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# Comparative Study of Different Species of Tulsi for Lanvicidal Activity

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**Abstract:** *Basil is a fragrant, small tree or shrub native to warm and temperate regions of the world. The larvicidal activity of essential and different oils of B. santo, B. basilicum, and B. fragrans was compared on laboratory-collected and field-collected Culex quinquefasciatus larvae. Thin layer chromatography analysis showed that all three strains were similar; the results indicated the presence of steroids and triterpenoids. Larvicidal activity is determined by the 24-hour LD50 against third in star or early fourth instar larvae. Comparison of LD50 values showed that O. basilicum was the more effective of the two species. His LD50 value. Basilicum and O. sainttum oil were determined to be 39.31 and 40.02, respectively, in larvae reared in the laboratory, and 129.53 and 139.49, respectively, in larvae collected in the field. Laboratory-reared larvae are more sensitive than field-collected larvae.*

**Keywords:** Basil quinquefasciatus Larvised LD50 value

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