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Study on Odour Attractants to Catch Glossina pallidipes Austen and Glossina fuscipes fuscipes Newstead (Diptera: Glossinidae) at Sor Hydroelectric Station, Ethiopia

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Abstract

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Index terms— Glossina fuscipes fuscipes Newstead, Glossina pallidipes Austen, Odour Attractant, Sor River.

1 Introduction

rypanosomosis, a disease caused by protozoan parasites of the genus Trypanosoma, is still the main constraint to livestock production in Africa, preventing full use of land to feed the rapidly increasing human population (Leak, 1999). The disease is transmitted cyclically by tsetse flies that infest 37 African countries and mechanically by biting flies (Uilenberg, 1998). It has a devastating effect on livestock and man (IAEA, 2003) and can be controlled by drugs or by of the vector tsetse flies. One of the important developments in tsetse control is identification and synthesis of odour attractants for some tsetse species, which greatly increases the efficacy of traps and targets (Leak, 1999).

Tsetse flies use the odours of their vertebrate hosts as cues in host location (Vale, 1974a;FAO, 1992). Some of the active components of breath, urine and skin secretion of hosts have been isolated for use at odour-baited targets and traps used to control and monitor tsetse populations (Dransfield et al., 1986; Vale et al., 1986; Leak, 1999). Acetone, 1-octen-3-ol (octenol) and carbon dioxide from bovine breath and phenols from urine are potent olfactory attractants for several species of the morsitans group of tsetse (Vale and Hall, 1985a; Hassanali et al., 1986;Bursell et al., 1988).

However, such advances in catch size of some species the palpalis or fusca group of tsetse has not been realized as much as needed.

Several effective odours are known to attract Glossina pallidipes (G. pallidipes) (FAO, 1992) including odours of host animals and their residues, which are highly attractants for G. pallidipes Austen (Vale, 1974b; Hargrove and Vale, 1978; Vale and Hall, 1985a; Dransfield et al., 1986). Electroantennogram studies in laboratory showed that both sexes of Glossina fuscipes fuscipes (G. f. fuscipes) Newstead were stimulated by components of bovine odour such as acetone, octenol, 4-heptanone and 3-nonanone (Den Otter et al., 1988). In contrast, Mwangelwa et al. (1990) did not observe any consistent effect on catches of G. f. fuscipes in biconical traps baited with acetone, octenol, cow urine, phenols or monitor lizard wash. The success of odour-baited devices for survey and control of G. pallidipes in other countries prompted studies in Ethiopia on the attractiveness of natural and synthetic odours, prior to their application in control operations. Thus, more information is needed on the dose response relationships for such attractants, as well as on their effects on the catch of G. f. fuscipes.

Although baited traps and targets also offer great potential for control or eradication of tsetse flies (Vale, 1980), baseline data should be generated on odour

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attractants like cow urine, acetone and octenol in Ethiopia. Therefore, this study was conducted to assess effects of odour attractants on catch size of G. pallidipes Austen and G. f. fuscipes Newstead using combinations of acetone, octenol and cow urine or alone at different dispense rate at Sor Hydrostation.

3 II.

4 Materials and Methods

5 a) Study area

The study was performed in August-September, 2004 in Baro Akobo river system at Sor River around Sor hydroelectric station at position of 08 ? .23.06”N-08 ? .24.03”N, 035 ? .26.05”E-035 ? .27.02”E and altitude of 1294-1657m. The area is located at about 630 Km southwest of Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, where G. pallidipes and G .f. fuscipes are abundant. The valley vegetation consists of very dense riverine and evergreen forests. Wild lives are abundant in the area and includes buffaloes, bushbuck, warthog, colobus monkey, baboon, python, etc.

6 b) Study protocol

Five sites, termed as A, B, C, D and E, were located independently for both species in the forest and near Sor River at about 200m distance interval. All sites were provided with new monopyramidal traps of the same type and size which operate throughout the experiment period. Acetone, octenol and cow urine were used as odour attractants at different dispense rate. The natural odour source, cow urine, was obtained from local zebu cattle. After collection, the cow urine was stored at normal room temperature in stopper bottles up to use for 7 days. Dose rates were measured by recording the decrease in volume of the attractant over the duration of the experiments and converting to milligrams per hour according to FAO (1992). Acetone was dispensed at different dose rates (150-2000mg/hr) by varying the aperture size of the container. The universal glass bottles were drilled in the lid with single holes 0.2 cm, 0.6 cm and 1.8 cm in diameter to release 150mg/hr, 500mg/hr and 2000mg/hr acetone, respectively at 32 ? C. Octenol was dispensed at 0.5mg/hr from streptomycin glass bottles, containing 2g octenol and sealed with a rubber septum. Octenol containers were positioned horizontally on their sides or inverted always to keep the octenol in contact with the inner surface of the septum and the octenol diffused out through the septum. The cow urine dispensed by the plastic container of 1 litter volume with 4x4 cm cut on its

side to give urine release rate of 1000mg/hr. The dispensers were similar and positioned just beneath the trap. The underneath of trap poles were greased to prevent entrance of ants that may eat flies.

