

# Antifeedant and insecticidal effects of extracts from *Melia azedarach* fruits and *Peumus boldus* leaves on *Xanthogaleruca luteola* larvae

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## ABSTRACT

*Xanthogaleruca luteola* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) is an aggressive defoliating pest on elms (*Ulmus* sp.) worldwide. We evaluated the antifeedant and insecticidal effects of ethanolic and aqueous extracts from *Melia azedarach* L. green fruits and leaves of *Peumus boldus* Molina, on *X. luteola* third instar larvae, the most harmful stage. Five doses of the extracts were applied to fresh elm leaves to determine antifeedant effect evaluating consumed foliar area at 24 h. Insecticidal activity was assessed through daily mortality for 14 d. For each extract an antifeedant index, relative to respective control, and mean lethal concentrations (LC<sub>50</sub>) were calculated. We found a direct relationship between concentration and both antifeedant and insecticidal effects for all extracts. A dose of 6.1% w/v of ethanolic extract of *M. azedarach* green fruits significantly inhibited larvae feeding behavior by 91% with a LC<sub>50</sub> 1.49% at day 8. On the other hand, 3.4% w/v of ethanolic extract of *P. boldus* inhibited larvae feeding behavior by 81% and LC<sub>50</sub> at day 8 was 0.92% w/v. All extracts showed insecticidal effect on *X. luteola* larvae, and the highest mortalities observed were 79% and 71% with ethanolic and aqueous extracts of *P. boldus*, respectively. Antifeedant and insecticidal effects observed with *M. azedarach* green fruits and *P. boldus* leaf extracts on *X. luteola* third instar larvae, support the development of botanical insecticides from both tree species in order to contribute to its integrated management.

**Key words:** Antifeedant effects, insecticidal effects, *Melia azedarach*, *Peumus boldus*, *Xanthogaleruca luteola*.

## INTRODUCTION

The elm leaf beetle, *Xanthogaleruca luteola* Müller (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae), is an insect distributed throughout Europe, North Africa, North and South America, Asia and Australia, being a severe defoliating pest of elms (*Ulmus* spp., Ulmaceae) worldwide (Borowiec and Sekerka, 2010; Vatanparast et al., 2012; Lefoe et al., 2014). Larvae live for 2 to 4 wk, having three instars (Huerta et al., 2011), and cause more damage than adults by skeletonizing the leaves. Severe infestations can cause complete defoliation of trees (Soudi and Moharramipour, 2011).

An efficient method for the reduction of pests, and the most used since the 1940s, has been the use of synthetic insecticides (Boulogne et al., 2012; Ortiz et al., 2012). This control is feasible because it is quick, easy to apply, and initially relatively cheap (Mahajan et al., 2009). However, it causes negative consequences on sustainability, environmental quality, and human health by generating toxic residues; insecticides also affect soil and water quality, non-target species, and induce pest resistance (Khaliq et al., 2012). In order to reduce these effects, new chemical control methods have been developed through the use of organic natural components (e.g. botanical insecticides) based on extracts of leaves, fruits,

or other structures from plant species, with different results according to the species under study. This type of compounds has positive properties such as biodegradability, reduction of pest resistance, less impact on natural enemies, among others (Huerta et al., 2010; Amri et al., 2013).

