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ELECTRONIC SYSTEM DESIGNED TO DISRUPT WITH MATING OF VINE CICADA, Psalmocharias alhageos (Hom.: Cicadidae)

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Vine cicada, *Psalmocharias alhageos* (Hom.: Cicadidae), is one of the most important pests of grapevine in Iran. Main damage of vine cicada is caused by long feeding of nymphs on vine roots and oviposition inside shoots. Vine cicadas communicate by sound signals. Therefore, sound signals can be used in controlling this pest. For example, sound traps which mimic the adult cicada sound are used to lure and kill the opposite sex. However, it is hard to mimic the exact sound signal produced by an insect. This problem makes sound traps less efficient. In this research, a new electronic system was designed and tested which disrupted in sound signal communication of adult cicadas. As female cicadas search for the sound signals produced by male cicadas, our system was producing a sound signal which had a frequency close to what is produced by male cicadas, disrupting on mating behavior of female cicadas. In this research, the number of shoots receiving eggs was counted in the area that the sound signals of the designed device were applied. The results showed that this system can disrupt in mating behavior of female cicadas resulting in oviposition reduction.

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