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## Genetic Variability of Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) Genotypes against *Pratylenchus thornei* and *Rhizoctonia bataticola*

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### ABSTRACT

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Root Lesion Nematode (RLN; *Pratylenchus thornei* Sher and Allen) is a threat to chickpea production, either alone or in presence of *Rhizoctonia bataticola*. The effects of inoculation of 22 chickpea genotypes with *P. thornei* alone or with joint inoculation with *R. bataticola* were investigated in a pot experiment. Culture of *P. thornei* was developed under aseptic conditions on chickpea (JG 62). The populations developed on roots were inoculated @ 1000 *P. thornei*/genotype with four treatments: Nematode alone, Nematode + DRR fungus, DRR alone and untreated. Treatments were replicated five times. Observations were recorded after 40 days of inoculation from soil and roots of each treatment. During the course of investigation, the extents of damages developed by RLN and DRR individually as well as their combinations were recorded. The study revealed, above the four times rate of reproduction due to *P. thornei* was noticed in JG 62 over the ICCV2 and JG11, suggested that JG 62 is more vulnerable to RLN as well as DRR, while the ICCV 2 and JG11 showed resistance.

### Introduction

Chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) is an important legume in India and second most important food legume throughout the world (FAOSTAT, 2012). Asia alone contributes 89.20% of the global chickpea production. The major chickpea producing countries are India (67.4%), Australia (6.21%), Pakistan (5.73%), Turkey (3.86%), Myanmar (3.74%) and Iran (2.25) (FAOSTAT, 2013). In India, it is grown in an area of 10.22 mha with a production of 9.53 mt and productivity 967 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (Anon, 2013-14) where in Australia

which almost doubled 1.8 t/ha (Anon, 2017). The Indian states Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka together contribute 95.71% of the chickpea production and 90% of area in the country (Anon, 2013-14).

Several cause which leads to the development of disease in nature. For instance, infection by one pathogen may change the host's response to a subsequent infection by another pathogen. Many examples of interrelationship between plant parasitic nematodes and pathogenic

fungi where one, or both species, support or increase the damage made by the other organisms have been reported earlier (Bjorsell *et al.*, 2017; Back *et al.*, 2002). It is essential to understand the importance of each such relationship between pathogens in order to management of diseases. Several of the various studies of interactions between *R. solani* and plant parasitic nematodes have been done under controlled conditions, such as glass house experiment (Back *et al.*, 2010; Bhattarai *et al.*, 2009).

*Pratylenchus thornei* has been identify as a major limiting factor to chickpea production in many countries viz., Syria (Greco *et al.*, 1984), Italy (Di Vito *et al.*, 1987), Spain (Castello *et al.*, 1996), Turkey (Di Vito *et al.*, 1994), North Africa (Di Vito *et al.*, 1994), Australia (Thompson *et al.*, 2000) and India (Walia and Seshadri, 1985) with special references to Madhya Pradesh (Tiwari *et al.*, 1992)

Root lesion nematodes are migratory endoparasite that causes severe yields losses to extent of significance economic damage and is to be considered as one of the most important plant parasitic nematodes affecting chickpea (Tiwari *et al.*, 1992). *Pratylenchus thornei* penetrates, feed and migrate inside the root cortex and giving rise to necrotic lesion and cavities in the root, which may lead to secondary infection of the pathogen. The nematode reproduces mitotically and parthenogenitically (Fortuner, 1977) laying eggs in the cortex and completes its life cycle within the 6 weeks under the favourable conditions.

Among the chickpea diseases, DRR is the emerging as the most destructive constraints in chickpea production in India (Sharma *et al.*, 2016). Dry root rot is caused by *Rhizoctonia bataticola* (Taub.) Butler [Perfect stage: *Macrophomina phaseolina* (Tassi) Goid]. This

pathogen is soil and seed borne and recorded in more than 284 plant species throughout the world (Farr *et al.*, 1977). In chickpea fields, the onset of disease appears as scattered drying of the plants. The tap root appears black, rotten and devoid of most of the lateral and fine roots. When the dry stem of the collar region is split vertically, minute black sclerotia are visible. Dry root rot has become a major threat to chickpea production in recent years due altered weather conditions and cohabitation either *P. thornei*, particularly on the account of longer drought spells (Sharma and Pande, 2013). The objective of the above research is to generate systemic information on the consequence of biotic stress either alone or in combination.

## **Materials and Methods**

The experiments were conducted in pot house of Department of Plant Pathology, JNKVV, Jabalpur, India. Chickpea seed was surface disinfected with 1000 ppm sodium hypo chloride followed by three changes of sterilized water. Plants were raised in 10 cm earthen pots holding 500 cm<sup>3</sup> autoclaved soils and dibbled. The experiments were arranged in a completely randomized design with four treatments (1) Nematode alone, (2) Nematode + DRR fungus, (3) DRR alone and (4) untreated control each treatments was replicated five times and each replicate consisted of a single potted plant.

