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Preliminary study and Identification of insects' species of forensic importance in Urmia, Iran

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The proper identification of the insect and arthropod species of forensic importance is the most crucial element in the field of forensic entomology. The main objective in this study was the identification of insects' species of forensic importance in Urmia (37°, 33' N. and 45°, 4', 45" E.) and establishment of a preliminary data-base for forensic entomology purposes in Iran for the first time. A combination of various body viscera and tissues of some of vertebrates (sheep, cow, fish and hen), such as head, paunch, spleen, intestine, derma and liver was exposed in an open land on the private possession for 53 days. Ambient daily temperature (maximum and minimum) and relative humidity values were recorded; and existing keys were used for identification of different species. During the period of study, rainfall was none; average total temperature was 23.77°C; and average of mean RH or average total RH was 46.41%. Five stages of decomposition were recognized. A total of 3179 individuals were collected; belonging to 5 orders (Diptera, Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, Dermaptera and Blattaria), 11 families, 16 genera and 18 species: *Psychoda sp.* (Dip. Psychodidae), *Calliphora vicina* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Calliphora vomitoria* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Lucilia sericata* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Chrysoma sp.* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Musca domestica* (Dip. Muscidae), *Muscina stabulans* (Dip. Muscidae), *Fannia canicularis* (Dip. Fanniidae), *Sarcophaga haemorrhoidalis* (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Sarcophaga sp.* (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Wohlfartia magnifica* (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Dermestes maculatus* (Col. Dermestidae), *Necrophorus sp.* (Col. Silphidae), *Blatta orientalis* (Blattaria . Blattidae), *Vespula germanica* (Hym. Vespidae), *Messor caducus* (Hym. Formicidae), *Cataglyphis sp.* (Hym. Formicidae) and *Forficula auricularia* (Dermaptera. Forficulidae). The species of *Psychoda sp.* (Dip. Psychodidae), *M. caducus*, *Cataglyphis sp.* (Hym. Formicidae) and *F. auricularia* (Dermaptera. Forficulidae) are seldomly reported in previous researches; and they were heavily focused to tissues of animals in these studies.

Key words: Forensic entomology, postmortem interval, daily rhythm of temperature and humidity, Urmia.

INTRODUCTION

Insects constitute a dominant life form, with their species number of more than 2 millions, in the earth's ecosystem. Some of the researchers even describe the era that we are living in as the insect era. The insects are the labors of the ecosystem that implements many tasks from the substance cycle to pollination of the plant. On the other hand, some species that can be described as very infrequent in regards to the total number of species, for example, agricultural insect pests, parasite vectors and species of forensic significance, have been known and

researched more; because of their interaction through the humans. These insect species are significant especially for the implementation regarding the determination of the time of death, detection of the transport conditions of the corpse and forensic toxicology.

Wastes created by the living beings and corpses belonging to ones, of which their life period is over, are disposed by the environment because of the substance cycle and then added to the ecosystem energy flow to be used in the food pyramid. The corpse of every living being, let it be plant or animal, are separated in their basic elements somehow via other living beings (that is, saprophytic bacterias and yeasts, saprofit insects). It becomes much more significant when separation process considered is for the human corpse. If the corpses of the

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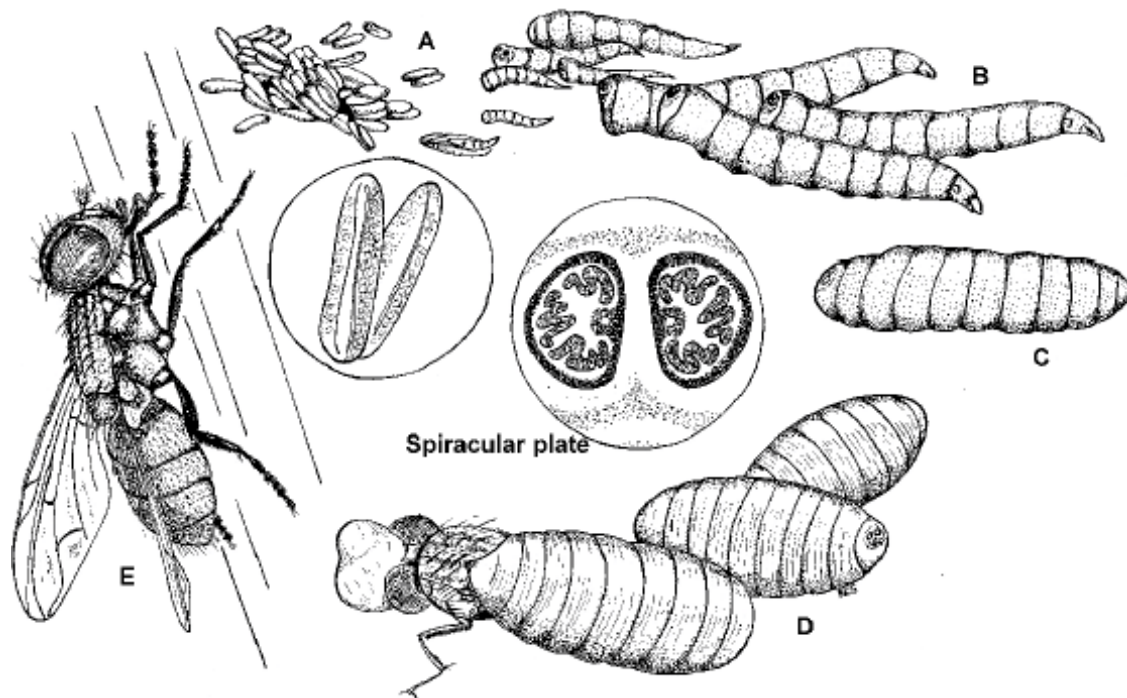