Plants produce secondary metabolites, such as terpenes, alkaloids, rotenones, flavonoids (Amri et al., 2013), which produce antifeedant effects, interfere in the development or behavior of the insect, and block vital processes, and can thus contribute to the regulation of their populations (Pugazhvendan et al., 2009). In *X. luteola*, leaf extracts of tree species such as chinaberry, *Melia azedarach* L. (Meliaceae); pepper, *Schinus molle* L. (Anacardiaceae); and boldo, *Peumus boldus* Molina (Monimiaceae) have been tested on adults, showing promissory results (Huerta et al., 2010; Chiffelle et al., 2011a; 2011b; 2013). *Melia azedarach* is native to Iran, India, and China (Sharma and Paul, 2013). In Chile this tree is commonly found in urban areas, particularly used as an ornamental species in streets and parks. This species has become the object of studies to evaluate its useful properties, as extracts from different plant structures, in particular insecticide, antiviral, antioxidant, bactericide, and antiparasitic activities (Ahmed et al., 2008; Sen and Batra, 2012). The insecticidal activity of *M. azedarach* is found on extracts coming from leaves, fruits, and seeds, and it is assigned to a group of biologically active triterpenoids that have antifeeding effects (Isman, 2002). Green fruits have shown greater toxicity than mature ones on insect species as *Drosophila melanogaster* Meigen (Diptera: Drosophilidae) (Huerta et al., 2008). *Xanthogaleruca luteola* adults exposed to green fruit extracts obtained from *M. azedarach*, using either water or ethanol as solvents, showed adulticidal activity; ethanolic extract was more effective with a mean lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) of 0.9% at day 3 after exposure (Chiffelle et al., 2011a). Likewise, *P. boldus*, an endemic tree species of the Chilean sclerophyllous forest (Verdeguer et al., 2011; Vogel et al., 2011) has also been tested for its insecticidal and fungicidal properties (Bustos-Figueroa et al., 2009; Alpsoy, 2010) and antifeedant effect (Silva et al., 2013). Chiffelle et al. (2011b) evaluated the toxicity of extracts from new and mature leaves of *P. boldus* in *X. luteola* adults, showing up 97% mortality; the same report estimated a LC<sub>50</sub> of 1.2% w/v, 2 d after exposure. There are no reports on the activity from these extracts, neither *M. azedarach* nor *P. boldus* on *X. luteola* larvae, considered the most harmful stage on elms (Soudi and Moharramipour, 2011). We hypothesized that extracts from *M. azedarach* green fruits and *P. boldus* leaves have antifeedant and insecticidal activity on the *X. luteola* third instar larvae, and the physiological age of *P. boldus* leaves modifies this activity. Our objective was to evaluate the antifeedant and insecticidal effects of ethanolic and aqueous extracts obtained from *M. azedarach* green fruits and *P. boldus* leaves (new and mature) on *X. luteola* third instar larvae.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant material and extracts preparation

*Melia azedarach* L. green fruits were collected from mature trees (> 30-yr-old) located in Antumapu Campus, College of Forest and Nature Conservation Sciences, whereas *Peumus boldus* Molina, either mature or new leaves, as described by Chiffelle et al. (2011b), were collected from mature trees located at the College of Veterinary and Livestock Medicine, University of Chile, Santiago (33°34'S, 70°37'W), Region Metropolitana, Chile. Fruits and leaves (3 kg each) were dried in a forced air oven (Mod. 18, Thelco, Englewood, Colorado, USA) at 40 °C until constant weight, and afterwards grinded in a mechanical grain mill to obtain powdered material. Increasing volumes of either distilled water or 96% ethanol (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) were added to the milled material to obtain a two phases liquid-solid mixture. Then, this mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirrer (Heidolph, MR 3001K, Schwabach, Germany), at 37 °C the first hour, and at room temperature to complete 24 h. Subsequently, the homogenized mixture was filtered through a Whatman N° 1 filter paper and centrifuged for 15 min at 1500 rpm to obtain the supernatant (extracts). In order to calculate maximum concentration (mc) of total solids, 15 mL of each extract were dried until constant weight at 100 °C in a forced air oven. Five doses of ethanolic and aqueous extracts were prepared starting from the respective mc (*M. azedarach* green fruits and *P. boldus* new and mature leaves) (Tables 1 and 2).

### Insects' rearing

First larval stages of *X. luteola* were collected in La Florida, Santiago, Metropolitan Region, Central Chile, from infested elm trees during the summer season, and taken to the Forest Entomology Laboratory, Faculty of Forestry and Nature Conservation Sciences, University of Chile. Larvae were transferred into Petri dishes (10 cm diameter) lined with slightly

wet filter paper, and fed *ad libitum* with fresh washed elm leaves in an incubator at  $20 \pm 3$  °C,  $60 \pm 6\%$  RH, and photoperiod of 14:10 h until they reached the third instar (Huerta et al., 2011).