## **Plant material and inoculum**

Twenty two genotypes viz., ICCV 2, JG 62, Annigeri, ICC 4958, ICC 1882, ICC 283, ICC 8261, ICC 506-EB, Vijay, ICC 3137, IG 72953, ICC 995, ICC 5912, ICC 6263, ICC 1431, JG 11, ICCV 05530, Pb-7, ICCV 04516, ICC 4567, ICC 15614 and ICC 1356 of chickpea, received from Principle Scientist, Center for Excellence in Genomics, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, were assessed to find out

pathogenic behaviour of *P. thornei* and *R. bataticola*.

### **Inoculum**

Nematodes isolated from chickpea field of BISA from cultivar HC05 and process through whitehead tray extraction method (Whitehead and Hemming, 1965) on the basis of morphologically as *P. thornei* the origin of these cultures is morphologically identified axenic population. Soil and root nematode population were counted together under the stereo binocular microscope (80X) with the help of hand tally counter per gram root system and per 500 cm<sup>3</sup> soil. Pure culture of *P. thornei* was developed and maintained on the susceptible chickpea cultivar JG 62 (Tiwari *et al.*, 1992).

*Rhizoctonia bataticola* was isolated from infected chickpea in the field and cultured on soil gram straw medium (GSM). The GSM consisted of soil, finely pulverized gram straw and dextrose mixed in the ratio: 930 g soil, 50 g gram straw, 20 g dextrose. The media was autoclaved at 1.05 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> for 30 minutes. Autoclaved media was later inoculated with 7 mm disc of *R. bataticola* and incubated at 25 °C for 10 days (Bhatt, 1993).

### **Inoculations**

For *R. bataticola* inoculations, the fungus was applied into the soil by using the soil gram straw medium (Bhatt, 1993). The inoculated GSM was mixed well with 450 cm<sup>3</sup> of sterile soil and transferred into sterilized 10 cm earthen pots holding 500 cm<sup>3</sup> soil, irrigated with 100ml sterilized distilled water and remained covered with clean aluminum trays for a week before sowing of the seeds.

For *P. thornei* inoculations, the nematode suspension culture was disinfected with sodium hypo chloride (1000 ppm). Each plant

was inoculated with 10 ml sterilized water holding freshly handpicked surface disinfected 1000 mature *P. thornei* females population near root by point inoculation seven days after sowing. Whereas the nematode and fungus co-inoculated in Nematode + fungus experiment together into the pots after the seven days of sowing.

### **Observations**

Observations on plant height, fresh shoot weight, fresh root weight and nematode population were recorded 40 days after inoculation of individual treatments. Nematodes were extracted from 500 cm<sup>3</sup> soil sample according to the whitehead tray extraction method (Whitehead and Hemming, 1965) and the nematode reproduction factor was calculated from ratio of the final population / initial nematode population (Pf/Pi). A subsample of 1 g of soil was used from the fungus and nematode + fungus treatment for isolation of *R. bataticola* by serial dilution technique on the PDA medium.

### **Results and Discussion**

Twenty two genotypes showed stunting and bronzing with paler green foliage holding 2 to 3 nematodes/g soil. Further, the inflorescence and pod formation were badly affected. Both nematodes and DRR infection individually and in cohabitation affected chickpea growth parameters viz., plant height, fresh root weight and fresh shoot weight.

All the genotypes evidenced significant (P=0.05) plant height reduction (Fig. 1) was observed except the genotypes ICC 1882 followed by ICCV 2, JG 11 and Pb 7 whereas maximum in JG 62 over ICCV 2 in the treatment with nematode + fungus concomitant. In the nematode alone maximum plant height reduction is found in ICC 1431 followed by JG 62, ICCV 04516 and ICCV

05530 over the JG 11, ICCV 2, ICC 1882 and ICC 283 showed the significant growth of chickpea. However JG 62 and ICC 1356 found maximum and significant plant height reduction and susceptible reaction and remaining genotypes shows the improved growth towards the fungus alone.

A significant ( $P=0.05$ ) improved shoot weight in the presence of *R. bataticola* alone (Fig. 2) was found for all genotypes except JG 62, ICCV 04516 and ICCV 506-EB. However, in case of *P. thornei* and *R. bataticola* interaction all genotypes showed significant reduction of shoot weight except ICCV 2, JG 11, IG 72953, ICC 6263, Vijay and ICC 995. Whereas in the RLN alone expressed significant reduction in shoot weight except genotype ICCV 2, JG 11, ICC 1882, Vijay, IG 72953, ICC 6263 and ICC 995. Fresh root weight (Fig. 3) was evidenced non significant root weight reduction except JG 62, ICC 1882, ICCV 04516, ICC 4567 and ICC 1356 in presence of *R. bataticola*. Whereas all genotypes revealed significant reduction of root weight in presence of RLN and DRR except ICCV 2 and JG 11. However in nematode alone showed significant reduced root weight except the JG 11, ICC 283, ICC 4958, ICC 3137 and ICCV 2 which performed poor host to the nematode infection. In presence of RLN, maximum reproduction factor and penetration was noticed in JG 62 followed by ICC 15610 and minimum in ICCV 2 and JG 11 in the either nematode alone or concomitant with the fungus, whereas remaining genotypes found the significant increases of nematode population.