Figure 1. General life cycle of diptera (Stafford, 1987).

deceased people are not buried after some time, then natural mechanisms steps in; and corpses are more heavily invaded by the insects overground. The sequence (succession) of the insects regarding their coming to the corpse and their time of coming in relation with the period of deformation are stated by their forensic entomology researchers, in their articles and researchers, since especially 1980s. A main reason for the insects found in the corpses to be considered forensically significant is the fact that their succession and time of coming to the corpse and their development graphics during their stay in the corpse are important factors for determining the time of death. Moreover, the existence of non-cosmopolitan species in the corpse can be important for considering the possibility of the transportation of the corpse. The insects coming to the corpse, belonging to the same species, are from different geographical regions; they might show some differences regarding some of their genes. Maximum parsimony analysis, conducted through DNA sequences, do help to describe such situations.

Among the insects that went to the corpse, the most significant classes of them belong to Diptera, Coleoptera and Lepidoptera orders.

General information regarding Diptera, Coleoptera and Lepidoptera (flies, beetles, and butterflies) and their biologies

Flies (members of the Diptera family) belong to Insecta (insects) class. Diptera can be observed in homes, farms

and different living habitats. Diptera has a lexical meaning of having two wings. Diptera is believed to have 20000 species in North America only. Merely some of these species have a veterinary, medical and forensic significance. Although house flies are considered when one says "fly", there are numerous articles about Diptera species such as *Gasterophilus*, gnats and *Drosophila*. Since synanthropic Diptera species exist in nutritional elements, wastes, habitat and agricultural lands of human beings, a close relation has been formed between these species and humans (Harwood and James, 1979; Kettle, 1995).

Flies do show holometabolical development. Significant differences do exist between the holometabolical metamorphosis of adult and newly formed living creatures. Holometabolical metamorphosis consists of egg, larva, pupa and adult phases, respectively (Figure 1). The larva of the fly is generally named as grub. Larva has a shape that is generally cylindrical and pointed towards the edge. Larvae are frequently saprophagous. Saprophagous larvae feed with bacteria, yeast and little organic substances. It lives in a semi-liquid environment. Another type of larva, on the other hand, feeds with living or dead tissues. Flies with a forensic and medical significance do belong in this group. Pupa and adult phases follow the larva phase. The characteristic feature of its adult, which differentiates it from other winged insects, is the transformation of the second pair of wings to a structure called halteres organ (Greenburg, 1973).

The actively existing phase of the Diptera species, with a forensic significance, on the corpse is the larva phase.

Thus, the identification of the specie using larva is considerably difficult. Therefore, adult formations of the larva are enabled by completing their development in the artificial feeding area. The identifications of the species are implemented by the use of the adult flies (Stafford and Collison, 1987).

The species of the Coleoptera (beetles) order, on the other hand, go through hemimetaboly. Although there are many species that belong to the order, only some of them are agriculturally and forensically significant. The other species are employed in the formation of the soil and substance cycle. Storage pests, an important group different from agricultural pests, cause significant damages in the grain barns. The adults of the species with forensic significance, however, actively exist in the advanced deformation periods of the corpse.

Lepidoptera (butterflies) are generally named as moths. The larvae of the Lepidoptera, which are employed in the last deformation phases of the corpse, consume the hardest structures such as keratin and nails.

There is no means to use the corpse of the human for identifying the insects that are coming to the corpse. Therefore, the researchers generally use corpses of pigs. Especially the species that comes to the corpses of the pig are significant for forensic entomology researches. The species that come to the corpse of the pig in both terrestrial and aquatic environments; the species found on the human corpse; and the species identified on the corpses of various animals are mentioned in this study.

Forensic entomology is a new investigation area regarding the both forensic and entomology sciences in Iran; therefore, the expanding literature in forensic entomology and entomotoxicology is still very limited compared to some other fields of science in Iran and numerous world countries; especially in Middle East Region (Tüzün et al., 2009).

Arthropods are associated with decaying organic matter in different ways. Insects can be important indicators in a forensic investigation. The proper identification of the insect and arthropod species of forensic importance is the most crucial element in the field of forensic entomology. It is the species identification that allows the proper developmental data and distribution ranges to be applied to an investigation. If the species determination is incorrect, or otherwise in error, then the estimated postmortem interval is invalid (Byrd and Castner, 2000).

This study was designed to identify the insects' species of forensic importance in Urmia, West Azerbaijan Province, Iran (37°, 33' N. and 45°, 4', 45" E.). In other words, the main objective was the establishment of a preliminary data-base for forensic entomology purposes in Iran for the first time.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A combinations of various body viscera and tissues of some of vertebrates (sheep, cow, fish and hen), such as head, paunch,

spleen, intestine, derma and liver, were exposed in an open land on the private possession in the city of Urmia (West Azerbaijan Province, Iran), for 53 days during the time period between July 14th and September 4th, 2008.

