

Effect of Volatile and Non-Volatile Substances Produced by *Trichoderma viride* on Stem Blight Pathogen of Cowpea

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Stem blight of cowpea caused by *Macrophomina phaseolina* (Tassi) Goid. is a widespread and commonly occurring disease in Rajasthan. Several reports indicating the biocontrol potential of *Trichoderma* spp. are available. The ability of *Trichoderma viride* Pers:Fr in producing volatile and non-volatile substances against stem blight pathogen of cowpea was assessed *in-vitro* and is presented in this note.

T. viride used in this study was isolated from the soil of cowpea field on Elad and Chet medium. The ability of *T. viride* to produce volatile and non-volatile substances effective against the stem blight pathogen was assayed by the method of Dennis and Webster (1971) at 28°C. Observations on the effect of these substances on growth of *M. phaseolina* was recorded after 3, 5 and 7 days of incubation. There were five replications for each treatment. A check was maintained without *T. viride*.

T. viride produced non-volatile substances in agar culture which completely inhibited the growth of *M. phaseolina*. In control plates, pycnidia were clearly observed while in *T. viride*-

treated plates, no pycnidia were formed even after 7 days.

Volatile substances produced by *T. viride* also inhibited the growth of *M. phaseolina* completely. After 3 days, the original mycelial disc of *M. phaseolina*, which was kept in inverted plates above *T. viride*, failed to show any growth when transferred on fresh medium.

The production of volatile and non-volatile substances by *T. viride* which suppressed the growth of *M. phaseolina in vitro*, has been demonstrated by Dennis and Webster (1971). Our observations indicated that volatile and non-volatile substances inhibited pycnidial formation also.

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