

Supplementary material

Sensitivity of flower-visiting Diptera to a neonicotinoid insecticide: expanding the base for a multiple-species risk assessment approach

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Figure S1. Boxplots of fresh weight for the three fly species.

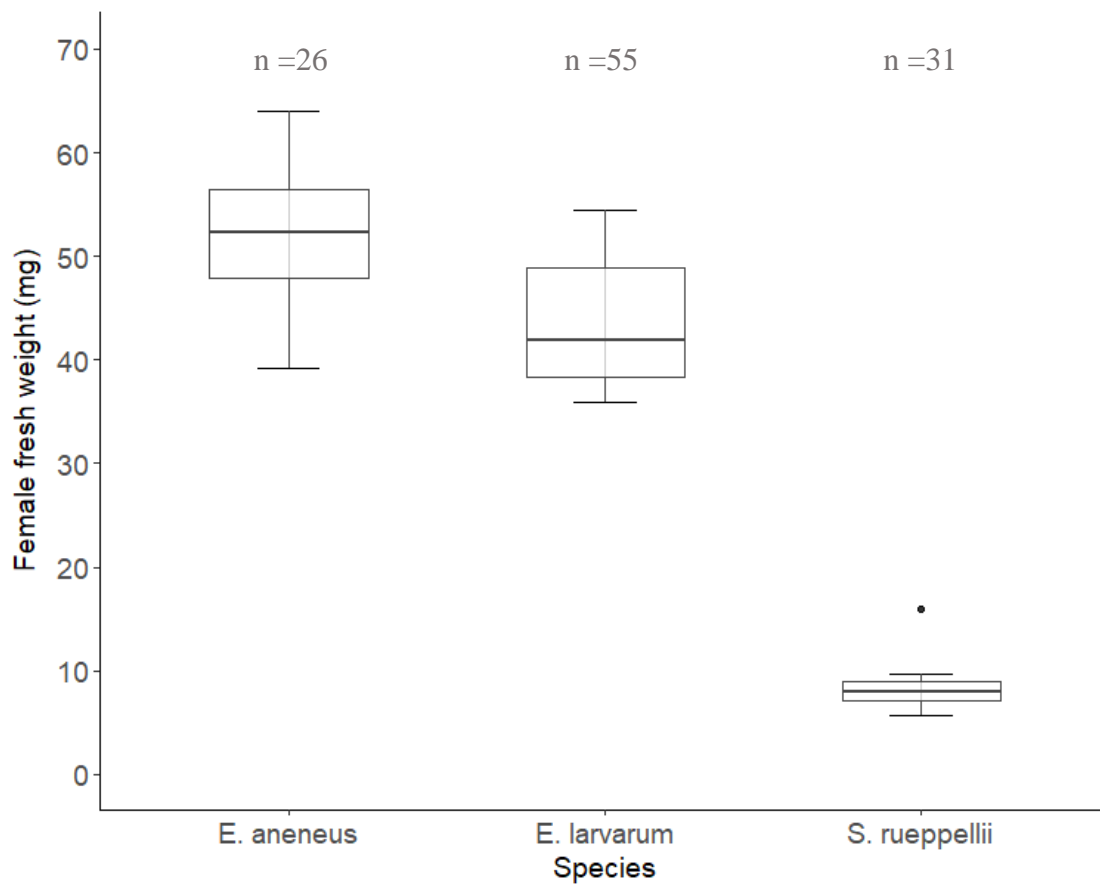


Table S1. Toxicity data used to build the Sensitivity Species Distribution (SSD) curve. LD₅₀ values: median lethal dose of imidacloprid at 48h. Where no weight standardization was performed in the original study, we indicate the reference for the mean weight used to transform the data.