The animals' tissues and viscera were contained in an open plastic container, exposed directly to sunlight and placed under a wooden cage for attracting arthropoda specimens. The animals' viscera were sampled daily. Ambient daily temperature (maximum, minimum) and relative humidity were recorded using a max/ min thermometer and a sling- type psychrometer, respectively. Representative specimens were collected at each visit in the afternoons (at 6 o'clock, approximately). Adult Diptera (with the exception of *Psychoda sp.* that was collected using a vial type aspirator) and *Vespa germanica* were collected by using a hand insect net. The collected material was fixed in 75% alcohol in the case of the existence of immature specimens. Some of these immature specimens were used in conjunction with the living samples to help the identification of species. Adult were killed with ethyl acetate and then mounted on entomological pins. Existing keys were used for the identification of different species:

For Diptera: Peterson, 1951; Snyder, 1957; Oldroyd, 1964; Zumpt, 1965; Bei-Bienko, 1970; Oldroyd, 1970; Denno and Cothran, 1975; Brindle and Smith, 1978; Chinery, 1984; Skidmore, 1985; Soos and Papp, 1986; Colles and McAlpine, 1991; Borror et al., 1992; Carvalho et al., 1993a, b; Crosskey and Lane, 1993; Pape, 1996; Rognes, 1997; and Wang et al., 2006.

For Coleoptera: Hatch, 1927, 1957; Peterson, 1951; Dillon and Dillon, 1961; Arnett, 1968; Crowson, 1968; Hradstrom, 1977; Lawrence, 1982; Papp, 1983; White, 1983; and Borror et al., 1992.

For Hymenoptera: Brown, 1955; Hölldobler and Wilson, 1990; Radchenko, 1997; Ardeh, 1994; Bolton, 1994; and Bolton et al., 2006.

For Blattaria: Rehn, 1951; Thorne and Carpenter, 1992; and Grandcolas, 1997.

For Dermaptera: Popham, 1985; Bharadwaj and Kapoor, 1970; Brown, 1982; Steinmann, 1988, 1989; Nickle and Sakai, 1990; and Rentz and Kevan, 1991.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

During the period of study, the amount of rainfall was none, as shown in Table 1. Daily mean temperature range was 21 - 26.5°C (average of mean temperatures or average total temperature was 23.77°C); minimum temperature range was 12-20°C (average was approximately 16°C); and maximum temperature range was 25 - 36°C (average was approximately 31.5°C) in this period. Moreover, as shown in Table 1, daily mean relative humidity range was 39 - 56.5% (average of mean RH or average total RH was 46.41%); minimum RH range was 16 - 37% (average was 24.71%); and maximum RH range was 57 - 79% (average was 68.13%) in this period.

Temperature is one of the most critical factors for the insects. Most insects are "poikilothermic" with body temperature more or less directly varying with environmental temperature; thus, heat is the driving force for the rate of growth and development when food is unlimited (such as in this study). Physiological time is the cumulative

Table 1. Stages of decomposition, daily temperature (maximum, minimum, average), and relative humidity (maximum, minimum, average) during the period of study.

