Morphological and Biochemical Variability in Greengram Genotypes with Reaction to Cercospora Leaf Spot Disease

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Abstract

The present in vitro experiment was conducted at Agricultural College, Bapatla, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh to evaluate the stomatal frequency, level of total sugars, total proteins and total phenols in resistant and susceptible greengram genotypes against Cercospora leaf spot disease. Number of stomata per mm$^2$ was found higher in susceptible genotypes (199.36 mm$^2$) and lower in resistant genotypes (74.10 mm$^2$) total phenols were found higher in resistant genotypes (0.99 mg/100mg) and lower in susceptible genotypes (0.54 mg/100mg) total proteins were found higher in resistant genotypes (1.99 mg/100mg) and lower in susceptible genotypes (1.54 mg/100mg). But, total sugars were found to be higher in susceptible genotypes (7.72 mg/100mg) and lower in resistant genotypes (5.49 mg/100mg).

Keywords

Greengram or Mungbean [Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek], Biochemical variability

Introduction

Greengram or Mungbean [Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek], is an important leguminous crop of South and Southeast Asia. It is sown as a monocrop in different cropping systems due to its early maturity and association with nitrogen fixing bacteria (Chankaew et al., 2011). Mungbean is a popular pulse crop because of its nutritive value which contains 21.1% protein and 67.5% carbohydrate (Adams, 1975). Greengram crop covers a total world area of 5 m ha with a total production of 3 mt (John, 1991). In India the total production of greengram is 14 lakh tonnes from an area of 34.4 lakh ha with a productivity of 406 kg ha$^{-1}$. In Andhra Pradesh (A. P) it is grown in an area of 2.78 lakh ha producing 1.94 lakh t with a productivity of 696 kg/ha (Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Government of A. P, 2013).

The crop is of special significance in A. P as it fits well in rice–pulse cropping system as a relay crop particularly in Krishna–Godavari and North Coastal zones. It is also cultivated preceding crop to rice in Nagarjuna sagar project (NSP) right canal dryland areas and tank fed areas in Guntur and Prakasham districts.

Greengram suffers from many diseases caused by fungi, bacteria, viruses, nematodes and also abiotic stresses. Among the fungal diseases,
Cercospora leaf spot is of common occurrence throughout Asia. In India, leaf spot caused by Cercospora canescens Ellis & Martin was first reported from Delhi by (Munjal et al., 1960) and is prevalent in all parts of the humid tropical areas of India (Pandey et al., 2009). Cercospora leaf spot caused yield loss ranging from 50-70% has been observed in greengram (Lal et al., 2001 and Chand et al., 2012). In present experiment some genotypes were identified as resistant based on their biochemical defence which may be used as resistant varieties.

### Materials and Methods

After screening of greengram genotypes in the field level against Cercospora leaf spot disease some of the selected genotypes were sown in pots under natural conditions for estimating their stomatal frequency, total phenols, total sugars and total proteins. Greengram leaf samples of 45 days old healthy plants were collected for estimation of total sugars, total proteins and total phenols.

#### Estimation of Stomatal frequency

The stomatal frequency was determined as per the procedure given by Varadarajan and Wilson (1973). Greengram leaf samples of 45 days old healthy plants were collected. Fully opened trifoliate leaves were selected and smeared with synthetic gum.

It was allowed to dry and the flakes were peeled off. The flakes were mounted on microscope glass slide. The microscopic field was fixed using ocular micrometer and number of stomata per mm² was counted using 40X objective lens.

#### Estimation of total phenols

The total phenols were determined by AOAC colorimetric method (Anonymous, 1965).

### Protein estimation

Protein estimation was carried out according to the procedure described by the Lowry et al., (1951).

### Estimation of total sugars

Total sugars were estimated following anthrone method (Mahadevan and Sridhar, 1982).

### Calculation

The total phenol, proteins and sugar contents were calculated with help of the standard curve and expressed as mg of phenol/ 100 mg tissue on fresh weight basis.

### Results and Discussion

#### Stomatal frequency (number of stomata per mm²)

Stomatal frequency of 14 genotypes differed significantly and it was ranged from 74.10 to 199.36 mm². Among Cercospora resistant genotypes stomatal frequency was low in AKM 9910 (74.10) and high in COGG 912 mm² (86.56). In moderately resistant genotypes it was ranged from 97.18 (AKM 8802) to 104.30 mm² (GAYT 596) (Fig. 1).

