

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Effect of fungicides, plant extracts and bioagents on inhibition of uredospore germination of *Puccinia arachidis* spg.

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## ABSTRACT

The present investigation was undertaken during the *Kharif* season of year 2010-11 at the farm of Plant Pathology Section, college of Agriculture, Nagpur for testing the effect by integrating fungicides, plant extract and bioagents against rust disease (*Puccinia arachidis* Speg.) of groundnut. The result of present investigation revealed that all the treatments significantly inhibit uredospore germination. Difenconazole shows maximum inhibition of uredospore germination of rust disease followed by Propiconazole and Hexaconazole. Regarding plant extract and bioagents, NSKE proved better than *Trichoderma harzianum* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens*. Similar results were found in yield parameter also.

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## INTRODUCTION

Groundnut is 13<sup>th</sup> most important food crop and 3<sup>rd</sup> most important source of vegetable protein of the world which is grown in more than 100 countries. Developing countries account for 96% of global groundnut area and 92% of global production. Asia accounts for 58% of the global groundnut area and 67% of the groundnut production with an annual growth rate of 1.28% for area, 2% for production and 0.71% for productivity (consultative group on International Agriculture Research, 2010). Groundnut seed contains high quality edible oil 40-54%, 25% digestible protein and 20% carbohydrates. Groundnut is a rich source of vitamin A, B, B<sub>2</sub>, and E, thus recognized as a poor man's nut.

Groundnut crop is mainly damaged by rust disease which is caused by *Puccinia arachidis* Speg. This causes yield losses up to 50% (Ghugre *et al.*, 1981).

Hence, an attempt was made to study the effect of fungicides, plant extract and bioagents on inhibition of uredospore

germination of *Puccinia arachidis* Speg. of groundnut and pod yield and test weight of groundnut seed at Plant Pathology Section, College of Agriculture, Nagpur during *Kharif* season of year 2010-11.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fungicides *viz.*, Propiconazole (Tilt) (25% EC), Hexaconazole (Gilcone) (5% EC), Penconazole (Topas) (10% EC), Difenconazole (Score) (25% EC) and Mancozeb (Indofil) (75% WP) and pure cultures of bioagents, *Trichoderma harzianum* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* were obtained from Plant Pathology Section, College of Agriculture, Nagpur. Powder of Neem Seed Kernel Extract (NSKE) was procured from Need Foundation, Nagpur.

## Preparation of fungicidal solution :

Propiconazole, Hexaconazole, Penconazole and Difenconazole are used at 0.1% solution. Mancozeb is used at 0.2%.

**Preparation of NSKE extract :**

500 gm powders of Need Seed Kernel Extract was mixed in 3 liters of water and 10 g adjuvant like soap and kept for overnight, filtered the solution by muslin cloth at morning and made volume of 10 liters that gave 5% concentration of NSKE solution for spraying.

**Preparation of bioagents :**

*Trichoderma harzianum* was multiplied on Potato Dextrose Broth and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* was multiplied on King's B Medium broth. Organisms were separated from culture filtrates through filtration and centrifugation. Thereafter, supernatant of individual organism was further diluted to get 0.5 per cent concentration in sterilized water (Nirmalkar and Lakpale, 2007).

**Inhibition of uredospore germination :**

Experiment was conducted by hanging drop method for recording germination and inhibition of uredospore of *Puccinia arachidis* Speg. by hanging drop method by using

cavity slide. Experiment was carried out in randomized block design with three replications.

One drop of fungicides, plant extracts and bioagents of desired concentration was put in a one drop of standard spore suspension separately in a cavity slide. It was incubated at 20±1°C temperature in BOD incubator. Observations were recorded for germination after 24 hours of incubation. Inhibition of uredospore germination was calculated by following formula :

$$\text{Per cent inhibition of uredospore germination} = \frac{C - T}{C}$$

where,

C = Per cent germination in control

T = Per cent germination in treatment

All standard and recommended packages of practices were followed for *in vivo* experiment and observations were recorded for dry pod yield and test weight of groundnut.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Results from Table 1 and Fig. 1 revealed that all the

| Treatments  | Total spore observed | No. of spore germinated | Percentage of germination | Percentage inhibition of uredospore germination over control |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| T <sub>1</sub> Propiconazole 25% EC @ 0.1%            | 38                   | 01                      | 3.57                      | 95.2 (79.81)   |
| T <sub>2</sub> Hexaconazole 5 % EC @.01%              | 57                   | 04                      | 6.92                      | 90.74 (72.23)  |
| T <sub>3</sub> Penconazole 10 % EC @ 0.1%             | 44                   | 05                      | 11.20                     | 84.59 (66.90)  |
| T <sub>4</sub> Difenconazole 25 % EC @0.1%            | 46                   | 00                      | 00                        | 100 (90.00)  |
| T <sub>5</sub> Mancozeb 75 % WP @ 0.2%                | 42                   | 03                      | 7.95                      | 79.36 (71.44)  |
| T <sub>6</sub> Neem seed kernel extract @ 5 %         | 68                   | 31                      | 45.55                     | 39.18 (38.74)  |
| T <sub>7</sub> <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> @ 0.5 %   | 39                   | 20                      | 51.69                     | 30.99 (33.82)  |
| T <sub>8</sub> <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> @ 0.5 % | 50                   | 29                      | 58.38                     | 22.32 (28.18)  |
| T <sub>9</sub> Control                                | 53                   | 40                      | 74.91                     | 00 (00)  |
| F test  |                      |                         |                           | Sig.   |
| SE (m) ±  |                      |                         |                           | 1.95   |
| C.D. (P = 0.05)                                       |                      |                         |                           | 5.86   |