| Day | Stage of decomposition | Tmin (°c) | Tmax (°c) | Tmean (°c) | RH min (%) | RH max (%) | RH mean (%) |
|-------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | Fresh | 18 | 30 | 24.0 | 25 | 74 | 48.5 |
| 2 | Fresh | 14 | 30 | 22.0 | 21 | 72 | 46.5 |
| 3 | Bloated/ fermentation | 16 | 31 | 23.5 | 25 | 71 | 48.0 |
| 4 | Bloated/ fermentation | 13 | 31 | 22.0 | 29 | 79 | 54.0 |
| 5 | Bloated/ fermentation | 16 | 33 | 24.5 | 22 | 68 | 45.0 |
| 6 | Bloated/ fermentation | 15 | 32 | 23.5 | 26 | 66 | 46.0 |
| 7 | Bloated/ fermentation | 16 | 34 | 25.0 | 25 | 63 | 44.0 |
| 8 | Bloated/ fermentation | 17 | 33 | 25.0 | 29 | 65 | 47.0 |
| 9 | Bloated/ fermentation | 20 | 33 | 26.5 | 24 | 62 | 43.0 |
| 10 | Bloated/ fermentation | 17 | 32 | 24.5 | 23 | 69 | 46.0 |
| 11 | Bloated/ fermentation | 17 | 32 | 24.5 | 26 | 66 | 46.0 |
| 12 | Bloated/ fermentation | 18 | 33 | 25.5 | 23 | 73 | 48.0 |
| 13 | Bloated/ fermentation | 18 | 34 | 26.0 | 22 | 67 | 44.5 |
| 14 | Bloated/ fermentation | 17 | 35 | 26.0 | 18 | 69 | 43.5 |
| 15 | Bloated/ fermentation | 16 | 35 | 25.5 | 18 | 64 | 41.0 |
| 16 | Bloated/ fermentation | 18 | 35 | 26.5 | 22 | 63 | 42.5 |
| 17 | Bloated/ fermentation | 17 | 36 | 26.5 | 16 | 71 | 43.5 |
| 18 | Bloated/ fermentation | 19 | 32 | 25.5 | 18 | 64 | 41.0 |
| 19 | Bloated/ fermentation | 18 | 32 | 25.0 | 24 | 72 | 48.0 |
| 20 | Decay/ putrefaction | 18 | 35 | 26.5 | 21 | 68 | 44.5 |
| 21 | Decay/ putrefaction | 18 | 32 | 25.0 | 24 | 62 | 43.0 |
| 22 | Decay/ putrefaction | 17 | 32 | 24.5 | 28 | 71 | 49.5 |
| 23 | Decay/ putrefaction | 17 | 36 | 26.5 | 21 | 69 | 45.0 |
| 24 | Decay/ putrefaction | 18 | 35 | 26.5 | 25 | 57 | 41.0 |
| 25 | Decay/ putrefaction | 15 | 31 | 23.0 | 26 | 69 | 47.5 |
| 26 | Decay/ putrefaction | 17 | 30 | 23.5 | 29 | 73 | 51.0 |
| 27 | Decay/ putrefaction | 17 | 25 | 21.0 | 36 | 72 | 54.0 |
| 28 | Decay/ putrefaction | 17 | 26 | 21.5 | 37 | 76 | 56.5 |
| 29 | Decay/ putrefaction | 15 | 31 | 23.0 | 34 | 78 | 56.0 |
| 30 | Decay/ putrefaction | 18 | 31 | 24.5 | 29 | 69 | 49.0 |
| 31 | Decay/ putrefaction | 18 | 30 | 24.0 | 27 | 69 | 48.0 |
| 32 | Decay/ putrefaction | 14 | 29 | 21.5 | 24 | 78 | 51.0 |
| 33 | Decay/ putrefaction | 15 | 29 | 22.0 | 26 | 61 | 43.5 |
| 34 | Postdecay | 16 | 31 | 23.5 | 24 | 68 | 46.0 |
| 35 | Postdecay | 16 | 31 | 23.5 | 23 | 66 | 44.5 |
| 36 | Postdecay | 17 | 33 | 25.0 | 24 | 61 | 42.5 |
| 37 | Postdecay | 16 | 32 | 24.0 | 25 | 63 | 44.0 |
| 38 | Postdecay | 17 | 31 | 24.0 | 21 | 63 | 42.0 |
| 39 | Postdecay | 15 | 31 | 23.0 | 27 | 65 | 46.0 |
| 40 | Postdecay | 15 | 31 | 23.0 | 25 | 62 | 43.5 |
| 41 | Postdecay | 16 | 29 | 22.5 | 24 | 65 | 44.5 |
| 42 | Postdecay | 16 | 29 | 22.5 | 19 | 63 | 41.0 |
| 43 | Postdecay | 14 | 30 | 22.0 | 28 | 73 | 50.5 |
| 44 | Postdecay | 13 | 30 | 21.5 | 27 | 79 | 53.0 |
| 45 | Postdecay | 14 | 31 | 22.5 | 22 | 73 | 47.5 |
| 46 | Postdecay | 14 | 30 | 22.0 | 29 | 71 | 50.0 |
| 47 | Postdecay | 14 | 30 | 22.0 | 28 | 71 | 49.5 |
| 48 | Skeletal | 15 | 31 | 23.0 | 26 | 63 | 44.5 |
| 49 | Skeletal | 12 | 34 | 23.0 | 17 | 61 | 39.0 |
| 50 | Skeletal | 12 | 31 | 22.5 | 22 | 65 | 43.5 |
| 51 | Skeletal | 13 | 29 | 21.0 | 28 | 69 | 48.5 |
| 52 | Skeletal | 14 | 31 | 22.5 | 23 | 72 | 47.5 |
| 53 | Skeletal | 14 | 32 | 23.0 | 25 | 68 | 46.5 |
| Mean | | 15.98 | 31.54 | 23.77 | 24.71 | 68.13 | 46.41 |
| S. D. | | 1.83 | 2.23 | 1.61 | 4.23 | 5.12 | 3.91 |

