Management of Dry Root Rot of Chickpea Caused by Rhizoctonia bataticola through Fungicides

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ABSTRACT

A lab experiment was conducted to evaluate six combiproduct, five contact and four systemic fungicides against Rhizoctonia bataticola causing dry root rot in chickpea. Among combiproducts evaluated, carbendazim 25% + mancozeb 50% (Sprint), carboxin 37.5% + thiram 37.5% (Vitavax power 75% WP) and carbendazim 12% + mancozeb 63% (Saaf) were found to be most effective with complete inhibition of mycelial growth of R. bataticola at all the concentrations tested. Among the contact fungicides tested, chlorothalonil and mancozeb at 0.2% were effective in inhibiting cent per cent inhibition. Among the four systemic fungicides evaluated against R. bataticola, carbendazim, difenconazole and tebuconazole were best with cent per cent inhibition of mycelial growth at all concentrations tested.

Keywords
Chickpea, Cicer arietinum L., Fungicides, Dry root rot, Rhizoctonia bataticola.

Introduction

Chickpea (Cicer arietinum L.) is one of the major grain legumes grown worldwide. It is a rich source of protein (20 to 25%) and also enriches soil fertility by biological nitrogen fixation (Zia-Ul-Haq et al., 2007). It is of prime importance in the Mediterranean basin and South Asia. The crop is vulnerable to a number of air-borne and soil-borne diseases, some of which are devastating. Chickpea suffers from 172 pathogens consisting of fungi, bacteria, viruses and nematodes. The soil borne diseases, which severely damage the chickpea under favourable conditions are dry root rot caused by Rhizoctonia bataticola, Wilt caused by Fusarium oxysporum ciceri and collar rot caused by Sclerotium rolfsii (Ravichandran et al., 2014) and in coleus (Hegde et al., 2014). In the present study fungicides were evaluated under laboratory condition, to know their efficacy against R. bataticola causing dry root rot.

Materials and Methods

Experiment was conducted in order to find out the suitable fungicide in inhibiting R. bataticola by poison food technique (Nene and Thapliyal, 1973). The details of the fungicides are presented below.
Combi products were used at 0.05, 0.1 and 0.2 per cent

| Sl. No. | Common name                  | Chemical name                                                                                         | Trade name        |
|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1      | Carbenazim 12% + Mancozeb 63% WP | Methyl benzimidazole carbonate + Manganese zinc ethylene bis dithiocarbamate + zinc                    | Saaf 75% WP       |
| 2      | Zineb 68% + Hexaconazole 4% WP | (RS) -2- (2,4-dichloro phenyl) -1- (1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-yl) -hexan-2-01 (C_{14}H_{17}Cl_{2}N_{3}O) + zinc ethylene-1,2-bisdithiocarbamate | Avtar 72% WP      |
| 3      | Carboxin 37.5% + Thiram 37.5% | 3- (3-5-dichlorophenyl) –N- (1-methylethyl) -2-4-dioxo-1-lemadazolidine carboximide + tetramethyl thirum disulphide | Vitavax power 75% WP |
| 4      | Carbenazim 25% + Mancozeb 50% WP | Methyl 2 Benzimidazole carbamate 25 + Manganese ethylene bis dithiocarbonate + zinc50                | Sprint 75% WP     |
| 5      | Captan 70% + Hexaconazole 5% WP | N-trichloromethyl mercapta 4-cyclohexene-1,2-dis carboximide N-trichloromethyl thiotetra hydro othalamide + RS -2- (2,4-dichloro phenyl) -1- (14-1,2,4-triazole-1 yl) hexane-2-1 | Taqat 75% WP     |
| 6      | Tricyclazole 18% + Mancozeb 62% WP | 5-methyl-1, 2, 4-triazole (3, 4b) Benzothiazole 18 + Manganese ethylene bis dithiocarbonate plus zinc 62 | Merger 80 WP      |

