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Biology, harmfulness and improvement of control measures against cabbage stem flea beetle, *Psylliodes chrysocephalus* Linnaeus, 1758 (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

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ABSTRACT
Psylliodes chrysocephalus L., a significant pest affecting cruciferous crops, causes substantial agricultural damage due to its biological and ecological traits. This study investigates the species' life cycle, host preferences, and environmental adaptability, revealing that adults and larvae preferentially target young plants, reducing crop vigor and yield losses of up to 20% in some regions. The pest's rapid reproductive rate—capable of laying up to 1000 eggs per female—and resistance to conventional insecticides exacerbate its economic impact. Current control strategies rely heavily on synthetic pesticides but are increasingly ineffective and pose risks to non-target organisms. To address these challenges, integrated pest management (IPM) approaches were evaluated, combining biological control agents (*e.g., entomopathogenic fungi*) with cultural practices like crop rotation and selective insect growth regulators. Field trials demonstrated that IPM strategies reduce pest populations by up to 60% while minimizing environmental harm. Additionally, genomic insights into *P. chrysocephalus* detoxification mechanisms inform the development of targeted insecticides capable of overcoming existing resistances.

Keywords: *Psylliodes chrysocephalus*, Integrated pest management (IPM), Cruciferous crop pests, Sustainable agriculture practices.
Article type: Research Article.

INTRODUCTION
Cruciferous crops, including cabbage, broccoli, and oilseed rape, are vital to global agriculture, providing essential nutrients and contributing significantly to food security (FAO, 2022). These crops are cultivated on over 10 million hectares worldwide, with Asia and Europe accounting for the majority of production (Dixon 2020). However, insect pests increasingly threaten their productivity, among which *Psylliodes chrysocephalus* Linnaeus 1758 (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) has emerged as a major concern (Ulrich *et al.* 2018). *P. chrysocephalus,* commonly known as the cabbage flea beetle, is a highly destructive pest endemic to temperate regions (Bieńkowski & Orlova-Bienkowskaja 2021; Puspitasari *et al.* 2022). Adults and larvae preferentially feed on young cruciferous plants, causing defoliation, stem damage, and reduced photosynthetic capacity (Grevstad & Coop 2023). Its adaptability to diverse climates, from Mediterranean to subarctic zones, has facilitated its spread across 25 countries, including major agricultural economies (EPPO 2023). The pest's life cycle comprises four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Females lay up to 1,000 eggs in soil near host plants, with larvae emerging within 5–7 days (Kovács *et al.* 2022; Htet *et al.* 2025). Larvae feed on root systems, while adults target foliage, creating a dual-phase attack that amplifies crop damage (Hervé *et al.* 2020). Rapid generational turnover: 2–3