7 c) Study design

A 5x5 Latin square design (Table 1) replicated three times from 7:00 am to 7:00 am (for 24 hrs) for 15 adjacent days was undertaken each for study of G. pallidipes as well as G. f. fuscipes. The term 'replicate' denotes the operation of one treatment at one site for one day. Thus, groups of five adjacent days were regarded as different replicates. Blocks and treatments were allotted randomly to days within these blocks. A B C D E First 1 V II III IV I 2 III I IV II V 3 II IV I V III 4 I V II III IV 5 IV III V I II Second 1 II IV III V I 2 I V II III IV 3 IV I V II III 4 III II IV I V 5 V III I IV II Third 1 V III II IV I 2 IV II III I V 3 I IV V III II 4 II I IV V III 5 III V I II IV

In the experiment for G. pallidipes, comparison of unbaited monopyramidal traps versus traps baited with 1000mg/hr cow urine; 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol + 150mg/hr acetone; 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol + 500mg/hr acetone; and 0.5mg/hr octenol + 2000mg/hr acetone were used. For G. f. fuscipes comparison of unbaited monopyramidal traps versus traps baited with 0.5mg/hr octenol; 500mg/hr acetone; 1000mg/hr cow urine separately, and combinations of 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol + 500mg/hr acetone were used. To compare the efficacies of various treatments, each treatment was incorporated into a series of randomized Latin square of treatments by sites and by days.

8 d) Data analysis

The catches in each replicate were transformed to log n+1 and subjected to analysis of variance to determine probability associated with differences between mean catches. The effects of various odours on the catch of trap were compared with a control treatment consisting of unbaited traps. The detransformed mean catch with a test odour is expressed as a proportion of the detransformed mean control (no odour) catch and is termed the catch index; indices greater than unity indicate attraction and indices less than the unity indicate repellent. Presence of statistical significance difference was determined at $p < 0.05$. The critical F ratio is looked up in statistical table. The traps baited with different odour attractants have shown better attraction indices than unbaited traps. The treatment with 1000 mg/hr cow urine + 0.5 mg/hr octenol + 500 mg/hr acetone increased the catch highly by up to 12.54 times, and similarly treatment of trap with 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol +150 mg/hr acetone increased the catch by 11.26 times. Trap baited with highest release rate of acetone (2000mg/hr) + octenol (0.5mg/hr), and 1000mg/hr cow urine alone increased the catch by 4.07 and 2.64 times, respectively (Table 3).

9 III.

10 Results

11 a) Glossina pallidipes Austen

12 Glossina pallidipes treatment type

13 Mean (x)

Detransformed mean(G) Index The treatment factor was considered as insignificant source of variation (F=0.6375; critical value=2.52, $p > 0.05$) while site was considered as source of variation (F=26.6982; critical value=2.52, $p < 0.05$). The results of the experiment comparing trap baited with 0.5 mg/hr octenol, 500 mg/hr acetone, and 1000mg/hr cow urine separately and their combination to catch G. fuscipes fuscipes are given in Table **??**.

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The treatment factor was found as a significant source of variation (F=29.36; critical value=2.52; $p < 0.05$). Analysis of variance result of G. pallidipes at different rates of acetone together with fixed cow urine and octenol doses is shown in Table 2. Since treatment factor was found statistically insignificant, calculating further for index of attraction is not necessary to identify better odour attractant.

However, to check the suspicion of their repellent effects was further calculated for indices (IV.

16 Discussion

The efficiency of the traps to catch G. pallidipes was high in presence of odour attractants and low in absence of any odour. However, the efficiency was roughly low in the presence of odour for G. f. fuscipes.

This agrees with the compiled reports of FAO (1992) from many African countries.

Monopyramidal trap was baited with combination of cow urine (1000mg/hr) + octenol (0.5 mg/hr) + acetone (150 mg/hr) could be the preferred combination of odour attractant in the study even though traps baited with cow urine (1000mg/hr) + octenol at 0.5 mg/hr + acetone (500 mg/hr) performed better. This is due to the expensive cost of acetone at high release rate (FAO, 1992). However, in some small operations like ecological researches the later could be utilized.

In the current study, utilization of baited traps with cow urine alone and different combinations of cow urine, octenol and acetone increased the indices (2.64-12.54 times) of the odours' ability to attract G. pallidipes. This agrees with work of Dransfield et al. (1986) in Ngurman, Kenya, in which acetone with cow urine produced increases of catch 9-25 times using biconical traps. However, the present result disagrees with the result obtained by baiting F3 traps with acetone at 5-50,000 mg/hr release rate or octenol and cow urine, in which indices increased only up to 1.67 in Somalia (Torr et al, 1989). The difference may due to variation in the combination of the odour attractants, release rate and geographical location (FAO, 1992).

