

An Investigation on the sunn pest pheromone glands, biosynthesis of the sex pheromone and activation of the glands by JH mimic.

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ABSTRACT

In males of *Aelia melanota*, pheromone glands are abundant in sternites II to VII but absent from the laterotergites.

In *Eurygaster integriceps* the distribution of pheromone glands extends from the sternites to laterotergites. Integumental glands are infrequent in females of both species. The sternal patches to be found in *A. melanota* as gland free areas. There seems to be no link between male sternal pheromone glands and tracheae in other species.

In the case of male pheromone gland activation, after one week, the effect of JH mimic was observed by detecting the smell of vanillin in treated males. In the female study, it is known that application of juvenile hormone stimulates vitellogenesis and consequently enables females to mate and even stimulates them to lay eggs without mating. There seems to be either a direct effect of JH on activation of pheromone glands or stimulation of PBAN (Pheromone Biosynthesis Activating Neuropeptid) by application of juvenile hormone.

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