

An advanced studies on effect of mycorrhiza inoculation with some root fungi that attack some leguminous plants

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Rhizoctonia solani, *Fusarium solani* and *Macrophomina phaseolina* are considered the most common destructive pathogens that cause root-rot and damping-off disease of beans. Objectives: The research aims at (a) Studying the effect of inoculation with mycorrhizal fungi which symbiosis with bean root. (b) Estimating the effectiveness of some systemic and non-systemic fungicides on mycorrhizal fungi. (c) Studying the effect of biological control from both pathogenic and mycorrhizal fungi. The obtained results could be summarized as follows: 1- *R. solani*, *F. solani* and *M. phaseolina* were isolated from diseased bean, faba bean, peas, chick pea and lupines plants roots collected from the farms of the Faculty of Agric. at Moshtohor, Zagazig Univ., A.R.E. 2- *M. phaseolina* was the most destructive fungus causing the highest percentage of pre- or post-emergence damping-off in sterilized and unsterilized soils. On the other hand, *R. solani* caused the highest percentage of root-rot severity in both soils. 3- The compound infection of the three pathogens caused a significant increase in the percentage of pre-emergence damping-off and root-rot. It also caused a significant decrease in the height, number of leaves for each plant and a decrease in both dry and fresh weights of roots and shoots in both soil types. 4- The *Glomus mosseae* was isolated from the studied soil samples. By examining of mycorrhizal symbiosis root, it was found that VA mycorrhizal fungi have an extensive hyphal network that extends from the root. External hyphae are thick walled, variable and irregular in shape. Vesicles and arbuscules are produced in the soil. The shape of spores generally in Egyptian soils are globose, ellipsoid their longest dimension ranging from 30-40 μ m. For illustration under the local environment, the study succeeded in developing the mycorrhizal fungi, after Murashig and Skoog (1962) medium was modified to urge the spores to germinate after 2-3 weeks incubation period at $40 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, VAM-fungi began to grow on the modified medium of Murashig and Skoog (1962) after 2-3 weeks at $40 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. At the beginning a few hyphae were formed after one week more, spores were fanned with a large amount, these spores germinated after one week and formed more hyphae. After 3 months a large network of hyphae were formed in the plates with a few numbers of spores. 5- Addition of VA-mycorrhiza to the soil in the presence of the three pathogens caused a decrease in the percentage of pre-emergence damping-off. This trend was found in both unsterilized and sterilized soils. 6- Addition of VA-mycorrhiza increased plant height, root length, number of leaves, number of pods, fresh matter of shoots and roots and the dry matter of shoots and root in both soils compared with the control. Also, addition of VA-mycorrhiza in the presence of any of *M. phaseolina*, *R. solani* and *F. solani* improved the previously mentioned growth characters compared with each pathogen alone. 7- VA-mycorrhiza colonized the roots of bean plants in sterilized and unsterilized soils. All treatments of the pathogenic fungi with G1 or G2 showed root colonization with VAM. Root colonization with VAM was higher in the sterilized soil than in the unsterilized soil. 8- Addition of VAM-fungi to Gland G2 in sterilized or unsterilized soils decreased the percentage of root-rot and increased all growth characters under study. 9- Addition of VAM-fungi to G1 and G2 in the sterilized and natural soils increased root colonization with VAM compared with the control. 10- Seed dressing with the fungicide Benlate combined with soil inoculated with G1 + G2 was effective in reducing the percentage of the

per-emergence damping-off. Soil inoculated with G1 + G2 successfully prevented from infection with the root-rot of bean plants. Almost all combinations of systemic fungicides and VAM increased plant height, root length, shoot fresh and dry matter and root fresh and dry matter. 12- Addition of any of G1 and G2 and their combinations to sterilized and unsterilized soils showed high colonization of bean roots with VAM-fungi. Seed dressing with any of the two systemic fungicides inhibited root colonization. 13- Seed dressing with the non-systemic fungicide Dithane-M 45 combined with soil inoculated with G2 was effective in reducing the percentage of the per-emergence damping-off. Seed dressed with Mancozeb showed the lowest percentage of root-rot. Almost all combinations of the non-systemic fungicides and VAM increased the number of leaves, plant height, fresh and dry matter of shoots and the fresh matter of the roots. 14- Addition of any of G1, G2 and their combinations to sterilized and unsterilized soils showed high colonization of bean roots with VAM-fungi. Seed dressing with the two non-systemic fungicides inhibited root colonization. 15- Addition of any of *G. macrocarpum*, *T. harzianum*, *B. subtilis* and their combinations to the sterilized soil in presence of *R. solani*, *F. solani* and *M. phaseolina* separately increased the percentage of the per-emergence-damping-off. All treatments included *M. phaseolina* showed higher percentage of damping-off than other treatments. On the contrary, addition of mycorrhiza and the two antagonists to the soil decreased the percentage of root-rot. 16- Plant height was increased with the addition of any of *G. macrocarpum*, *T. harzianum*, *B. subtilis* and their combinations to the soil in most treatments. Root length was decreased with the addition of the pathogenic and the antagonistic fungi separately or in combinations. All treatments included the mycorrhiza and the antagonistic fungi separately or in combination increased number of leaves. Treatments included *G. macrocarpum*, the antagonistic fungi or their combinations increased shoot fresh matter in some cases and decreased in the others. Shoot dry matter, root fresh and dry matter were increased in treatments included *G. macrocarpum*, the antagonistic fungi and their combinations. 17- Bean plants grown in sterilized and unsterilized soils inoculated with mycorrhiza, *T. harzianum*, *B. subtilis* and their combinations showed high percentages of root colonization. On the other hand, addition of the pathogenic fungi to soil inoculated with the mycorrhiza decreased the percentage of root colonization. Generally, the percentage of root colonization was higher in the unsterilized soil than the sterilized one. 18- Bean plants grown in sterilized soil inoculated with *G. macrocarpum* had high contents of chlorophyll A and B in their leaves compared with the control. The combinations of mycorrhiza + *R. solani* or *F. solani* showed higher contents of chlorophyll A and B than each pathogen separately which were, however, less than the control. The same trend was also found with the carotenoids. All combinations of the mycorrhiza and the pathogenic fungi showed higher contents of carotenoids than each pathogen separately. 19- Addition of *G. macrocarpum* to the soil increased the levels of gibberellin in bean plants than the other treatments and the control. Also, plants grown in soil infested with *R. solani* showed high percentage of gibberellin than the other two pathogens. Addition of mycorrhiza to soil infested with each pathogen decreased the level of gibberellin except in case of *R. solani* + the mycorrhiza whereas, the level of gibberellin was decreased. 20- Transverse sections in roots of bean plants infected with VAM showed an increase in number and diameter of xylem vessels which occupied the xylem parenchyma.