

Efficacy of Plant Extracts for the Control of (*Pyricularia grisea*) Blast of Rice under Field Condition of Bastar, Chhattisgarh

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ABSTRACT

Blast caused by *Pyricularia grisea* Cav continues to be a major constraint in rice production. Since, chemical control measures being costly and may favour development of resistance in the potential alternative methods have been explored in the present studies. Five plant part extracts viz mahua leaf extract (*Madhuca indica*), karla leaf extract (*Holarrhena antidysenterica*), Garlic bulb extract (*Allium sativum*), van tulsia leaf extract (*Hiptis suaveolens*) and neem leaf extract (*Azadirachta indica*) were evaluated their efficacy against leaf and neck blast of rice (variety, swarna). Ediphenphas 50EC was used for standard check fungicides for comparison. The results concluded that the garlic bulb extract @20ml was found significantly more effective as an alternative to conventional chemical fungicides.

Key words: Rice, *Pyricularia grisea* Cav, Efficacy, Plant extract

Oryza sativa L.) is an important agricultural crop which supplies approximately 23% of the per capita food for six billion people worldwide (Maclean 2000). There are many serious plant diseases of rice, among which the ascomycete fungus *Pyricularia grisea* (anamorph *Magnaporthe grisea*) which causes the most serious disease as rice blast (Correll 2000). *Pyricularia grisea* infects most sections of the plant, but the lesions of the node or the panicle are the most characteristic phases of the disease (Ou 1985). When *P. grisea* infects rice and produces neck rot or panicle blast, it either kill the host plant or prevent seed production respectively. *P. grisea* also causes disease in many other species besides rice (Malca 1957, Malca 1958, Ou 1985, Sundaram 1972) and there are reports of this pathogen in more than 85 countries (Correll 2000).

Blast is one of the most destructive diseases in rice and is caused by *Magnaporthe grisea* Barr (anamorph *Pyricularia grisea* anamorph Cav.). The fungus is widespread world-wide and causes losses of up to 100% of the yield depending on cultivar susceptibility, environmental conditions and management system. In India, rice blast was responsible for the loss of more than 266,000 tons of rice, which was 10% of the total yield. In Japan, the disease caused approximately 865,000 hectares of rice fields in the Philippines, rice fields may suffer 30% yield losses each year caused by rice blast (Correll 2003).

Among several methods deployed for the control of the disease (Mariappan *et al.* 1995), chemical control has been widely practiced in many countries. However, concern over the excess use of pesticides led the farmers to select alternative methods that are environmentally friendly and also relatively inexpensive compared with chemical pesticides. During the last two decades interest has increased in plants as potential sources of pest control materials and as possible alternatives to synthetic pesticides. The fungal pathogens of rice, viz *Sarocladium oryzae* (sheath rot pathogen) and *Pyricularia oryzae* (blast pathogen), were also found to be controlled effectively by neem oil and neem seed kernel extracts (Mariappan *et al.* 1995). Hence, in the present study some plant extracts locally available plants were tested under field conditions against rice blast disease caused by *Pyricularia grisea*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiments were conducted during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 at Research Farm of S. G. College of Agriculture and Research Station, Jagdalpur, Bastar (Chhattisgarh). Five locally available plant leaf bulb extracts viz mahua leaf extract (*Madhuca indica*), Karla leaf extract (*Holarrhena antidysenterica*), garlic bulb extract (*Allium sativum*), jangli tulsia leaf extract (*Hiptis suaveolens*) and neem leaf extract (*Azadirachta indica*) with one standard check fungicides Ediphenphas 50EC were included in the studies. The

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Experiment was laid out in augmented randomized block with three replications. The highly susceptible variety swarna was sown in 4m x 3m plots following recommended package of practices.