Systemic fungicides were used at 0.025, 0.05 and 0.1 per cent

| Sl. No. | Common name | Chemical name                                                                                       | Trade name |
|--------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1      | Hexaconazole | (RS) -2- (2,4-dichloro phenyl) -1- (14-1,2,4-triazole-1 yl) hexane-2-1                             | Contaf 5%EC |
| 2      | Propiconazole | 1- (2,4 di chlorophenyl) -4-ropyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-methyl –H-1,4-triozole                           | Tilt 25EC  |
| 3      | Difenconazole | 1- (2- (4- (4-chlorophenoxy) -2-chlorophenyl) -4-methyl-1,3-dioxol-2imethyl-1) -14-1,2,4-triazole | Score 25%EC |
| 4      | Carbendazim  | 2- (methoxy-carbomyl) benzimidazole                                                              | Bavistin 50%WP |
Contact fungicides were evaluated at 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3 per cent

| Sl. No. | Common name | Chemical name                                      | Trade name     |
|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1      | Captan      | N-trichloromethyl mercaptan 4-cyclohexene-1,2-dis  | Captaf 50WP    |
|        |             | carboximide N-trichloromethyl thiotetra hydro     |                |
|        |             | othalamide                                        |                |
| 2      | Mancozeb    | Manganese zinc ethylene bis dithiocarbomate + zinc | Indofil M 45 WP|
| 3      | Chlorothalonil | Tetrachloroisophthalonitrite                  | Kavach 75% WP  |
| 4      | COC         | Copper oxy chloride                               | Blitox 50 WP   |

Required quantity of individual fungicide was added separately into sterilized molten and cooled potato dextrose agar so as to get the desired concentration of the fungicides. Later, 20 ml of the poisoned medium was poured into sterilized Petri plate. Mycelial disc of five mm size from actively growing zone of seven days old culture was cut by a sterile cork borer and one such disc was placed at the centre of each agar plate. Control treatment was maintained without adding any fungicide to the medium. Three replications were maintained for each treatment. Then such plates were incubated at room temperature and radial growth was measured when fungus attained maximum growth in control plates. Per cent inhibition of mycelial growth over control was calculated. The per cent inhibition of the growth of the pathogen was calculated by using the formula given by Vincent (1947).

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I = \left(\frac{C - T}{C}\right) \times 100
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I = Per cent inhibition  
C = Radial growth in control  
T = Radial growth in treatment

**Results and Discussion**

**In vitro evaluation of combiproduct fungicides**

Among the six combiproducts evaluated against *R. bataticola*, carbendazim 25% + mancozeb 50% (Sprint), carboxin 37.5% + thiram 37.5% (Vitavax power 75% WP) and carbendazim 12% + mancozeb 63% (Saat) were found to be most effective and significantly superior to all other fungicides, which inhibited cent per cent growth of *Rhizoctonia bataticola* at all the concentrations tested. Least inhibition of mycelial growth (60.68%) was observed in captan 70% + Hexaconazole 5% (Tquat 75%WP) and at 0.1per cent concentration with the inhibition of 51.48% (Table 1). In *Rhizoctonia bataicola* carbendazim 25% + mancozeb 50% (Sprint), carboxin 37.5% + thiram 37.5% (Vitavax power 75% WP) and carbendazim 12% + mancozeb 63% (Saat) were found to be most effective and significantly superior to all other fungicides, which inhibited cent per cent growth whereas the least inhibition of mycelial growth (60.68%) was observed in captan70% + Hexaconazole 5% (Tquat 75%WP) at 0.1per cent concentration with the inhibition of 51.48%. Similar results were observed by Ammajamma and Hegde (2009) in coleus. The combiproduct fungicides avoid the development of resistance by pathogens to systemic fungicides because these systemic fungicides interfere with only one or sometimes two functions in fungal physiology which is easily overcome by either a single mutation or by selection of resistant individuals in a population.
### Table 1. *In vitro* evaluation of combi product fungicides against *Rhizoctonia bataticola*

| Fungicides                        | Trade name | Inhibition of mycelial growth (%) | Mean |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                                   |            | Concentrations (%)                |      |
|                                   |            | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |      |
| Zineb 68% + Hexaconazole 4%WP     | Avtar      | 79.44 | 88.52 | 100.00 | 89.32 |
|                                   |            | (63.13) | (70.64) | (90.05) | (74.61) |
| Tricyclazole 18%WP + Mancozeb 62%WP | Merger    | 92.59 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 97.53 |
|                                   |            | (74.31) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (84.80) |
| Carbendazim 12% + Mancozeb 63%    | Saaf       | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|                                   |            | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) |
| Carbendazim 25% + Mancozeb 50% WP | Sprint     | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|                                   |            | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) |
| Captan 70% + Hexaconazole 5% WP   | Taquat     | 51.48 | 65.74 | 64.81 | 60.68 |
|                                   |            | (45.87) | (54.21) | (53.66) | (51.25) |
| Carboxin 37.5% + Thiram 37.5%     | Vitavax    | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
|                                   | power      | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (90.05) |
|                                   |            | Mean | 87.25 | 92.38 | 94.14 | 91.26 |
|                                   |            | (75.58) | (80.84) | (83.98) | (80.13) |