But the nematode population in the concomitant of nematode with fungus found maximum reproduction factors and damage in the concomitant due to the synergistic effect on each other and it may cause the breaking of resistance of genotypes which was previous resistant to either of pathogen but in

cohabitation it was susceptible to both the pathogen.

**Reproduction factor: 0 to 1 = Resistant ®, 1.1 to 1.5= moderately resistant (MR), 1.6 to 2= moderately susceptible (MS), above 2.1= highly susceptible (HS)**

From the (Table 1) it has been evidenced that the genotypes JG 11 and ICCV 2 found resistant and less reproduction whereas ICC 283, ICC 506-EB and IG 73953 are found the moderately resistant and ICC 1882 and ICC 995 were found moderately susceptible and remaining were highly susceptible to the *P. thornei* and JG 62 was the most susceptible and prefer host to *P. thornei* for their reproduction and development in the nematode alone treatment. Whereas in the nematode were cohabitation with *R. bataticola* the genotypes JG 11 and ICCV 2 are resist the reproduction and development of the *P. thornei* as well as *R. bataticola* whereas none of genotypes were moderately resistance and remaining were found the susceptible reaction to the *P. thornai* as well as *R. bataticola*

Root Lesion Nematode and DRR are emerging constrains in the chickpea production, being soil habitat, most difficult to manage. The investigations are in accordance with the finding of Greco *et al.*, 1984; Di Vito *et al.*, 1987 and Tiwari *et al.*, 1992. JG 62 favored *P. thornei* reproduction whereas ICCV 2 and JG 11 emerged as poor host. Such study is first attempt to established synergistic relationship between RLN and DRR at 22 genotypes alone and in combination.

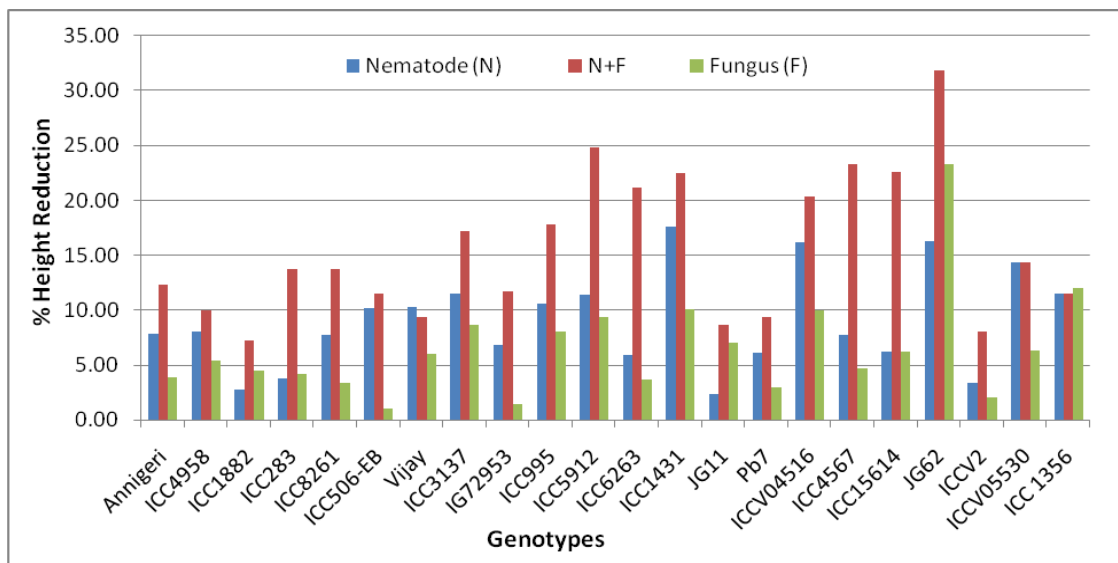
Hence, it concluded that the Variety JG 62 is susceptible to both DRR and RLN show the significant reduction in growth and best host to RLN in individually or combined with the DRR fungus whereas, ICCV 2 and JG 11 is the resistant to RLN and DRR infection over the JG 62 (Fig. 4).