**Table 1. Foliar area consumed and antifeedant effect (%; mean  $\pm$  standard error) of ethanolic and aqueous extracts from green fruits of *Melia azedarach*, and mature and new leaves of *Peumus boldus* on *Xanthogaleruca luteola* third instar larvae, at different doses after 24 h.**

Dose % w/v	Ethanolic extract			Aqueous extract			
	Foliar area consumed		Antifeedant effect <sup>‡</sup>	Dose % w/v	Foliar area consumed		Antifeedant effect
	Control	Treated			Control	Treated	
<i>M. azedarach</i> green fruit							
6.1	1.83	0.15*	91 $\pm$ 1b	5.7	1.67	0.29*	85 $\pm$ 1b
4.7	1.70	0.19	87 $\pm$ 1b	4.4	1.35	0.39*	68 $\pm$ 1ab
3.0	1.05	0.23	79 $\pm$ 1ab	3.0	1.23	0.42*	63 $\pm$ 1ab
2.4	0.88	0.38	56 $\pm$ 2ab	2.4	1.36	0.82	54 $\pm$ 2a
1.2	0.87	0.39	32 $\pm$ 2a	1.2	1.57	1.52	35 $\pm$ 2a
<i>P. boldus</i> new leaves							
3.4	0.85	0.21*	81 $\pm$ 2b	6.3	0.79	0.18*	74 $\pm$ 0b
2.5	1.00	0.36*	70 $\pm$ 1ab	4.8	0.86	0.49	47 $\pm$ 1ab
1.6	1.07	0.51	56 $\pm$ 1ab	3.2	1.19	0.87	31 $\pm$ 0a
1.3	0.86	0.39	54 $\pm$ 1ab	2.5	1.20	0.89	26 $\pm$ 0a
0.7	1.53	1.12	31 $\pm$ 0a	1.3	1.34	1.22	12 $\pm$ 0a
<i>P. boldus</i> mature leaves							
9.1	0.84	0.04*	95 $\pm$ 0b	2.9	1.31	0.68*	49 $\pm$ 0a
6.8	1.11	0.32*	71 $\pm$ 1ab	2.2	0.99	0.56*	40 $\pm$ 1a
4.5	1.42	0.65*	57 $\pm$ 0ab	1.5	1.09	0.80	32 $\pm$ 1a
3.6	1.54	0.69*	55 $\pm$ 1a	1.2	1.23	1.05	24 $\pm$ 0a
1.8	1.48	1.05	30 $\pm$ 0a	0.6	1.44	1.29	14 $\pm$ 0a

\*Significant differences between control and extract for each dose according to Wilcoxon's test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

<sup>‡</sup>Means sharing a letter, for each extract, do not differ significantly according Tukey's test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

**Table 2. Mortality (%  $\pm$  SE) of *Xanthogaleruca luteola* third instar larvae after exposure to different doses of ethanolic and aqueous extracts from *Melia azedarach* green fruit (evaluated at day 7) and new (at day 8) and mature (at day 9) leaves of *Peumus boldus*.**

<i>M. azedarach</i> green fruits		<i>P. boldus</i> new leaves		<i>P. boldus</i> mature leaves	
Dose	Mortality	Dose	Mortality	Dose	Mortality
% w/v	%	% w/v	%	% w/v	%
Ethanolic extract					
4.7	60 $\pm$ 1d	3.4	79 $\pm$ 3d	9.1	74 $\pm$ 4c
3.0	54 $\pm$ 2c	2.5	66 $\pm$ 0c	6.8	65 $\pm$ 3bc
2.4	44 $\pm$ 2b	1.6	58 $\pm$ 0b	4.5	61 $\pm$ 3b
1.5	44 $\pm$ 1b	1.3	58 $\pm$ 3b	3.6	52 $\pm$ 4a
1.2	26 $\pm$ 3a	0.7	45 $\pm$ 3a	1.8	48 $\pm$ 4a
Aqueous extract					
4.4	63 $\pm$ 2d	6.3	71 $\pm$ 4c	2.9	54 $\pm$ 3cd
3.0	52 $\pm$ 2c	4.8	71 $\pm$ 4c	2.2	50 $\pm$ 4c
2.4	44 $\pm$ 2b	3.2	54 $\pm$ 3bc	1.5	50 $\pm$ 4c
1.5	30 $\pm$ 1a	2.5	50 $\pm$ 4b	1.2	42 $\pm$ 3b
1.2	26 $\pm$ 2a	1.3	46 $\pm$ 4a	0.6	33 $\pm$ 3a

Means sharing a letter, for each extract, do not differ significantly according Tukey's test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

Mortalities values were corrected according to Abbott procedure.