Fungicides (F) Concentrations ©

| FXC | 0.56 | 2.88 |
|-----|------|------|

*Arcsine transformed values

### Table 2. *In vitro* evaluation of contact fungicides against *Rhizoctonia bataticola*

| Fungicides          | Inhibition of mycelial growth (%) | Mean |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                     | Concentrations (%)                |      |
|                     | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |      |
| Captan              | 66.11 | 74.31 | 82.64 | 74.35 |
|                     | (54.43) | (59.57) | (65.41) | (59.81) |
| Chlorothalonil      | 80.56 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 93.52 |
|                     | (64.00) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (81.36) |
| Copper oxychloride  | 0.00* | 0.00* | 0.00* | 0.00* |
| Mancozeb            | 70.14 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 90.04 |
|                     | (56.88) | (90.05) | (90.05) | (79.00) |
| Mean                | 54.20 | 68.58 | 70.66 | 64.48 |
|                     | (43.83) | (59.92) | (61.38) | (55.04) |

Fungicides (F) Concentrations ©

| FXC | 0.35 | 2.33 |
|-----|------|------|
| Concentrations © | 0.30 | 2.16 |
| FXC | 0.61 | 3.07 |

*Arcsine transformed values
Plate 1 In vitro evaluation of fungicides against Rhizoctonia bataticola

a) Combi products

1) Saat
2) Sprint
3) Vitavax power
4) Merger
5) Avtar
6) Taquat
C) Control

b) Contact fungicides

1) Chlorothalonil
2) Captan
3) Mancozeb
4) Copper oxychloride
C) Control

c) Systemic fungicides

1) Carbendazim
2) Difenconazole
3) Tebuconazole
4) Hexaconazole
C) Control
Table 3 In vitro evaluation of systemic fungicides against Rhizoctonia bataticola

| Fungicides       | Inhibition of mycelial growth (%) | Mean |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
|                  | Concentrations (%)                |      |
|                  | 0.1   | 0.2  | 0.3  |      |
| Carbendazim      | 100.00 (90.05) *                   | 100.00 |
| Difenconazole    | 100.00 (90.05)                     | 100.00 |
| Hexaconazole     | 95.00 (77.15)                      | 100.00 |
| Tebuconazole     | 100.00 (90.05)                     | 100.00 |
| **MEAN**         | **98.75 (86.82)**                  | **99.58 (88.97)** |

S.Em ± CD at 1%

| Fungicides (F) | Concentrations © | FXC |
|----------------|------------------|-----|
| 0.09           | 0.08             | 0.16 |

*Arcsine transformed values

Wherein non-systemic protectant fungicides affect too many functions in fungal physiology and to develop resistance the fungus will have to make too many gene changes. Hence the combination of both systemic and non-systemic fungicides provides better management of plant fungal disease for long duration.

**In vitro evaluation of contact fungicides**

Among the contact fungicides tested, chlorothalonil gave the best results by maximum inhibition of mycelial growth (93.52%) which was significantly superior to all other fungicides, followed by mancozeb (90.04%), there was no inhibition of mycelial growth in the copper oxychloride at all the concentrations. In different concentrations chlorothalonil and mancozeb at 0.2% was effective in inhibiting cent per cent inhibition (Table 2 and Plate 1).

**In vitro evaluation of systemic fungicides**

Among the four systemic fungicides evaluated against *R. bataticola*, carbendazim, difenconazole and tebuconazole were best with cent per cent inhibition of mycelial growth at all concentrations (0.05, 0.075 and 0.1%) and significantly superior to hexaconazole with 98.33% inhibition and it also recorded cent per cent inhibition at 0.075% and 0.1% (Table 3 and Plate1). Results are in agreement with Sangeetha and Jahagirdar (2013).

The general mode of action of systemic fungicides is associated with interference with the electron transport chain influencing the energy budget of the cell, reduction in the biosynthesis of new cell material required for growth and development of the organism and disruption of cell structure and permeability of cell membrane.

In conclusion, carbendazim 25% + mancozeb 50% (Sprint), carboxin 37.5% + thiram 37.5% (Vitavax power 75% WP) and carbendazim 12% + mancozeb 63% (Saat), chlorothalonil and mancozeb at 0.2%, difenconazole and tebuconazole were the best fungicides against *R. bataticola* with cent per cent inhibition of mycelial growth.
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