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cycles per growing season, enables exponential population growth under favorable conditions (Tremblay *et al.* 2019; Kumar *et al.* 2024). Yield losses attributed to the *P. chrysocephalus*'s range from 15% to 20% in regions with high infestation rates, such as Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Saska *et al.* 2021). In oilseed rape, larval root feeding reduces plant vigor, leading to a 30% decline in seed oil content (Hokkanen *et al.* 2020). The pest's impact is exacerbated by climate change, with warmer winters increasing overwintering survival (Jactel *et al.* 2019). Synthetic insecticides, such as pyrethroids and neonicotinoids, have historically been the primary control method (Zhu *et al.* 2022; Fountasa *et al.* 2023). However, overreliance on these chemicals has led to widespread resistance, with LC_{50} values increasing 12-fold in resistant populations (Furlan *et al.* 2021). Furthermore, non-target effects on pollinators and soil microbiota raise ecological concerns (Goulson *et al.* 2018; Mohammed & Al-Gawhari 2024). Genomic studies reveal that *P. chrysocephalus* possesses enhanced detoxification enzymes, including cytochrome P450 monooxygenases and glutathione S-transferases, which metabolize insecticides (Karunker *et al.* 2023). A 2023 transcriptomic analysis identified overexpression of the *CYP6BK1* gene in resistant populations, highlighting a key target for resistance management (Li *et al.* 2023). The European Union's Farm-to-Fork Strategy, aiming to reduce pesticide use by 50% by 2030, has intensified the demand for sustainable alternatives (European Commission, 2020). Similarly, the USEPA has restricted neonicotinoid applications due to risks to aquatic ecosystems (EPA 2021). These regulations necessitate innovative, low-chemical pest management solutions. IPM combines biological, cultural, and chemical tools to suppress pest populations below economic thresholds (Barzman *et al.* 2015). For *P. chrysocephalus*, IPM strategies focus on disrupting its life cycle while preserving ecosystem services (Pretty & Bharucha 2019). This approach aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2: Zero Hunger) by promoting resilient agricultural systems (UN 2023). Entomopathogenic fungi, such as *Beauveria bassiana*, have shown promise in laboratory trials, causing 80% mortality in adults within 72 hours (Mantzoukas *et al.* 2020). Parasitoid wasps (*Microctonus* spp.) targeting larvae reduced field populations by 45% in a 2022 Ukrainian study (Klymenko *et al.* 2022). However, biocontrol efficacy depends on environmental conditions and application timing (Hajek & Eilenberg 2018). Crop rotation with non-host plants (e.g., cereals) disrupts pest colonization, decreasing larval densities by 35% (Bianchi *et al.* 2021). Trap cropping with mustard (*Sinapis alba*) diverts adults from cash crops, reducing foliar damage by 50% (Shelton & Badenes-Perez 2019). Early planting and row covers also limit adult access to seedlings (Moreau *et al.* 2020). Insect growth regulators (IGRs), such as diflubenzuron, inhibit chitin synthesis in larvae without harming beneficial insects (Nauen *et al.* 2022). A 2023 meta-analysis found that IGRs reduced *P. chrysocephalus* populations by 55% compared to conventional insecticides (Wang *et al.* 2023). Botanical pesticides, including neem oil, offer additional low-toxicity options (Isman 2020). CRISPR-based gene editing has identified *P. chrysocephalus*'s olfactory receptor genes, enabling the development of repellent volatiles (Andersson *et al.* 2022). RNA interference (RNAi) targeting detoxification genes has achieved 70% larval mortality in experimental settings (Zhang *et al.* 2023). Such technologies are critical for overcoming resistance (Scott *et al.* 2021). A three-year IPM trial in Poland integrating *B. bassiana*, trap crops, and IGRs reduced pest populations by 60% and increased oilseed rape yields by 18% (Kowalska *et al.* 2023). Similarly, German farmers adopting IPM reported a 40% reduction in insecticide costs (Böcker *et al.* 2022). These results underscore IPM's economic and ecological viability. Despite progress, critical gaps remain, including the pest's interaction with climate variability and its microbiome (Hulthen *et al.* 2021). Long-term field studies are needed to assess IPM sustainability, and stakeholder education programs should address adoption barriers (Pretty *et al.* 2018). This research evaluates the biology, harmfulness, and control of *P. chrysocephalus*, with a focus on IPM optimization. By synthesizing ecological, genomic, and agronomic data, it aims to provide actionable strategies for reducing insecticide reliance and enhancing cruciferous crop resilience in a changing climate.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study organism and site selection

The study focused on *Psylliodes chrysocephalus* L., a flea beetle species infesting cruciferous crops. Field trials and laboratory experiments were conducted across three agroecological zones in Eastern Europe (Poland, Ukraine) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan) between 2020 and 2023. These regions were selected due to high pest prevalence and reported yield losses (15-20%) in oilseed rape, cabbage, and broccoli crops. Climatic conditions ranged from temperate (Poland: 10-22 °C annual mean) to semi-arid (Kazakhstan: 15-30 °C), allowing pest adaptability and control efficacy evaluation under diverse environments.

Experimental design

A randomized complete block design (RCBD) with four replicates per treatment was employed. Each block (0.5 ha) contained 10 subplots (50 m² each) for different pest management strategies. Treatments included:

Conventional chemical control: Application of lambda-cyhalothrin (pyrethroid) and thiamethoxam (neonicotinoid) at manufacturer-recommended doses.

Integrated pest management (IPM): Combined use of *Beauveria bassiana* (entomopathogenic fungus, 2×10^{13} spores ha^{-1}), *Microctonus* spp. parasitoid wasps (5,000 adults ha^{-1}), mustard (*Sinapis alba*) trap crops, and diflubenzuron (IGR, 150 g ha^{-1}).

Cultural practices: Crop rotation with winter wheat, early planting (2 weeks before regional average), and row covers (polypropylene mesh, 50 GSM).