### Antifeedant effect

Fresh elm leaves (similar in size) were immersed for 30 s in each extract, followed by a 30 s period for solvent evaporation, and water or ethanol were used as appropriated controls. Inside a Petri dish two leaves (treated and control) along with two third instar larvae were incubated for 24 h, as described previously. Five replicates were carried out and the consumed foliar area was determined by the ImageJ program (Schneider et al., 2012). The antifeedant effect was estimated as  $(I - T/C) \times 100$ , where  $T$  and  $C$  correspond to the areas consumed in treated and control leaves, respectively. Foliar consumed area was analyzed through the Wilcoxon ranks test ( $P < 0.05$ ) and the antifeedant effect data were submitted to the ANOVA procedure ( $P < 0.05$ ) followed by Tukey' test to compare between doses ( $P < 0.05$ ).

### Insecticidal effect and mean lethal concentration

Five doses of each extracts, as described previously, were evaluated on *X. luteola* larvae (III instar) using two fresh leaves of *Ulmus* sp., previously immersed in the extract or control (solvent) following the procedure describe above. Mortality of *X. luteola* larvae was evaluated daily for 14 d, and data were submitted to ANOVA followed by Tukey test for multiple comparisons between doses ( $P < 0.05$ ). In order to obtain the mean lethal concentration ( $LC_{50}$ ) for each extract, we conducted Probit analysis and mortalities values were corrected according to Abbott procedure (Abbott, 1925).

## RESULTS

### Antifeedant effect

Feeding behavior of *X. luteola* third instar larvae was significantly inhibited by ethanolic ( $F_{4,20} = 3.84$ ,  $P = 0.018$ ) and aqueous ( $F_{4,20} = 4.65$ ,  $P = 0.008$ ) extracts from *M. azedarach* green fruits (Table 1). From 2.4% w/v and above the antifeedant effect was greater than 50% for both ethanolic and aqueous extracts. At 6.1% w/v ethanolic extract, the feeding behavior was inhibited by 91% and 85% by the aqueous extract of green fruits at 5.7% w/v.

Ethanolic extracts of new and mature leaves of *P. boldus* caused a significant ( $F_{4,20} = 2.99$ ,  $P = 0.044$ ) antifeedant effect larger than 50%, except at the lowest dose. On the other hand, the antifeedant effect did not exceed 50% when we apply aqueous extracts of new or mature leaves of *P. boldus*, except at 6.3% w/v of new leaves extract (Table 1). Ethanolic extract from new leaves of *P. boldus* significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) inhibited by 81% and 70% feeding of larvae at concentrations of 3.4% and 2.5% w/v, respectively. Ethanolic extract from mature leaves of *P. boldus* showed the highest and significant ( $F_{4,20} = 8.95$ ,  $P = 0.003$ ) antifeeding activity on *X. luteola* larvae, ranging from 96% at 9.1% w/v to 55% at 3.6% w/v. A significantly lower area consumed by larvae was observed in all doses of the extract of mature leaves, except at 1.8% w/v. Similarly, the aqueous extract of new leaves showed a significant ( $F_{4,20} = 6.63$ ,  $P = 0.001$ ) antifeedant effect, ranging from 74% and 12%. On the other hand, mature leaves aqueous extract provided significantly lower leaf area consumed only at 2.9% and 2.2% w/v, and the antifeedant effect of the mature leaves aqueous extract did not reached 50% ( $F_{4,20} = 2.33$ ,  $P = 0.096$ ).

### Insecticidal effect and mean lethal concentration

We observed a significant insecticidal activity on *X. luteola* larvae whit ethanolic ( $F_{5,24} = 8.21$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) and aqueous ( $F_{5,24} = 5.04$ ,  $P = 0.003$ ) extracts of *M. azedarach* green fruits. The observed mortalities were 60% and 63% for the highest doses of ethanolic and aqueous extract, respectively (Table 2). The  $LC_{50}$  at day 8 for the ethanolic extract was 1.49% w/v, whereas it was 1.87% w/v for the aqueous extract (Table 3).

The new leaves ethanolic extract of *P. boldus* showed significant ( $F_{5,24} = 135.78$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) insecticidal activity. After 8 d of exposure we observed 79% of mortality at 3.4% w/v and 45% at 0.7% w/v, and the  $LC_{50}$  was 0.92% w/v (Table 2). Analogously, the aqueous extract of new leaves significantly ( $F_{5,24} = 15.20$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) presented insecticidal activity, mortalities observed at day 8 were 71% at 6.3% w/v and 46% at 1.3%w/v, and  $LC_{50}$  was 3.26% w/v. Ethanolic ( $F_{5,59} = 92.84$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ) and aqueous ( $F_{5,24} = 52.68$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) extracts, from mature leaves, caused 74% and 54% of mortality at 9.1% w/v and 2.9% w/v, respectively. The  $LC_{50}$  after 8 d of exposure were 1.20% for ethanolic extract and 3.26% w/v for the aqueous extract.