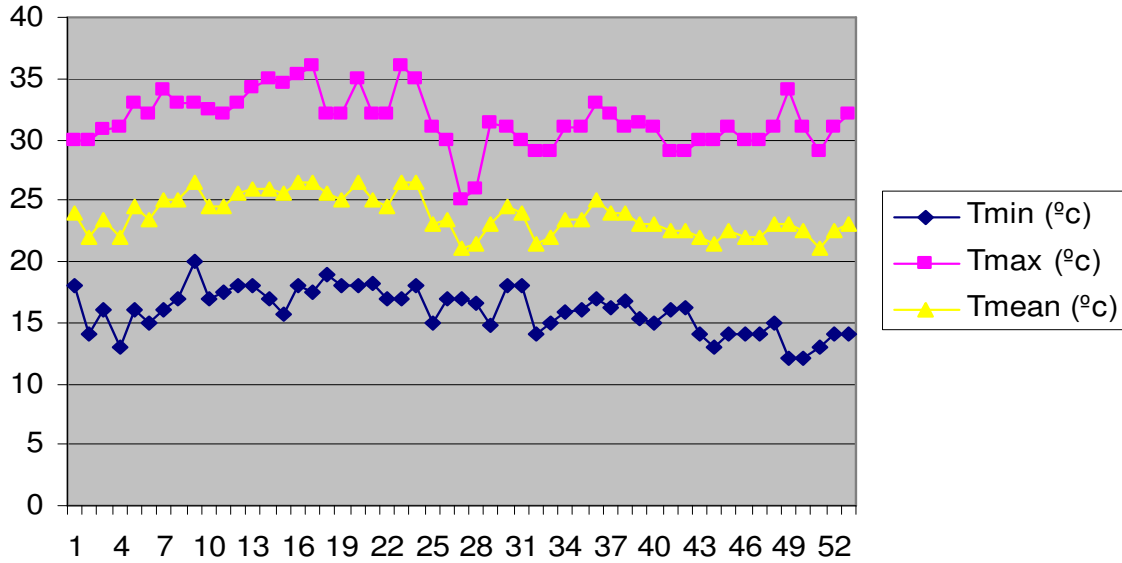


Figure 2. Curve of variation of environment temperature (above) and relative humidity (below).

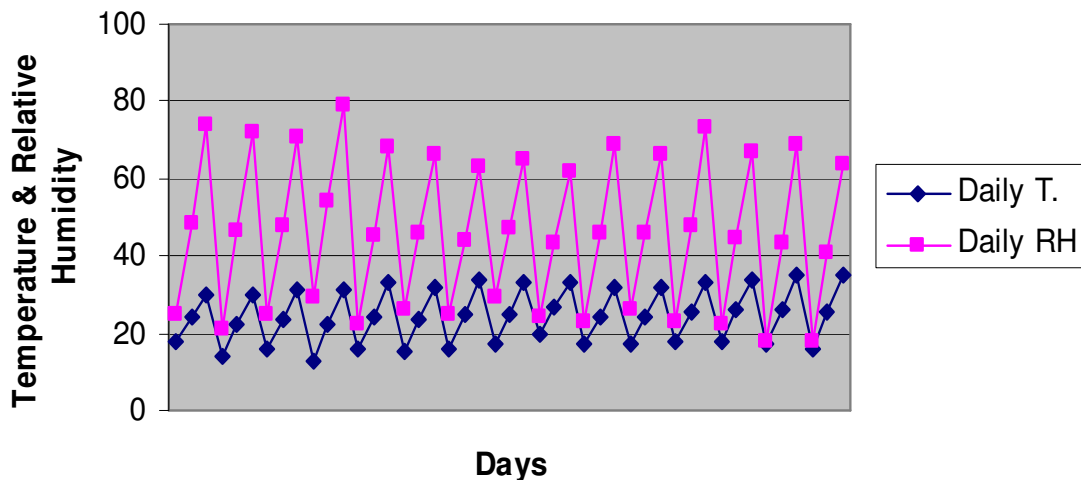


Figure 3. Daily rhythm of temperature and relative humidity of Urmia for the first 15 days of study.

product of the total development time (in hours or days) multiplied by the temperature (in degrees) above the developmental (or growth) threshold or the temperature below at which no development occurs. Daily minimum temperatures during the study period showed little variation average (1.83°C), remaining around 16°C, as shown in Figure 2, for most of the study.

During the 24-hour cycle of day and night, there is a “daily rhythm of temperature and humidity” characteristic of each area (Ross et al., 1982). Daily rhythm of temperature and humidity of Urmia for the first 15 days of study can be seen in Figure 3. Activities of most insects are very definitely related to this rhythm (Ross et al., 1982). For instance, Greenberg (1991) and Catts and Goff (1992) discussed the age determination of maggots

by temperature for the estimation of postmortem intervals in forensic entomology.

Five stages of decomposition, as defined by Goff (1993), were recognized during this study: Fresh (Figure 4a.) in days 1 and 2; bloated (Figure 4b.) in days 3 to 19; decay or active decomposition (Figures 4c and 4f) in days 20 to 33; post decay or advanced decomposition (Figure 4d) in days 34 to 47; and skeletal or dry remains (Figure 4e) in days 48+.

A total of 3179 individuals, belonging to 5 orders, 11 families, 16 genera and 18 species, were collected, as shown in Table 2, over a period of 53 days (Diptera, Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, Dermaptera and Blattaria).

There existed 5 collected adult families of Diptera. Adults in the families, Calliphoridae, Sarcophagidae and



a



b



c



d



e



f

Figure 4. Stages of decomposition of head and various viscera and tissues of some of vertebrates in stage of; fresh (a); bloated/fermentation (b); decay/ putrefaction (c); postdecay (d); and skeletal (e); decomposition of fish in decay stage (f).