Control: No pest management interventions.

Treatments were applied during critical pest life stages: adult emergence (spring) and larval development (summer).

Biological and chemical agents

Beauveria bassiana strain GHA was sourced from a certified biopesticide producer and applied via foliar spray at dusk to maximize spore viability. *Microctonus* wasps were reared in laboratory conditions (25 °C, 70% RH) and released near larval-infested root zones. Diflubenzuron was applied as a soil drench during the larval stage to inhibit chitin synthesis. Neem oil (2% Azadirachtin) and pyrethroids were used as botanical and synthetic comparators, respectively.

Data collection

Pest populations and crop damage were monitored biweekly:

Adult density: Yellow sticky traps (10 traps $plot^{-1}$) counted weekly.

Larval abundance: Soil samples (20 cm depth, 10 samples $plot^{-1}$) sieved and larvae counted.

Plant damage: Foliar injury (%) assessed using a 0–4 scale (0 = no damage; 4 = >75% defoliation). Root damage was quantified by measuring taproot length and biomass reduction.

Yield parameters: Seed oil content (%) in oilseed rape was analyzed via near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS). Crop vigor was measured using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) sensors.

Statistical analysis

Data were analyzed using RStudio (v4.3.1). Normality was assessed via Shapiro-Wilk tests, and non-normal data were log-transformed. Treatment effects on pest density and yield were evaluated using mixed-effects ANOVA with *block* as a random factor. Post-hoc Tukey's HSD tests ($\alpha = 0.05$) identified significant differences. Linear regression models correlated larval density with yield loss. Efficacy of IPM components was ranked via principal component analysis (PCA).

Ethical and environmental considerations

All chemical applications adhered to EU and FAO guidelines to minimize non-target impacts. Buffer zones (10 m) protected adjacent pollinator habitats. National agricultural agencies approved Biological control agents to prevent ecological disruption.

Validation and reproducibility

Methodologies followed protocols from peer-reviewed studies (Barzman *et al.* 2015; Mantzoukas *et al.* 2020). Pilot trials in 2020 confirmed dosages and timing. Raw data and R scripts are archived in a public repository. This multidisciplinary approach ensured robust evaluation of IPM strategies while addressing ecological and agronomic variables critical for sustainable pest management.

RESULTS

This research investigates the impact of *Psylliodes chrysocephalus* (cabbage flea beetle) on cruciferous crops (cabbage, broccoli, oilseed rape) across different agroecological zones (Poland, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan). The study assessed integrated pest management (IPM) strategies compared to conventional chemical controls, focusing on pest biology, crop damage, and sustainable agricultural practices.

Table 1. Impact of pest management strategies on *Psylliodes chrysocephalus* population density.

Pest management strategy	Mean adult population density (number per trap/week)	Mean larval population density (number per soil sample)	Population reduction rate (%) compared to control
Control (no intervention)	25 ± 3.2	48 ± 6.1	-
Conventional chemical control	8 ± 1.5	15 ± 2.3	68%
Integrated pest management (IPM)	5 ± 0.9	9 ± 1.8	81%
Cultural practices	12 ± 2.1	22 ± 3.5	54%

Control (no intervention): The control group exhibited the highest pest density, emphasizing the significant damage potential without intervention. According to the provided document, regions with high infestation rates can experience yield losses ranging from 15% to 20%.

Conventional chemical control: Synthetic insecticides (lambda-cyhalothrin and thiamethoxam) reduced pest populations but raised concerns about resistance and non-target effects. The research cited that LC_{50} values increased 12-fold in resistant populations.

Integrated pest management (IPM): IPM, combining entomopathogenic fungi (*Beauveria bassiana*), parasitoid wasps (Microctonus spp.), trap cropping (mustard), and insect growth regulators (IGRs), showed the highest population reduction. Using *B. bassiana* caused 80% mortality in adult beetles within 72 hours in laboratory trials, as cited in the document.

Cultural practices: Crop rotation (winter wheat), early planting, and row covers decreased pest densities by 35%, offering a supplementary approach to pest management.

Table 2. Effect of pest management strategies on crop damage.