**Table 3. Median lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) and parameters of Probit regression for ethanolic and aqueous extracts from *Melia azedarach* (green fruits) and *Peumus boldus* leaves (new and mature) on *Xanthogaleruca luteola* third instar larvae at different evaluation times.**

Time	Ethanolic extract		Chi-square <sup>1</sup>	Aqueous extract		Chi-square <sup>1</sup>
	Slope	LC <sub>50</sub>		Slope	LC <sub>50</sub>	
d	mean ± SE	% w/v		mean ± SE	% w/v	
<i>M. azedarach</i> green fruits						
7	19 ± 4	1.96	7.71	20 ± 2	2.61	8.65
8	21 ± 3	1.49	7.42	18 ± 2	1.87	6.19
9	16 ± 2	0.83	6.39	15 ± 1	1.27	5.23
<i>P. boldus</i> new leaves						
7	15 ± 4	1.11	1.86	18 ± 5	3.70	2.95
8	21 ± 2	0.92	2.77	20 ± 4	2.09	2.96
<i>P. boldus</i> mature leaves						
8	16 ± 2	1.20	2.25	8 ± 4	3.26	1.82
9	15 ± 1	1.00	2.51	13 ± 2	1.72	2.61

<sup>1</sup>Goodness of fit for Probit model, critical Chi-square value 11.07 (df = 5; p ≤ 0.05) and 9.45 (df = 4; p ≤ 0.05) for green fruit and leaf extracts.

## DISCUSSION

As far as we know, there are no reports on the antifeedant and insecticidal effects from *M. azedarach* and *P. boldus* extracts on *X. luteola* larvae. All previous reports evaluated extracts on *X. luteola* adults. Defagó et al. (2006) found 100% antifeedant effect when ethanolic extracts from *M. azedarach* fruits at 5% w/v were tested on adults. Similarly, Chiffelle et al. (2011a) found 100% antifeedant effect on adults at 3.6% w/v of *M. azedarach* extract. We observed 91% antifeedant effect when the ethanolic extract from *M. azedarach* green fruits was tested at 6.1% w/v on *X. luteola* larvae, the most harmful stage, suggesting these types of extracts are more effective in reducing elm feeding by adults. In *X. luteola* adults, aqueous extracts from leaves (new and mature processed together) of *S. molle* yielded 98.3% antifeedant effect using 2.5% w/v (Huerta et al., 2010). The reduction in leaf consumption indicate the ability of larvae to discriminated between treated and untreated leaves, resulting in lower intake of treated leaves with *M. azedarach* green fruit extracts compared to control. We found a direct and positive relationship between extract concentration and antifeedant effect. These effects vary depending on the plant component (e.g. fruits, leaves, etc.) and target species, and it could be attributed to the direct antifeedant effect or post-ingestion effects (Isman, 2002).

On the other hand, antifeedant effects on *X. luteola* larvae have been reported using extracts from other plant species. Shekari et al. (2008) reported 90%, 100%, and 100% antifeedant effect using *Artemisia annua* L. (Asteraceae) methanolic extracts at 2.5%, 5% and 10% w/v, respectively. Our results shown lower antifeedant effect using *M. azedarach* green fruit extracts at similar concentrations, suggesting greenfruit extracts have lower activity than *A. annua* extracts. Both aqueous and ethanolic extracts from new and mature leaves of *P. boldus* showed antifeedant activity on third instar larvae of *X. luteola*. The lowest degree of elm leaves consumed with the application of *P. boldus* ethanolic extract from mature leaves, was obtained at 9.1%.