Table 2. Adult and immature insects' species collected on daily basis in different stages of the decomposition.

| Species | Order/ family | Days of capture -dev. stage |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <i>Psychoda</i> sp | Dip. Psychodidae | 23- adult |
| <i>Calliphora vicina</i> | Dip. Calliphoridae | 1 to 16 - adult |
| <i>Calliphora vomitoria</i> | Dip. Calliphoridae | 3 - adult |
| <i>Lucilia sericata</i> | Dip. Calliphoridae | 2,4,5 - adult |
| <i>Chrysomya albiceps</i> | Dip. Calliphoridae | 2- adult |
| <i>Musca domestica</i> | Dip. Muscidae | 1 to 32 - adult & 5 to 19 - larva & 11 - 23 pupa |
| <i>Muscina stabulans</i> | Dip. Muscidae | 2 - adult |
| <i>Fannia canicularis</i> | Dip. Fannidae | 2 - adult |
| <i>Sarcophaga haemorrhoidalis</i> | Dip. Sarcophagidae | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7,13, 20, 21, 22, 23 - adult & 19 to 42 larva and 31 to 53 pupa |
| <i>Sarcophaga</i> sp. | Dip. Sarcophagidae | 3 - adult |
| <i>Wohlfartia magnifica</i> | Dip. Sarcophagidae | 1 - adult |
| <i>Dermestes maculates</i> | Col. Dermestidae | 8, 15,16, 21, 26 to 53 adult & 28 to 53 larva |
| <i>Necrophorus</i> sp. | Col.Silphidae | 34, 35, 39- adult |
| <i>Vespula germanica</i> | Hym.Vespidae | 1- adult |
| <i>Messor caducus</i> | Hym. Formicidae | 2 to 53- adult |
| <i>Cataglyphis</i> sp. | Hym. Formicidae | 1, 2,3,6,7, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32-adult |
| <i>Blatta orientalis</i> | Blattaria . Blattidae | 48- nymph |
| <i>Forficula auricularia</i> | Dermap.Forficulidae | 16 |

Muscidae, were the initial colonizers of the body viscera and tissues of animals shortly after the exposure of them.

This pattern is somewhat different from the observations in other decomposition studies (Carvalho et al., 2004); where adult Sarcophagidae species were attracted to the pig carcass on days 4+. Adult Muscidae species were attracted early to the pig carcass in that same study.

There were 4 species of insects recorded, from the viscera of animals in this study, as immatures: *Sarcophaga haemorrhoidalis*, *Musca domestica*, *Dermestes maculates* and *Blatta orientalis*.

Conclusion

The species of *Psychoda* sp, (Dip. Psychodidae), *Messor caducus*, *Cataglyphis* sp. (Hym. Formicidae) and *Forficula auricularia* (Dermaptera. Forficulidae) were seldomly reported in the previous research while they were heavily attracted to tissues of animals in these studies. No Lepidoptera specimens were collected in this study; perhaps, because the viscera of animals used for attracting insects in traps, did not contain wool, hair, or feather.

Species of *Psychoda* sp, (Dip. Psychodidae), *Calliphora vicina* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Calliphora vomitoria* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Lucilia sericata* (Dip. Calliphoridae), *Chrysoma* sp. (Dip.Calliphoridae), *Musca domestica* (Dip. Muscidae), *Muscina stabulans* (Dip. Muscidae), *Fannia canicularis* (Dip. Fannidae), *Sarcophaga haemorrhoidalis* (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Sarcophaga* sp. (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Wohlfartia magnifica* (Dip. Sarcophagidae), *Dermestes maculates* (Col. Dermestidae), *Necrophorus* sp. (Col.Silphidae), *Blatta orientalis* (Blattaria . Blattidae),

Vespula germanica (Hym.Vespidae), *M. caducus* (Hym. Formicidae), *Cataglyphis* sp. (Hym. Formicidae), *Forficula auricularia* (Dermaptera. Forficulidae), and *Acarus siro* (O. Astigmata,F. Acarida) were encountered on the carcasses of chicken, sheep, cow and fish.

The species of *Psychoda* sp, (Dip. Psychodidae), *M. caducus* (Hym. Formicidae), *Cataglyphis* sp and *F. auricularia* (Dermaptera. Forficulidae), among them, were not encountered in the previous researches. The variation of the species identified on the pig (Table 3) is remarkable when compared with the species coming to the human cadaver.The identification of the different species belonging to the same genus in Gill's study (2005) revealed the significance of identification from the genus level to the species level. The species on the human corpse identified by Gomes and Zuben (2006) frequently belong to the families of Diptera and Coleoptera (Table 4). Diptera and Coleoptera families are respectively followed by Lepidoptera and Hymenoptera families. This condition does not change for the insects coming to the corpse of the pig. Insects groups that are observed on the corpses in aquatic environments mainly belong to the orders of Ephemeroptera, Coleoptera, Hemiptera and Odonata. The species of Diptera and Coleoptera (Table 5), however, are densely observed on the corpses of chicken, sheep and cow (Vance et al., 2005).