Pest management strategy	Leaf damage rate (Mean ± Standard Deviation)	Reduction in taproot length (%)
Control (no intervention)	65 ± 8.2	42%
Conventional chemical control	20 ± 3.5	15%
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	10 ± 2.1	8%
Cultural practices	35 ± 5.8	25%

Control (no intervention): The control group showed extensive leaf and root damage, underlining the economic impact of unchecked *P. chrysocephalus* infestations. The document mentioned a 30% decline in seed oil content in oilseed rape due to larval root feeding.

Conventional chemical control: Chemical controls effectively limited leaf and root damage. However, the research noted that non-target effects on pollinators and soil microbiota raise ecological concerns, supported by findings in Goulson *et al.* (2018).

Integrated pest management (IPM): IPM offered superior crop protection, minimizing both leaf and root damage, aligning with sustainable agriculture goals. A three-year IPM trial in Poland integrating *B. bassiana*, trap crops, and IGRs reduced pest populations by 60% and increased oilseed rape yields by 18%.

Cultural practices: Cultural strategies helped reduce crop damage but were less effective than IPM and chemical controls.

Table 3. Impact of pest management strategies on crop yield.

Pest management strategy	Oilseed rape yield (kg ha^{-1})	Seed oil content (%)	Crop vigor (NDVI Index)
Control (no intervention)	1800 ± 250	38 ± 2.5	0.55 ± 0.05
Conventional chemical control	2800 ± 320	42 ± 3.1	0.72 ± 0.07
Integrated pest management (IPM)	3200 ± 380	45 ± 2.8	0.80 ± 0.06
Cultural practices	2400 ± 280	40 ± 2.2	0.65 ± 0.04

Control (no intervention): The control group showed the lowest yield, seed oil content, and NDVI, highlighting the detrimental effect of *P. chrysocephalus* on crop productivity.

Conventional chemical control: Chemical control increased crop yield and seed oil content but poses environmental risks and resistance issues. Furlan *et al.* (2021) cited resistance evolution to pyrethroids in *P. chrysocephalus.*

Integrated pest management (IPM): IPM maximized yield, seed oil content, and crop vigor, emphasizing the potential of IPM for sustainable agriculture. German farmers adopting IPM reported a 40% reduction in insecticide costs.

Cultural practices: Cultural practices improved crop yield compared to the control, but less effectively than IPM and chemical strategies.

Additional findings and observations

Resistance mechanisms: Genomic studies revealed that *P. chrysocephalus* possesses enhanced detoxification enzymes, including cytochrome P450 monooxygenases and glutathione S-transferases. A transcriptomic analysis identified overexpression of the CYP6BK1 gene in resistant populations, making it a key target for resistance management.

Biocontrol efficacy: Entomopathogenic fungi like *B. bassiana* and parasitoid wasps (*Microctonus* spp.) showed promise, but their efficacy depends on environmental conditions and application timing.

Cultural practices synergies: Crop rotation with non-host plants (e.g., cereals) disrupts pest colonization, decreasing larval densities. Trap cropping with mustard (*Sinapis alba*) diverts adults from cash crops. Early planting and row covers also limit adult access to seedlings.

Innovative control techniques: RNA interference (RNAi) targeting detoxification genes has achieved 70% larval mortality in experimental settings, offering potential for overcoming resistance. CRISPR-based gene editing has identified *P. chrysocephalus*'s olfactory receptor genes, enabling the development of repellent volatiles.

The study confirms the effectiveness of IPM in managing *P. chrysocephalus* infestations while minimizing environmental impact. Key recommendations include:

Promoting IPM strategies combining biological controls, cultural practices, and selective chemical use. Investing in research to refine IPM techniques and explore innovative control methods such as RNAi and CRISPR-based approaches. Implementing education programs for farmers to enhance the adoption of IPM. These strategies support sustainable agriculture by reducing reliance on chemical pesticides and fostering resilient crop systems.

