+0.5}$ before further analysis. The analysis of pooled data was carried out to ascertain effect of different spraving dates on management of pod borer complex of pigeon pea and their effect on natural enemies of pod borer complex. Appropriate statistical methods were employed to work out standard error (SE) and critical difference (CD) to know the significance of treatments (Gomez and Gomez, 1984)^[2].

3. Findings

3.1 Effect of different spray schedule against E. atomosa

Data pertaining to the effect of spray schedule on management of *E. atomosa* are presented in Table 1.

3.1.1 Performance of different varieties

The observation regarding performance of varieties against infestation of E. atomosa revealed that, least larval population 0.28, 0.32, 0.43 and 0.78 larva/plant at 1st, 3rd, 7th and 14th DAS on variety V₁-BDN-711, respectively. At first DAS larval population observed on variety V₁-BDN-711 found at par with the population recorded on variety V₃-BSMR-853 (0.36 larva/plant) and V₄-BSMR-716 (0.37 larva/plant). At 3rd, 7th and 14th DAS the population of *E. atomosa* on variety V₁-BDN-711 observed at par with the population noted on the rest of all varieties.

3.1.2 Effect of spray schedules

There was no larval population of E. atomosa observed at all the frequencies of recording the observations up to 50% flowering stage (T₅). At one day after 1st spray the minimum incidence was observed when crop was sprayed at treatment T₅-50% flowering stage 0.66 larvae/plant whereas maximum at pod formation stage 1.49 larvae/plant. At 3rd, 7th and 14th 1.26 and 2.16 whereas maximum incidence were recorded when then the crop was sprayed at pod formation stage *i.e.* 1.67, 2.05, and 2.72, respectively.

3.1.3 Interaction effect

The interaction effect of variety and spray schedules on incidence of E. atomosa after first and second spray over all pooled data (Table 2, 3, 4 and 5) showed minimum larval count observed at 50% flowering stage at first day 0.57, 0.88, 0.62 and 0.55 at third day 0.64, 1.01, 0.85 and 0.79 at seventh day 1.01, 1.30, 0.37 and 1.35 at fourteenth day 1.87, 2.37, 2.20 and 2.211arvae/plant. Whereas the maximum incidence was at first day 1.12, 1.63, 1.53 and 1.68 at third day 1.28, 1.77, 1.77 and 1.89 at seventh day 1.58, 2.13, 2.16 and 2.32 at fourteenth day 2.52, 2.69, 2.67 and 3.02 larva/plant (Table 51, 52, 53 and 54) recorded at treatment T_6 -pod formation stage among all test varieties V1-BDN-711, V2-BSMR-736, V3-BSMR-853 and V₄-BSMR-716, respectively.

3.2 Per cent reduction of larval population of E. atomosa

Data pertaining to per cent reduction of larval population of E. atomosa after first and second spray and over all pooled during both the year are presented in Table 1.

3.2.1 Varietal performance against per cent reduction of larval population of E. atomosa

The least per cent of larval reduction were found in V₂-BSMR-736 (62.07, 57.98, 48.11 and 23.39 per cent reduction over control) and maximum in V₁-BDN-711 (74.29, 70.87, 60.53 and 28.68 per cent reduction over control) at first, second, third and fourth days after spraying, respectively.

3.2.2 Effect of spray schedule on per cent reduction of larval population of *E. atomosa*

The data from Table 1 revealed that per cent reduction in larval population of *E. atomosa* recorded at different days after first and second spray pooled showed significant differences among various crop growth stages. The least per cent of larval reduction were found in treatment T₆-pod formation stage (58.05, 52.80, 42.31 and 23.25 per cent reduction over control) and maximum in treatment T₅- 50% flowering stage (79.08, 73.81, 59.84 and 31.01 per cent reduction over control) at first, second, third and fourth days after spraying, respectively.

The reviews regarding effect of spraying dates applied at various crop growth stages and there interaction are quite amalgamate since this is a new affect to study in entomological research. The work done and reviews reported by earlier worker regarding parallel issues are being presented here. Wadaskar et al., (2012) [8] revealed spraying of azadirachtin 10000 ppm @ 10 ml /10 L of water at 50 per cent flowering stage of crop followed by second spraying of emamectin benzoate 5 SG @ 3 g / 10 L of water at 15 day after first spraying and third spraying of deltamethrin 1 EC +

triazophos 35 EC ready mix formulation @ 25 ml / 10 L of water at 15 days, after second spraying, which registered highest larval reduction of lepidopteran pod borers.

Priyadarshini (2013) ^[5] concluded flubendiamide 480 SC at 60 g a.i. ha-¹ was found to be the most effective with a maximum reduction in lepidopteran pod borers with pod damage, grain damage and weight loss of 5.3, 3.3 and 2.9 per cent, respectively. When two sprayings were taken up *i.e.*, first spray at 50 per cent flowering while second spray during pod formation stage. Karmakar and Patra (2015) ^[3] revealed that pyridalyl 15% + fenpropathrin 20% EC @ 105+140 g a.i. / ha and 90+120 g a.i./ ha were quite effective and were at par with each other in *E. atomosa* when first spray was given at 10% flowering followed by full blooming and bearing stage at 25 days interval.