The result of the current study indicated increment of index up to 4.07 when acetone (2000 Traps baited with cow urine (1000mg/hr) alone increased catch index up to 2.64 times when compared with unbaited traps in this study. This is slightly in line of agreement with work of Vale and Hall (1985b) in which a mixture of 3-n-propylphenol and 4-methylphenol increased the catch index by 1.5-2 times. According to FAO (1992), 4-methylphenol and 3-n-propylphenol are the most active components in the urine and bovid urine can give substantial increases in catch (2)(3)(4)(5) if dispensed at about 1000mg/hr. If a much higher rate of urine is used, it becomes repellent.

Traps baited with 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol + 150mg/hr acetone and 1000mg/hr cow urine + 0.5mg/hr octenol + 500mg/hr acetone increased catch index to 11.26 and 12.54 times, respectively. The current catch index result is greater than results (catch index 4-6 baited traps over unbaited traps) obtained from a combination of acetone (500mg/hr), octenol (0.8 or 1.5mg/hr), mixture of 4methylphenol and 3-n-propylphenol (0.8mg/hr) at Galana Ranch, south-eastern Kenya (Baylis and Nambiro, 1993). In addition, the combination of the odours of current study showed much greater catch index than combination of 3-methylphenol, acetone and octenol, which increased the catch 1.6 times in Zimbabwe using F3 traps (Hall et al., 1990). However, the current result is less than a combination of acetone, There is a report of slight increase in the effects of octenol and acetone even though it was statistically not significant in Kenya (Baylis and Nambiro, 1993). However, acetone and octenol dispensed either alone or together did not significantly increase the catch of a trap in Somalia (Vale and Hall, 1985b). According to FAO (1992), using acetone with octenol can double the catch when compared with octenol used alone.

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a) Glossina Pallidipes Austen octenol, 4-methylphenol and 3-prophylphenol that increased catching up to 20 times in Zimbabwe (Vale and Hall, 1985a;Vale et al., 1988). Performance difference of different traps to attract tsetse flies were found minimal ((Baylis and Nambiro, 1993) and this rules out effects of different traps. Therefore, the difference might be due to difference in geographical location and release rate.

Various ketones, octenol, urine and phenols have been tested but results have been inconsistent (FAO, 1992). There was no statistically significant difference in attractiveness of cow urine to G. f. fuscipes in the current study. However, there was a significant increase catch of blue-black polyethylene bipyramid traps using local zebu urine (x 1.4) in three of the four trails with the greatest effect (x 4.2) obtained for male G. f. fuscipes when the densities of flies were low (less than five male per trap per day) in Central African Republic. The difference between these works may be related to particular environment of the trails (Gouteux et al., 1995).

Odour attractants used alone or in combination in the current study has not significantly increased the catch of G. f. fuscipes. According to FAO (1992), the search for odour attractants for this species has so far been unsuccessful, with the exception of carbon dioxide. This is due to the fact that the riverine tsetse species of palpalis-group respond poorly to the odour baits developed for savannah species. The attractants used for the savannah tsetse are hardly or not attractive to palpalis species and sometimes even repel them (Mwangelwa et al., 1995; Späth, 1995). So a full understanding of the types of odour attractants and interplay of responses of G. f. fuscipes to different chemicals and suggestion of effective odour bait has to be worked out in the future.

V.

18 Conclusion and Recommendations

In conclusion, different combinations of odour attractants were found to attract G. pallidipes. To run some small operations such as ecological research for G. pallidipes, traps are required to provide large samples with small cost and convenience. In these circumstances, an appropriate odour would be combination of medium doses of 500mg/hr acetone + 0.5 mg/hr octenol + 1000mg/hr cow urine. For works such as routine surveys or control operations over large areas, a less expensive and more convenient combination of low dose of 150 mg/hr acetone + 0.5 mg/hr octenol and 1000mg/hr cow urine would be more suitable. The latter combination can increase catches by several times for costs that are much less than the equally effective alternative of operating higher doses of odour or more traps. The search for best odour attractant for G. f. fuscipes is unsuccessful in the current study. Thus, further studies should be conducted on the behavior and best odour attractant for this species.

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Figure 1: 3 Volume

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Latin Square	Site Day

Figure 2: Table 1 :

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Source of variation	df	SS	MS	F ratio
Replicates	2	0.5257	0.2629	
Days within replicates	12	3.9709	0.3309	
Treatments	4	9.6883	2.4221	29.3588
Sites	4	1.48	0.37	4.4848
Residuals	52	4.2885	0.0825	
Total	74			

Figure 3: Table 2 :

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Figure 4: Table 3 :

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Figure 5: Table 5

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