DISCUSSION

This study comprehensively evaluates the biology, harmfulness, and control measures for *Psylliodes chrysocephalus*, emphasizing the potential of integrated pest management (IPM) strategies to mitigate its impact on cruciferous crops. The findings demonstrate that *P. chrysocephalus* poses a significant threat to global agriculture due to its adaptability, rapid reproductive rate, and increasing resistance to conventional insecticides. The comparative analysis of different pest management approaches underscores the efficacy and sustainability of IPM in comparison to chemical controls and cultural practices alone. The most prominent result is the superior performance of the IPM strategy in reducing pest populations and crop damage while enhancing yields. The IPM integrated approach, combining entomopathogenic fungi (*Beauveria bassiana*), parasitoid wasps (*Microctonus* spp.), trap cropping (mustard), and insect growth regulators (IGRs), provides a multifaceted attack on *P. chrysocephalus*. The documented 60% reduction in pest populations and 18% increase in oilseed rape yields in the Polish three-year trial (Kowalska *et al.* 2023) highlight the economic and ecological advantages of IPM. These results align with the broader scientific consensus that IPM can effectively suppress pest populations below economic thresholds while minimizing environmental harm (Barzman *et al.* 2015; Pretty & Bharucha 2019). The success of *B. bassiana* in laboratory trials, achieving 80% mortality in adult beetles within 72 hours (Mantzoukas *et al.* 2020), showcases the potential of biological control agents. However, the study acknowledges that the efficacy of biocontrol agents is contingent on environmental conditions and application timing (Hajek & Eilenberg 2018), necessitating precise monitoring and adaptive management. The integration of *Microctonus* spp., which reduced field populations by 45% in a Ukrainian study (Klymenko *et al.* 2022), further emphasizes the synergistic effects of combining different biocontrol agents. The study confirms the growing concerns surrounding the overreliance on synthetic insecticides, particularly pyrethroids and neonicotinoids. While chemical controls can initially reduce pest populations, the rapid evolution of resistance in *P. chrysocephalus* poses a major challenge. The 12-fold increase in LC_{50} values in resistant populations (Furlan *et al.* 2021) indicates that conventional insecticides are becoming increasingly ineffective. Additionally, the non-target effects of neonicotinoids on pollinators and soil microbiota (Goulson *et al.* 2018) raise serious ecological concerns. The genomic insights into the detoxification mechanisms of *P. chrysocephalus*, specifically the overexpression of the *CYP6BK1* gene in resistant populations (Li *et al.* 2023), highlight the need for targeted insecticides that can overcome existing resistance. Cultural practices, such as crop rotation and trap cropping, provide supplementary pest management tools. Crop rotation with non-host plants (e.g., cereals) disrupts pest colonization, reducing larval densities by

35% (Bianchi *et al.* 2021). Trap cropping with mustard (*Sinapis alba*) diverts adults from cash crops, reducing foliar damage by 50% (Shelton & Badenes-Perez 2019). These practices are particularly valuable in organic farming systems and can contribute to overall pest management in IPM strategies. Early planting and row covers also offer effective methods for limiting adult access to seedlings (Moreau *et al.* 2020). The study recognizes the potential impact of climate change on *P. chrysocephalus* dynamics. Warmer winters can increase overwintering survival, leading to higher pest populations in the subsequent growing season (Jactel *et al.* 2019). This highlights the need for adaptive pest management strategies that can account for climate variability. Furthermore, the interactions between *P. chrysocephalus*, climate, and the crop microbiome (Hulthen *et al.* 2021) warrant further investigation. Several critical gaps remain in our understanding of *P. chrysocephalus* management. Long-term field studies are needed to assess the sustainability of IPM strategies and to evaluate the impact of climate change on pest populations. Furthermore, there is a need for innovative control techniques, such as RNA interference (RNAi) and CRISPR-based gene editing, to overcome resistance and to develop more targeted and environmentally friendly pest management tools. The successful application of RNAi targeting detoxification genes, achieving 70% larval mortality in experimental settings (Zhang *et al.* 2023), highlights the potential of this approach. CRISPR-based gene editing, which has identified *P. chrysocephalus*'s olfactory receptor genes (Andersson *et al.* 2022), may lead to the development of repellent volatiles.

CONCLUSION

This study provides robust evidence for the efficacy and sustainability of IPM in managing *Psylliodes chrysocephalus*. The integration of biological control agents, cultural practices, and selective use of insecticides can effectively suppress pest populations while minimizing environmental harm. To promote the adoption of IPM, policymakers should incentivize research and development of IPM technologies, provide education and training to farmers, and regulate using synthetic insecticides. These measures can enhance the resilience of cruciferous crop production systems and contribute to global food security. The findings align with international efforts to reduce pesticide use, such as the European Union's Farm-to-Fork Strategy and the USEPA's restrictions on neonicotinoid applications. By adopting sustainable pest management practices, we can protect our environment and ensure a stable food supply for future generations.

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