(All figures are mean of three replications)  
(Figures in parenthesis are arc sin transformed value)

| Treatments  | Dry pod yield (kg/ha) | Test weight (gm) |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| T <sub>1</sub> Propiconazole 25% EC @ 0.1%            | 1692                  | 47.53            |
| T <sub>2</sub> Hexaconazole 5 % EC @.01%              | 1530                  | 45.69            |
| T <sub>3</sub> Penconazole 10 % EC @ 0.1%             | 1407                  | 44.20            |
| T <sub>4</sub> Difenconazole 25 % EC @0.1%            | 1744                  | 48.80            |
| T <sub>5</sub> Mancozeb 75 % WP @ 0.2%                | 1292                  | 43.00            |
| T <sub>6</sub> Neem seed kernel extract @ 5 %         | 1161                  | 41.43            |
| T <sub>7</sub> <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> @ 0.5 %   | 1075                  | 40.06            |
| T <sub>8</sub> <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> @ 0.5 % | 977                   | 38.40            |
| T <sub>9</sub> Control                                | 891                   | 35.70            |
| F test  | Sig.                  | Sig.             |
| SE (m) ±  | 17.04                 | 0.86             |
| C.D. (P = 0.05)                                       | 51.10                 | 2.60             |

treatments significantly inhibit uredospore germination over unsprayed control. Maximum inhibition of uredospore germination was recorded with treatment Difenconazole @ 0.1% (100%), followed by Propiconazole @ 0.1% (95.2%) and Hexaconazole @ 0.1% (90.74%). Similar observations were noted by Nirmalkar and Lakpale (2007) and Zade (2002). Among plant extracts and bioagents, Neem Seed Kernel Extract @ 5% (39.18%) found significantly superior over *Trichoderma harzianum* (30.99%) and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (22.32%) and both these treatment were at par with each other. Inhibition of uredospore germination were also noted by Govindasamy



Fig. 1 : Percentage inhibition of uredospore germination over control

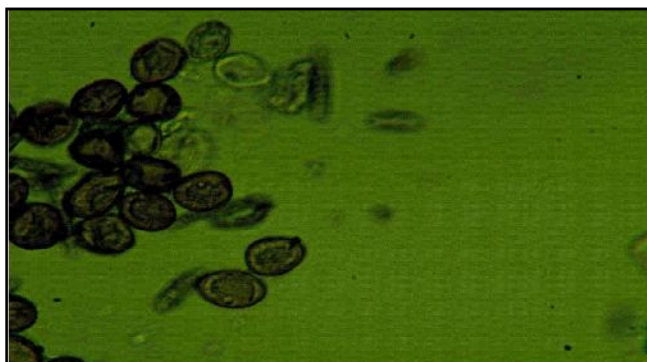


Plate 1 : Uredospore : *Puccinia arachidis*

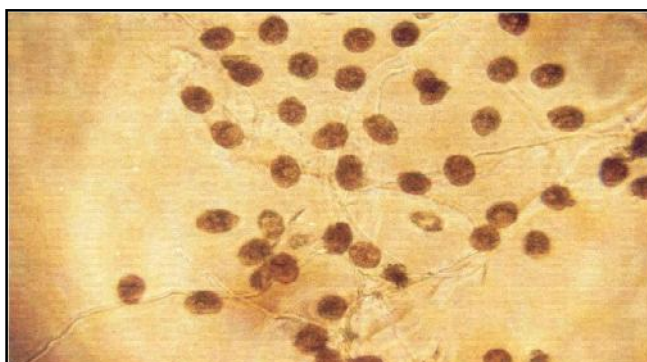


Plate 2 : Germinating Uredospore

and Balasubramanian (1989), Nirmalkar and Lakpale (2007) and Zade (2002).

The data presented Table 2 revealed that Difenconazole (0.1%) obtained maximum dry pod yield (1744 kg/ha) and test weight (48.80 gm) which found significantly superior over other treatments followed by Propiconazole (1692 kg/ha) and test weight (47.53 g) and Hexaconazole (1530 kg/ha) and test weight (45.69 g). These observations are on the similar line with Jadeja *et al.* (1999), Tiwari *et al.* (2004) and Johnson and Subramanyam (2003). Among plant extract and bioagents Neem Seed Kernel Extract recorded highest pod yield (1161 kg/ha) and test weight (41.43 gm) followed by *Trichoderma harzianum* (1075 kg/ha) and test weight (40.06 g) and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (977 kg/ha) and test weight (38.40 g) which was found superior over unsprayed control. These observations are on similar line with Sunkad *et al.* (2005), Kalappanavar *et al.* (2008) and Usman *et al.* (1991).

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