

ESR was estimated as per the method described by Jain (1986). Blood indices viz., mean corpuscular haemoglobin (MCH), mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration (MCHC) and mean corpuscular volume (MCV) were calculated according to the formula described by Swenson and Reece (1996). Blood smears prepared from fresh blood after fixing with ethanol, were stained with haematoxylin-eosin (H & E) stain. Differential leukocytes counts were performed using H & E stained blood smears (Jain, 1986).

The animals under the study were thoroughly inspected in their enclosure and after restraining in the squeeze cage they were clinically examined. All the examined animals were found with normal gait-posture, healthy lustrous skin coat and without any apparent clinical abnormalities hence considered as healthy animals.

Mean and standard error (SE) were derived for all parameters and were subjected to comparison between sex using standard statistical formula as described by Snedecor and Cochran (1967).

The mean haematological parameters are presented in Table 1. The data obtained through this study might be used as a guideline for the interpretation of the values obtained from the analysis of the blood collected from sick animal of the species.

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FIRST HOST RECORD OF *EURYTOMA RANJITHI* NARENDRAN, 1994

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The Podfly *Melanagromyza obtusa* Malloch, an important pest of Pigeonpea is very difficult to study and control as most of its life stages are completed and concealed inside the pod. In order to assess the potential parasitoids, a study to determine the occurrence of natural enemies was conducted in the agroclimatic conditions of Kanpur. Three parasitoids were recorded infesting podfly and up to 25% of the podfly in Pigeonpea were found to be parasitised. These parasitoids were identified as *Euderus agromyzae* Gangrade (Eulophidae), *Ormyrus orientalis* Walker (Ormyridae) and *Eurytoma ranjithi* Narendran, 1994 (Eurytomidae: Hymenoptera). *Eurytoma ranjithi* Narendran was not recorded earlier on any host. In this study, it was found parasitizing Podfly *Melanagromyza obtusa* Malloch. *Eurytoma* species was earlier reported parasitizing *M. obtusa* by Singh (1982) and Sithanatham *et al.* (1983). *Eurytoma robusta* Mayr group was also recorded from the same host by Sithanatham *et al.* (1987). *Eurytoma ranjithi* parasitizing *Melanagromyza obtusa* Malloch is a first record.

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