Species	Family	Mean fresh weight (mg)	Contact LD50 (ng/insect)	Contact LD50 (µg/g insect)	Formulation ¹	Reference
Flies (Diptera)						
<i>Exorista larvarum</i>	Tachinidae	40.1	467.5	11.7	c.f.	This study
<i>Sphaerophoria rueppellii</i>	Syrphidae	7.9	10.2	1.35	c.f.	This study
<i>Eristalinus aeneus</i>	Syrphidae	52.7	18176.2	344.8	c.f.	This study
Bees (Hymenoptera)						
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	6.7	0.07	a.i.	[1]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	24.3	0.24	a.i.	[1]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	81	0.81	a.i.	[2]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	42	0.42	c.f.	[2]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	245	2.45	a.i.	[3]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	112	234	2.09	a.i.	[4]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	150	1.5	c.f.	[5]
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Apidae	100a	60	0.6	a.i.	[6]
<i>Apis cerana</i>	Apidae	75b	3.6	0.05	a.i.	[7]
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	Apidae	200c	14	0.07	a.i.	[8]
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	Apidae	200c	77	0.39	c.f.	[8]
<i>Scaptotrigona postica</i>	Apidae	18d	24.5	1.36	a.i.	[9]
<i>Melipona scutellaris</i>	Apidae	100e	1.29	0.013	a.i.	[10]
<i>Leioproctus paahaumaa</i>	Colletidae	52.4	1.21	0.0231	a.i.	[4]
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>	Megachilidae	94.6f	30	0.33	a.i.	[3]
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>	Megachilidae	94.6f	46	0.49	a.i.	[11]
<i>Osmia cornifrons</i>	Megachilidae	131g	3820	29.16	c.f.	[5]
<i>Osmia cornifrons</i>	Megachilidae	100-110	-	0.023	a.i.	[12]
Beetles (Coleoptera)						
<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>	Coccinellidae	37.5g	360	9.60	c.f.	[13]
<i>Coleomegilla maculata</i>	Coccinellidae	14.2g	74	5.21	c.f.	[14]

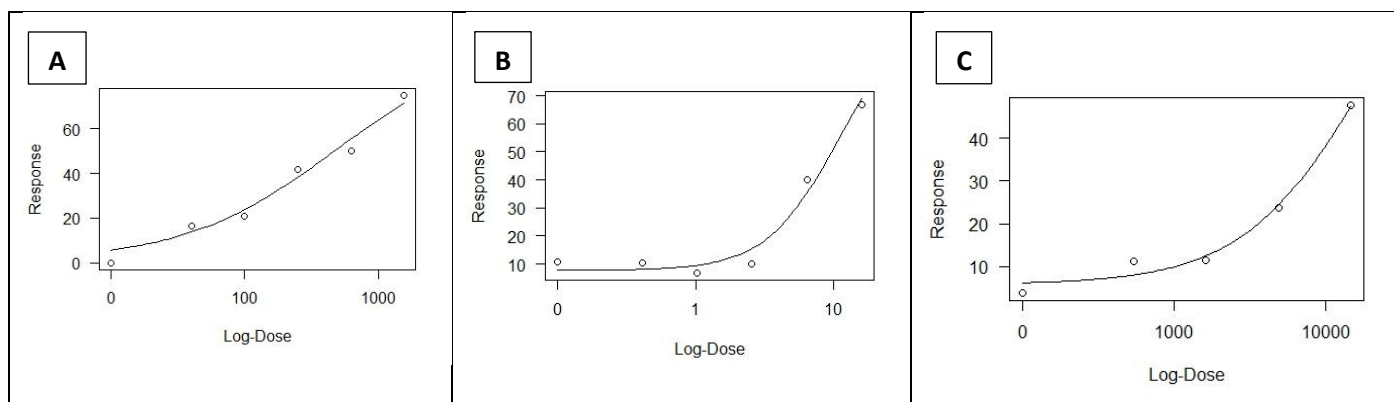
¹ a.i.: active ingredient, c.f.: commercial formulation

- a. Mean weight from [15]
- b. Mean weight from [16]
- c. Mean weight from [17]
- d. Mean weight from [18]
- e. Attributed the same weight as honey bee *Apis mellifera* L.[19]
- f. Mean weight from [3]
- g. [20]

Table S2. Species sensitivity ratio (R). Values in bold exceed the range of 10-fold safety factor from the endpoint of *A. mellifera*, recommended by [2].

Species	R (ng/insect)	R (µg/g insect)
<i>Exorista larvarum</i>	0.14	0.05
<i>Sphaerophoria rueppellii</i>	6.27	0.47
<i>Eristalinus aeneus</i>	0.00	0.00
<i>Apis cerana</i>	17.81	12.69
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	1.95	3.84
<i>Scaptotrigona postica</i>	2.62	0.47
<i>Melipona scutellaris</i>	49.71	49.20
<i>Leioproctus paahaumaa</i>	52.99	27.48
<i>Osmia bicornis</i>	1.73	1.58
<i>Osmia cornifrons</i>	0.02	0.78
<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>	0.18	0.07
<i>Coleomegilla maculata</i>	0.87	0.12

Figure S2. Fitted dose-response curves in (A) *Exorista larvarum* (L.), (B) *Sphaerophoria rueppellii* (Wiedemann) (Diptera: Syrphidae) and (C) *Eristalinus aeneus* (Scopoli) (Diptera: Syrphidae)



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