The great similarity between the insects coming to the pig and other animals carcasses and the insects coming to the human corpses display the significance of using animal carcasses in forensic entomology investigations. The compability of the experimental results obtained from the animal carcasses and the results belonging to the

Table 3. Insect species observed on the pig corpse according to Gill (2005).

| Class Arachnida | <i>Nicrophorus hybridus</i> | <i>Bolboceras falli</i> (Wallis) | Fam:Therevidae |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Order:Araneae | <i>Nicrophorus obscurus</i> Kirby | <i>Geotrupes semiopacus</i> Jekel | Fam:Empididae |
| Order:Opiliones | <i>Nicrophorus orbicollis</i> Say | Fam:Trogidae | Fam:Dolichopodidae |
| Order:Acarina | <i>Nicrophorus pustulatus</i> | Tro unistriatus Beauvois | Fam:Syrphidae |
| Order:Pseudoscorpiones | <i>Nicrophorus sayi</i> Laporte | Fam:Elateridae | Section Acalypratae |
| Class Diplopoda | <i>Nicrophorus tomentosus</i> | Fam:Dermestidae | Fam:Micropezidae |
| Class Chilopoda | <i>Oiceoptoma noveboracensis</i> | <i>Dermestes ater</i> DeGeer | Fam:Otitidae |
| Class Heapoda | <i>Thanatophilus lapponica</i> | <i>Dermestes fasciatus</i> | <i>Physiphora</i> spp. |
| Order:Orthoptera | Fam:Staphylinidae | <i>Dermestes frischii</i> | Fam:Piophilidae |
| Order:Hemiptera | <i>Creophilus maillosus</i> | <i>Dermestes lardarius</i> | <i>Boreopiophila tormentosa</i> |
| Order:Homoptera | <i>Ontholestes cingulatus</i> | <i>Dermestes signatus</i> | <i>Prochyliza anthostoma</i> |
| Order:Neuroptera | <i>Philonthus cyanipennis</i> | Fam:Cleridae | <i>Stearibia nigriceps</i> (Meigen) |
| Order:Coleoptera | <i>Staphylinus badipes</i> LaConte | <i>Necrobia rufipes</i> (DeGeer) † | Fam:Sciomyzidae |
| Suborder Adephaga | Fam:Hydrophilidae | <i>Necrobia violacea</i> | Fam:Sepsidae |
| Fam:Carabidae | Cercyon spp. | Fam:Nitidulidae | Fam:Lauaniidae |
| <i>Agonum</i> spp. | Sphaeridium spp. | <i>Glischrochilus quadrisignatus</i> | Fam:Heleomyzidae |
| <i>Agonum cupreum</i> Dejean | Fam:Histeridae | <i>Nitidula bipunctata</i> | Fam:Sphaeroceridae |
| <i>Agonum placidum</i> (Say) | <i>Acritus nigricornis</i> (Hoffman)† | <i>Nitidula nigra</i> Schaeffer | <i>Coproica</i> spp. |
| <i>Agonum retractum</i> LeConte | <i>Atholus americanus</i> (Paykull) | <i>Nitidula ziczac</i> Say | <i>Ischiolepta</i> spp. |
| <i>Amara obesa</i> (Say) | <i>Atholus falli</i> Bickhardt | Fam:Rhizophagidae | <i>Leptocera</i> spp. |
| <i>Anisodactylus verticalis</i> | <i>Carcinops pumilio</i> (Erichson) | Fam:Cucujidae | <i>Sphaerocera curvipes</i> |
| <i>Bembidion</i> spp. | <i>Euspilotus assimilis</i> (Paykull) | Fam:Cryptophagidae | Fam:Drosophilidae |
| <i>Bembidion canadianum</i> | <i>Geomysaprinus</i> | Fam:Phalacridae | Fam:Chloropidae |
| <i>Bembidion quadrimaculatum</i> | <i>cheyennensis</i> (Casey) | Fam:Coccinellidae | Section Calypratae |
| <i>Chlaenius</i> spp. | <i>Hister abbreviatus</i> Fabricius | Fam:Lathridiidae | Fam:Scathophagidae |
| <i>Dicaelus sculptilis</i> Say | <i>Hister furtivus</i> | Fam:Mycetophagidae | Fam:Anthomyiidae |
| <i>Diplocheila striatopunctatus</i> | <i>Margarinotus brunneus</i> | Fam:Tenebrionidae | Fam:Muscidae |
| <i>Harpalus</i> spp. | <i>Margarinotus harrisii</i> (Kirby) | Fam:Meloidae | <i>Fannia</i> sp. |
| <i>Harpalus pensylvanicus</i> | <i>Margarinotus hudsonicus</i> | Fam:Anthicidae | <i>Musca domestica</i> Linnaeus |
| <i>Oypselaphus pusillus</i> | <i>Margarinotus immunis</i> | Fam:Chrysomelidae | <i>Muscina</i> sp. |
| <i>Platynus decentis</i> (Say) | <i>Margarinotus lecontei</i> Wenzel | Fam:Curculionidae | <i>Stomoxys calcitrans</i> |
| <i>Poecilus lucublanda</i> (Say) | <i>Saprinus</i> sp. | Takım:Mecoptera | Fam:Calliphoridae |
| <i>Pterostichus</i> spp. | <i>Saprinus lugens</i> Erichson | Takım:Diptera | <i>Calliphora terraenovae</i> |
| <i>Pterostichus melanarius</i> | <i>Saprinus oregonensis</i> | Suborder Nematocera | <i>Calliphora vicina</i> Robineau- |
| <i>Pterostichus pensylvanicus</i> | Fam:Eucinetidae | Fam:Bibionidae | <i>Calliphora vomitoria</i> |
| <i>Syntomus americanus</i> | Fam:Lucanidae | Fam:Mycetophilidae | <i>Cynomya cadaverina</i> |
| <i>Synuchus impunctatus</i> (Say) | Fam:Scarabaeidae | Fam:Cecidomyiidae | <i>Lucilia illustris</i> (Meigen) |
| Suborder Polyphaga | <i>Aphodius</i> spp. | Fam:Sciaridae | <i>Phaenicia sericata</i> |
| Fam:Ptiliidae | <i>Dichelony</i> spp. | Fam:Scatopsidae | <i>Phormia regina</i> (Meigen) |
| Fam:Leiodidae | <i>Onthophagus</i> spp. | Fam:Culicidae | <i>Protophormia terraenovae</i> |
| Fam:Silphidae | <i>Onthophagus hecate</i> | Fam:Ceratopogonidae | Fam:Sarcophagidae |
| <i>Heterosilpha ramosa</i> (Say) | <i>Onthophagus nuchicornis</i> | Fam:Chironomidae | Takım:Lepidoptera |
| <i>Necrodes surinamensis</i> | Fam:Geotrupidae | Suborder Brachycera | Takım:Hymenoptera |
| <i>Necrophila americana</i> | Fam:Vespidae | Fam:Rhagionidae | Fam:Eulophidae |
| <i>Nicrophorus defodiens</i> | | Fam:Stratiomyidae | Fam:Formicidae |
| Sphecidae | | <i>Dolichovespula</i> sp. | <i>Vespula</i> spp. |