Shinde et al., (2017)^[7] revealed that the no. of larvae/plant of E. atomosa before 1st spray the larval count was 0.50 to 0.51 and before 2^{nd} spray 2.57 to 2.62. However the minimum E. atomosa population was observed in variety V1 (BDN-711) followed by V_2 (BSMR716) and V_3 (BSMR-736) after Ist and IInd spray. Raut et al. 2016 reported that the application of insecticides at bud initiation stage followed by 50% flowering stage 15 days after 50% flowering were proved better, recording minimum 3.74 and 3.73 percent damage by lepidopteran pest on green pod. Similar results were also reported by The work done by Patange and Chiranjeevi (2017)^[4] noted the application of rynaxypyr 18.5 SP @ 30 g a.i./ha was best treatment and recorded minimum larval population of *E. atomosa* on one, three, seven and fifteen day after spray i.e. 0.13, 0.13, 0.07 and 0.07 larvae per plant, respectively.

Table 1: Effect of different varieties of pigeon pea and spray schedules against *E. atomosa* after 1^{st} and 2^{nd} spray (over all pooled 2017-18 &2018-19)

								No. of	E. atom	<i>iosa</i> larv	ae/plant	t					
Treatment	Pre		1 st s	pray			2 nd s	pray			Over	all pool	ed		% R	eduction	l
Treatment	count	1	3	7	14	1	3	7	14	1	3	7	14	1	3	7	14
		DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS	DAS
	1.10	0.21	0.24	0.40	0.75	0.25	A. Main	treatme	nt: Vari	lety	0.22	0.42	0.70		1		
V ₁ -BDN- 711	1.10	0.31	0.34	0.40	0.75	0.25	0.30	0.47	0.81	0.28	0.32	0.43	0.78	74.29	70.87	60.53	28.68
V DOM	1.20	0.90	0.91	0.93	0.70	0.87	0.90	0.98	0.80	0.88	0.90	0.90	0.84		<u> </u>		
V ₂ - BSNIK- 736	1.10	0.40	0.49	1.02	1.14	0.38	0.44	1.05	1.18	0.42	0.40	1.03	1.16	62.07	57.98	48.11	23.39
V DSMD	1.27	0.76	0.77	0.54	0.86	0.31	0.97	0.64	0.85	0.36	0.76	0.59	0.85				
853	1.27	0.95	0.97	1.02	1.17	0.90	0.97	1.07	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	1.16	67.44	60.39	46.67	22.60
V ₄ - BSMR-	1.16	0.37	0.45	0.60	0.84	0.38	0.44	0.63	0.90	0.37	0.45	0.61	0.87				
716	1.29	0.93	0.97	1.05	1.16	0.94	0.97	1.06	1.18	0.93	0.97	1.05	1.17	67.88	61.48	47.06	24.69
S.E. ±	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.05				
CD at 5%	NS	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.13				
B. Sub treatment: Spray schedule													-				
T ₁ - Bud	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08				
initiation stage	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.80	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T ₂ - 50%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
bud formation stage	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T ₃ - Flower	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06				
initiation stage	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.79	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T ₄ - 10%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
flowering stage	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T ₅ - 50%	3.13	0.74	0.85	1.15	2.06	0.58	0.79	1.36	2.26	0.66	0.82	1.26	2.16				
flowering stage	1.91	1.11	1.16	1.28	1.60	1.04	1.13	1.36	1.66	1.07	1.15	1.32	1.63	79.08	73.81	59.84	31.01
T ₆ - Pod	3.55	1.58	1.71	1.95	2.66	1.39	1.64	2.15	2.79	1.49	1.67	2.05	2.72				
formation stage	2.01	1.44	1.49	1.56	1.78	1.38	1.46	1.62	1.81	1.41	1.47	1.59	1.80	58.05	52.80	42.31	23.25
S.E. ±	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06				
CD at 5%	NS	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.16	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.17	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.16				
	1						C. In	teractio	n(V XT)	1				1			
S.E. ±	0.15	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11				
CD at 5%	NS	0.18	0.20	0.24	NS	0.17	0.20	0.26	NS	0.17	0.20	0.25	NS				
GM	1.11	0.39	0.43	0.52	0.79	0.33	0.40	0.59	0.86	0.36	0.42	0.55	0.82				
		*Figu	ires in pa	arenthese	s are <mark>√X</mark>	(+ 0.5	transforn	ned value	es, NS: N	lon Sign	ificant aı	nd DAS:	Days aft	er spray			

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 Table 2: Interaction effect of varieties of pigeon pea and spray schedules on incidence of *E. atomosa* 1st day after 1st and 2nd spray (over all pooled 2017-18 & 2018-19)