In moderately susceptible genotypes it was ranged from 137.37 (COGG 973) to 149.90 mm² (KMP 42). Higher number of stomata were observed in susceptible genotypes and it was ranged from 182.83 (AKM 4) to 199.36 mm² (Kopergaon).

#### Phenols (mg/100mg)

Phenols in greengram genotypes differed significantly and varied from 0.54 (Kopergaon) to 0.99 mg/100mg (GAYT 586 and AKM 9910).
Table 1: Morphological and biochemical variability in greengram genotypes with varying reaction to Cercospora leaf spot infection

| S. No | Genotype      | Disease Reaction | Stomatal Frequency (mm\(^2\))\(*\) | Phenols (mg/100mg)\(*\) | Total sugars (mg/100mg)\(*\) | Total Proteins (mg/100mg)\(*\) |
|-------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | GAYT 586      | R                | 77.16                              | 0.99                     | 5.95                       | 1.99                         |
| 2     | SATYA         | R                | 82.25                              | 0.97                     | 5.60                       | 1.98                         |
| 3     | AKM 9910      | R                | 74.10                              | 0.99                     | 5.49                       | 1.94                         |
| 4     | COGG 912      | R                | 86.56                              | 0.95                     | 5.65                       | 1.95                         |
| 5     | AKM 8802      | MR               | 97.18                              | 0.93                     | 6.85                       | 1.85                         |
| 6     | OUM11-5       | MR               | 101.12                             | 0.89                     | 6.83                       | 1.88                         |
| 7     | KMP 4         | MR               | 112.94                             | 0.91                     | 6.38                       | 1.90                         |
| 8     | GAYT 596      | MR               | 104.30                             | 0.89                     | 6.45                       | 1.86                         |
| 9     | MH 729A       | MS               | 143.60                             | 0.79                     | 7.36                       | 1.59                         |
| 10    | COGG 973      | MS               | 137.37                             | 0.78                     | 7.23                       | 1.55                         |
| 11    | KMP 42        | MS               | 149.90                             | 0.70                     | 7.19                       | 1.57                         |
| 12    | KMP 37        | S                | 197.53                             | 0.55                     | 7.56                       | 1.52                         |
| 13    | AKM 4         | S                | 182.83                             | 0.64                     | 7.41                       | 1.54                         |
| 14    | KOPERGAON     | S                | 199.36                             | 0.54                     | 7.72                       | 1.48                         |

SEm±

CD (P ≤ 0.05)

CV (%)

|        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |

*Mean of two replications

Fig 1: Stomatal frequency in resistant and susceptible genotypes

In *Cercospora* resistant genotypes it ranged from 0.95 (COGG 912) to 0.99 (GAYT 586 and AKM 9910) mg/100mg and in moderately resistant genotypes it was ranged from 0.89 (GAYT 596) to 0.93 mg/100mg (AKM 8802). In moderately susceptible
The total sugars in greengram genotypes differed significantly and varied from 5.49 (AKM 9910) to 7.72 mg/100mg (AKM 4). In Cercospora resistant genotypes it was ranged from 5.49 (AKM 9910) to 5.95 mg/100mg (GAYT 586). In moderately resistant genotypes it was ranged from 6.38 (KMP 4) to 6.85mg/100mg (AKM 8802).

In moderately susceptible genotypes it was ranged from 7.19 (KMP 42) to 7.36mg/100mg (MH729A) and high total sugars were recorded in susceptible genotypes which varied from 7.41 (AKM 4) to 7.72 mg/100mg (Kopergaon)

The total proteins in greengram genotypes differed significantly and varied from 1.54 (AKM 4) to 1.99 mg/100mg (GAYT 586). In Cercospora resistant genotypes it was ranged from 1.94 (AKM 9910) to 1.99 mg/100mg (GAYT 586).

In moderately resistant genotypes it was ranged from 1.85 (AKM 8802) to 1.90 mg/100mg (KMP 4). In moderately susceptible genotypes it was ranged from 1.55 (COGG 973) to 1.59 mg/100mg (MH729A) and low sugars were recorded in susceptible genotypes which varied from 1.48 (Kopergaon) to 1.54 mg/100mg (AKM 4)

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