insects coming to the human corpses would pave the way of using animal carcasses in forensic entomology investigations. Therefore, the implementation of experimental studies commonly existing in both animal and

human corpses would contribute to the science of forensic entomology. In this regard, the identification of the species coming to the human and animal corpses is considered to be significant in this study.

Table 4. Insects groups that are identified on the human corpse according to Gomes ve Zuben (2006).

| Order | Family | Genus |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| Coleoptera | Cleridae | <i>Necrobia</i> |
| | Dermestidae | <i>Dermestes</i> |
| | Geotrupidae | <i>Geotrupes</i> |
| | Histeridae | <i>Hister</i> |
| | Silphidae | <i>Necrodes, Silpha</i> |
| | Staphilinidae | <i>Aleochara</i> |
| Diptera | Calliphoridae | <i>Calliphora, Chrysomya, Cochliomyia, Lucilia</i> |
| | Drosophilidae | <i>Drosophila</i> |
| | Fanniidae | <i>Fannia</i> |
| | Muscidae | <i>Musca, Ophyra, Muscina</i> |
| | Phoridae | <i>Conicera, Megaselia</i> |
| | Piophilidae | <i>Piophila</i> |
| | Sarcophagidae | <i>Liopygia, Sarcophaga</i> |
| | Stratiomyidae | <i>Hermetia</i> |
| Lepidoptera | Tineidae | <i>Tineola</i> |
| Hymenoptera | Ichneumonidae | <i>Alysia</i> |
| | Pteromalidae | <i>Nasonia, Muscidifurax</i> |

Table 5. Aquatic insects that comes to corpses of pig in aquatic environment according to Vance et al. (2005).

| Order | Sub-Order | Family | Genus | Specie |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Ephemeroptera | Schistonota | Baetidae | <i>Baetis</i> | <i>propinguus (Walsh)</i> |
| Ephemeroptera | Schistonota | Baetidae | <i>Baetis</i> | <i>intercalaris</i> |
| Ephemeroptera" | Schistonota | Baetidae | <i>Baetis</i> | <i>flavisiriga</i> |
| Ephemeroptera | Schistonota | Oligoneuriidae | <i>Isonychia</i> | sp. |
| Ephemeroptera" | Schistonota | Heptageniidae | <i>Heptagenia</i> | <i>diabasia Burks</i> |
| Ephemeroptera | Schistonota | Heptageniidae | <i>Heptagenia</i> | <i>flavescens (Walsh)</i> |
| Ephemeroptera" | Pannota | Caenidae | <i>Caenis</i> | <i>latipennis Banks</i> |
| Ephemeroptera | Pannota | Caenidae | <i>Caenis</i> | sp. |
| Odonata | Zygoptera | Calopterygidae | <i>Calopteryx</i> | sp. |
| Odonata" | Zygoptera | Coenagrionidae | <i>Zoniagrion</i> | sp. |
| Odonata | Zygoptera | Coenagrionidae | <i>Argia</i> | sp. |
| Hemiptera | Nepomorpha | Pleidae | <i>Neoplea</i> | sp. |
| Hemiptera | Nepomorpha | Corixidae | <i>Palmacorixa</i> | sp. |
| Hemiptera | Nepomorpha | Corixidae | <i>Pehodytes</i> | sp. |
| Coleoptera | Polyphaga | Chrysomelidae | | |
| Coleoptera | Adephaga | Dytiscidae | | |
| Coleoptera | Adephaga | Dytiscidae | | |
| Coleoptera | Adephaga | Dytiscidae | | |
| Coleoptera | Adephaga | Hallplidae | | |
| Diptera" | Nematocera | Chironomidae | | |

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