						N	o. of <i>E</i> .	atomo	sa larv	ae/plan	t									
VVT			1 st sp	ray					2 nd s	pray		Pooled								
VAI	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T ₁	T ₂	T 3	T4	T 5	T 6	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T4	T 5	T 6		
V ₁ -BDN-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.63	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.51	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.12		
711	(0.71)*	0.71	0.82	0.71	1.06	1.32	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.00	1.22	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.03	1.27		
V2-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.98	1.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.78	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88	1.63		
BSMR- 736	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.22	1.50	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.13	1.41	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.17	1.46		
V3-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.77	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	1.53		
BSMR- 853	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.12	1.48	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.99	1.36	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.05	1.42		
V4-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	1.68		
BSMR- 716	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.88	1.46	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.02	1.49	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.03	1.47		
S.E. ±			0.0	6					0.	06			0.06							
C.D.at 5%			0.1	8					0.	17		0.17								

 Table 3: Interaction effect of varieties of pigeon pea and spray schedules on incidence of *E. atomosa* 3rd day after 1st and 2nd spray (over all pooled 2017-18 & 2018-19)

	No. of <i>E. atomosa</i> larvae/plant																			
U V T			1 st sp	ray					2 nd s	pray		Pooled								
VAI	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T ₁	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T ₁	T ₂	T 3	T4	T 5	T 6		
V ₁ -BDN-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.56	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64	1.28		
711	(0.71)*	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.10	1.34	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.03	1.32	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.06	1.33		
V2-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96	1.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.01	1.77		
BSMR- 736	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.25	1.53	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.21	1.48	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.23	1.51		
V3-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	1.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.84	1.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.85	1.77		
BSMR- 853	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.16	1.50	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.15	1.51	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.16	1.51		
V4-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.78	1.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.80	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	1.89		
BSMR- 716	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.13	1.56	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.14	1.53	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.13	1.55		
S.E. ±			0.0	7					0.	07			0.07							
C.D.at 5%	0.20								0.1	20			0.20							

 Table 4: Interaction effect of varieties of pigeon pea and spray schedules on incidence of *E. atomosa* 14th day after 1st and 2nd spray (over all pooled 2017-18 & 2018-19)

						Ν	[o. of <i>E</i> .	. atomo	sa larv	ae/plan	t											
VVT			1 st sp	ray					2 nd s	pray			Pooled									
VAI	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T ₄	T 5	T 6	T ₁	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6				
V ₁ -BDN-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.85	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.01	1.58				
711	(0.71)*	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.16	1.43	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.28	1.45	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.22	1.44				
V2-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	2.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	2.13				
BSMR- 736	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.30	1.58	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.37	1.66	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.34	1.62				
V3-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.48	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.37	2.16				
BSMR- 853	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.31	1.57	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.40	1.69	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.37	1.63				
V4-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.35	2.32				
BSMR- 716	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.34	1.67	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.38	1.68	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.36	1.68				
S.E. ±			0.0	8					0.	09					0.	08						
C.D.at 5%	0.24							0.26							0.25							

					No	. of <i>E</i> .	sa lar	vae/pl	ant										
ννт			1 st spr	ay		2 nd spray							Pooled						
V A I	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T 4	T 5	T 6	T 1	T ₂	T 3	T4	T 5	T 6	
V. DDN 711	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.70	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.04	2.83	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.87	2.52	
V-DDN-/11	(0.71)*	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.48	1.64	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.59	1.82	0.88	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.54	1.73	
V. DSMD 726	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.17	2.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.57	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.37	2.69	
v ₂ -DSIVIK-750	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.63	1.76	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.75	1.82	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.69	1.79	
V. DSMD 852	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.39	2.76	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	2.02	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00	2.20	2.67	
v 3-DSIVIN-035	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.70	1.81	0.71	0.71	0.97	0.71	1.58	1.75	0.71	0.71	0.85	0.71	1.64	1.78	
V. DOMD 716	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.99	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.43	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.21	3.02	
v 4-DSIVIK-710	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.58	1.89	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.71	1.86	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.65	1.87	
S.E. ±						0.11				0.11									
C.D.at 5%	0.32									0.34				0.33					

 Table 5: Interaction effect of varieties of pigeon pea and spray schedules on incidence of *E. atomosa* 7th day after 1st and 2nd spray (over all pooled 2017-18 & 2018-19)

4. Conclusion

In all the varieties *viz.*, BDN-711, BSMR-736, BSMR-853 and BSMR-716 infestation of *E. atomosa* was not found till 10 % flowering crop stage and minimum count was observed when crop was sprayed at 50% flowering stage. The precise conclusion from above study can be made in such a way that varieties having different duration have to be protected at its different growth stages. Now a day's most of the farmers are following the spray schedule of 1st spray at 50% flowering stage followed by second spray at 15 days interval, to manage pod borer complex of pigeon pea. In the present investigation it was clearly observed that this recommendation does not satisfy the pest management strategies for all varieties having early and late duration and more studies in this aspect are to be conducted in future.

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