The plant extracts were prepared following the method given by Ansari (1995) with a slight modification. To make the standard plant extracts (100%), twenty g fresh leaf/ bulb extract of each plant were thoroughly washed with tap water and distilled water at the rate of one g of tissue and of water (1:1 w/v) and filtered through layered cheese cloth. The plant leaf/bulb extract (20ml/ liter water and fungicide 1ml/liter) were applied as foliar spray. The plots three were given at an interval of fifteen days, sprayed with water served as check. Each treatment was replicated thrice. The data on leaf blast severity were using the standard visual 0 to 9 ratings scoring the 4th edition of Standard Evaluation System (IRRI 1996). The Neck blast incidence was recorded 7 days before harvesting by examining all the 25 randomly selected hills per plot. The per cent neck blast incidence was assessed by counting diseased panicles and healthy panicles in each hill. The data was recorded from individual plots. The disease control was worked out using the formula given by Abbotts (1925), Percentage reduction = $\frac{C - T}{C} \times 100$, where, C is the population of control and T is the population of treated plots.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The leaf blast severity, neck blast incidence and yield recorded from various treatment, are presented in Table 1. During the both years 2005 and

2006, the leaf blast severity was found to be significantly less in all treated plots over check. Among different plant extracts use as foliar spray, garlic bulb extract was found most effective treatment showing significantly less disease severity (6.00%) as compare to other extracts. Leaf blast severity was at par of garlic bulb extract and ediphenphas. A range of 19.32 to 85.98 percent disease control was noticed from various treatments. Maximum percent disease control was recorded from ediphenphas followed by garlic bulb extract whereas, mahua leaf extract showing least effect on disease control. Similarly, garlic bulb extract was also found to be effective in controlling neck blast (11.72%) and at par with ediphenphas. A range of 19.18 to 67.74 percent disease control was noticed from various treatments.

The leaf blast severity and neck blast incidence covered significant reduction in yield (control 1858 kg/ha). Grain yield revealed from various treatment also revealed that the grain yield was significantly higher in ediphenphas (4868 kg/ha) and garlic bulb extract (4104 kg/ha). Jangli tulsi leaf extract and neem leaf extract were also showing significant effect on leaf blast and neck blast. Four plants extracts viz biskatali (*Polygonum hydropiper*), garlic (*Allium sativum*), onion (*Allium cepa*) and neem (*Azadirachta indica*) were evaluated against *Bipolaris oryzae*. Among the plant extracts neem and garlic were the most effective against *Bipolaris oryzae*. (Ahmed et al. 2002). Biswas et al. (1995) reported that plant extract of *A. cepa*, *A. sativum* and *Z. officinale* were found to be effective against powdery mildew, leaf spot and leaf rust of mulberry plant.

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Table 1 Effect of locally available plant extracts for the control of leaf blast, neck blast and grain yield of rice

Plant part extract/ Dosage	Leaf blast severity %		Mean	%	Neck blast incidence %		Mean	%	Grain yield (kg/ ha)			Increase yield over control
	2005	2006			2005	2006			2005	2006	Mean	
Muhua leaf extract 20 ml/ L	23.66 (4.85)	22.33 (4.61)	23.00	19.32	9.02 (3.00)	32.4 (34.57)	20.71	25.32	2083	1208	2687	830
Karla leaf extract 20 ml/ L	18.66 (4.31)	9.33 (3.05)	14.00	50.89	8.33 (2.88)	36.49 (37.13)	22.41	25.32	2125	1326	2788	931
Garlic bulb extract 20 ml/ L	4.33 (2.08)	7.66 (2.74)	6.00	78.96	3.71 (1.92)	19.73 (26.34)	11.72	19.18	2889	2431	4104	2247
Jungle Tulsi leaf extract 20 ml/ L	15.00 (3.86)	13.33 (3.60)	14.17	50.30 *	6.43 (2.53)	26.44 (30.70)	16.44	57.74	2417	2340	3587	1729
Neem leaf extract 20 ml/ L	10.00 (3.15)	18.33 (4.21)	14.17	50.30	4.42 (2.10)	33.69 (35.43)	19.06	40.73	2528	2264	3660	1802
Hinosan 50 EC 1ml/ L	4.33 (2.06)	3.66 (1.90)	4.00	85.98	2.93 (1.71)	14.96 (22.64)	8.95	31.28	3278	3181	4868	3010
control	27.00 (5.19)	30 (5.47)	28.50		10.52 (3.24)	44.94 (43.21)	27.73	67.74	1361	993	1858	
C.D. at 5%	0.62	6.70			0.23	1.49			473.8 2	60.06		
C.V. at 5%	7.76	25.26			4.34	2.42			8.95	1.82		

Figure in the parentheses are square roots and arcsine transformed values