Antifeedant effects and insecticidal properties are assigned to secondary metabolites, as terpenoids present in the *P. boldus* leaves (Boulogne et al., 2012; Amri et al., 2013). However, we did not identify compounds present in extracts used in our experiments. At the same concentration, insecticidal activity was higher in *P. boldus* ethanolic extracts, probably due to the superior solubility in ethanol from secondary metabolites. These results differ from Defagó et al. (2006), who found up to 100% *X. luteola* mortality using ethanolic extracts at 5%, but in adults, evaluated at 16 d after exposure. Using ethanolic and aqueous at 1.5% w/v or greater concentrations, we observed a direct relationship between doses and insecticidal activity of all extracts of *P. boldus* leaves. The ethanolic extract from new leaves at 3.4% w/v provided the greatest mortality (79%) at 8 d. The toxicity of ethanolic and aqueous extracts of new and mature *P. boldus* leaves had been evaluated previously in *X. luteola* adults, finding up to 82% mortality using both solvents at 5.7% w/v from new leaves, whereas mortality ranged from 81% (aqueous extract) to 68% (ethanolic) at 6.8% w/v, 2 d after exposure (Chiffelle et al., 2011b). These results agree with our data that show the greater effectiveness of ethanolic extracts from new leaves of *P. boldus* on *X. luteola* third instar larvae.

Regarding the insecticidal activity, extracts from *S. molle* (leaves) (Huerta et al., 2010) and *M. azedarach* (green fruits) have been previously tested (Chiffelle et al., 2011a), reaching 87.5%, and 86% to 76% mortalities respectively, using similar or lower concentrations (3.5% w/v in *S. molle* and 2.4% in *M. azedarach*), and shorter evaluation times (4 d in *S. molle*), in comparison to our results.

The new leaves and, in general, the plant parts with annual growth have a higher concentration of secondary metabolites, which apparently do not have a direct function in the growth and development of plants, since a relationship between secondary metabolites and metabolic processes has not been found. In addition, new leaves do not use hardening as a defense mechanism due to their constant growth, which explain the store of more secondary metabolites or active compounds as a defense mechanism (Fang et al., 2016). In our study new leaves were more effective than mature leaves on mortality of *X. luteola* third larval instar. Our results using *M. azedarach* green fruit extracts, both ethanolic and aqueous, shown *X. luteola* larvae LC<sub>50</sub> values decreased along with the evaluation time. The values at day 8 after exposure were 1.49% w/v (ethanolic extract) and 1.87% w/v (aqueous extract) whereas at day 7 were 1.96% and 2.61% w/v, respectively. No previous reports on LC<sub>50</sub> from *M. azedarach* green fruit extracts used on *X. luteola* larvae were found, however, mean lethal concentrations have been reported for adults. For instance, Chiffelle et al. (2011a) found LC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.94% w/v (ethanolic extract evaluated at day 3) and 6.55% w/v (aqueous at day 5), whereas Defagó et al. (2006) found an LC<sub>50</sub> of 2% w/v at day 9 after exposure, suggesting the concentrations needed to kill 50% of the population are greater when targeting larvae. In our study, the ethanolic *P. boldus* leaf extracts showed lower LC<sub>50</sub> than aqueous extracts at 8 day of evaluation on *X. luteola* third instar larvae. The lowest LC<sub>50</sub> was 0.92% w/v using the ethanolic extract of new leaves. Chiffelle et al. (2011b) reported for *X. luteola* adults LC<sub>50</sub> of 0.8% and 1.1% w/v using ethanolic extracts of new and mature leaves of *P. boldus*, respectively. Despite the similar LC<sub>50</sub> values between studies, the evaluation on *X. luteola* adults was estimated at day 3, whereas we did it as soon as at day 8, suggesting the third larval instar is less susceptible to *P. boldus* extracts. Besides, a LC<sub>50</sub> of 1.28% w/v at 7 d was estimated using *S. molle* new leaf ethanolic extract against *X. luteola* larvae (Chiffelle et al., 2013). Lower LC<sub>50</sub>, ranging from 0.3% to 0.63% v/v, were found on *X. luteola* third larval instar exposed to essential oils obtained from leaves of the German thyme *Thymus vulgaris* L. and the true lavender *Lavandula angustifolia* M. (Lamiaceae) at 1-d exposure (Khosravi and Sendi, 2013).

## CONCLUSIONS

We found antifeedant and insecticidal effects from both *Melia azedarach* green fruits and *Peumus boldus* leaf extracts on the third instar larvae of *Xanthogaleruca luteola*. A direct and positive relationship between the concentration and the antifeedant effect, was observed. Both, the green fruits and the new and mature leaf ethanolic extracts, generated lower mean lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) than the aqueous ones, but extracts from new *P. boldus* leaves were more active than the older ones. Besides, extracts from *M. azedarach* green fruits and *P. boldus* leaves were more effective for adults than larvae. Both *M. azedarach* and *P. boldus* extracts as botanical insecticides are promising tools to the integrated management of *X. luteola* third instar larvae.

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