

**EVALUATION OF VARIOUS INSECTICIDES AS SEED PROTECTANTS  
AGAINST PULSE BEETLE, *CALLOSOBRUCHUS CHINENSIS* L.  
CHRYSOMELIDAE ON PIGEONPEA *CAJANUS CAJAN* L. SEED UNDER  
AMBIENT STORAGE**

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**Abstract:** Eight common insecticides were used as seed protectants Emamectin benzoate (Proclaim 5SG) @2ppm (40.0mg/kg seed), Spinosad (Tracer 45SC) @2ppm (4.4mg/kg seed), Indoxacarb (Avaunt 14.5SC) @2ppm (13.8mg/kg seed), Rynaxypyr (Coragen20SC) @2ppm (0.01ml/kg seed), Chlorfenapyr (Intrepid 10EC) @2ppm (0.02ml/kg seed), Profenofos (Curacron50EC) @2ppm (0.004ml/kg seed), Novaluron (Rimon10EC) @5ppm0.05ml/kg seed), Deltamethrin2.8EC @1.0 ppm (0.04 ml/kg seed) along with one untreated control. All the chemicals were tested for their effectiveness in term of seed moisture, damage by test insect, weight loss, germination and vigour against *C. chinensis* under ambient condition for a period of 9 months. After 9 months of storage the results revealed that insecticides namely Novaluron 10 EC@ 0.05ml/kg with 1.33 per cent infestation, 7.08 per cent weight loss and other measuring traits followed by Emamectin Benzoate 5 SG@ 40mg/kg with 1.67 per cent infestation and 8.16 per cent weight loss showed best results. Infestation, weight loss increased significantly along with the increase in moisture per cent.

**Keywords:** Seed, Germination, Vigour, Infestation, Pulse beetle, Chrysomelidae

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