**Table.1** reactions of genotypes against *P. thornei* reproduction factor in *P. thornei* alone or concomitant with *R. bataticola*

Genotypes	Nematode alone		N+F co-inoculation	
	Reproduction Factor	Reaction	Reproduction Factor	Reaction
Annigeri	2.26	HS	3.62	HS
ICC4958	2.35	HS	2.97	HS
ICC1882	1.73	MS	2.05	MS
ICC283	1.36	MR	1.84	MS
ICC8261	2.66	HS	2.98	HS
ICC506-EB	1.38	MR	2.21	HS
Vijay	3.00	HS	3.91	HS
ICC3137	2.26	HS	3.62	HS
IG72953	1.40	MR	2.98	HS
ICC995	1.87	MS	3.22	HS
ICC5912	2.69	HS	3.61	HS
ICC6263	2.64	HS	2.71	HS
ICC1431	3.19	HS	4.07	HS
JG11	0.46	R	0.96	R
Pb7	2.55	HS	3.99	HS
ICCV04516	3.08	HS	4.15	HS
ICC4567	3.32	HS	4.45	HS
ICC15614	3.45	HS	4.91	HS
JG62	4.54	HS	6.25	HS
ICCV2	0.37	R	0.45	R
ICCV05530	3.12	HS	4.21	HS
ICC 1356	2.91	HS	4.54	HS

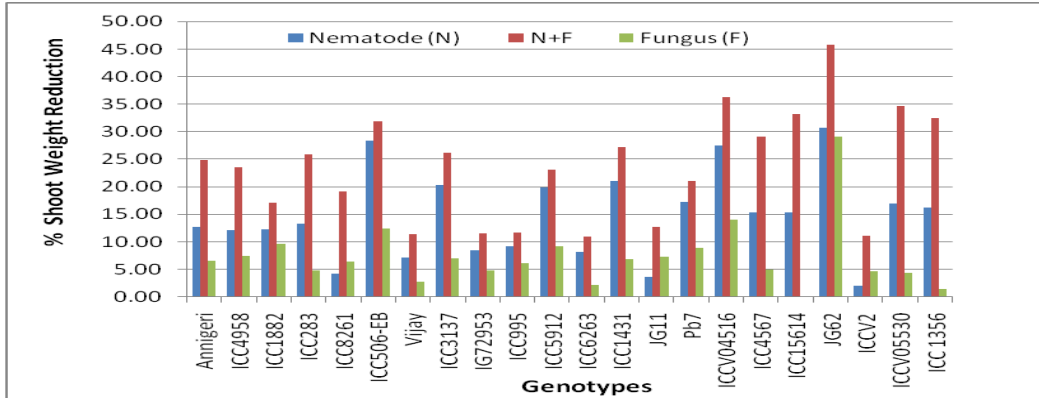
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**Fig.1** Per cent plant height reduction of genotypes against nematode and fungi

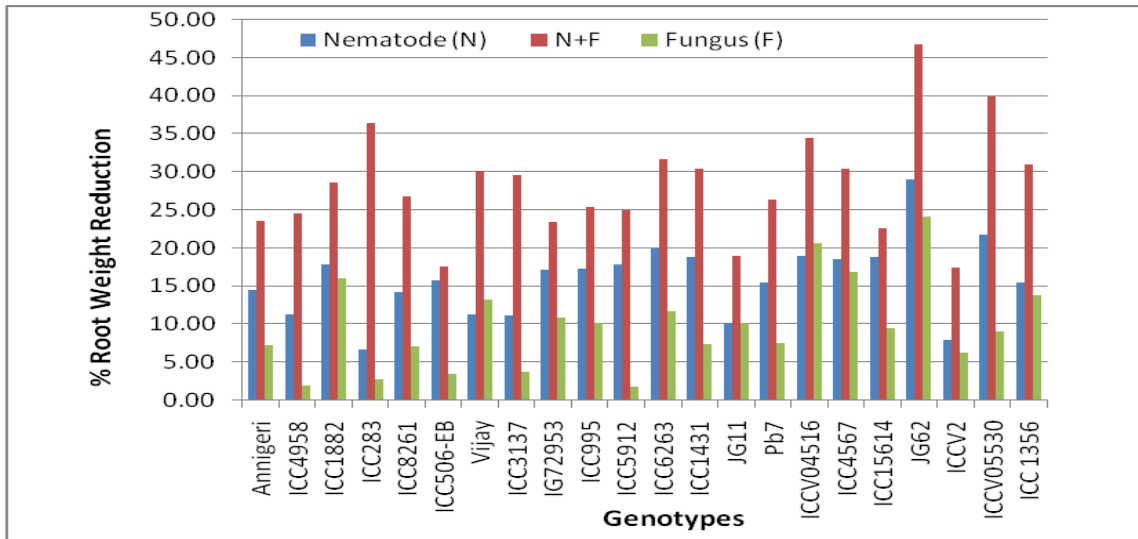


The observations were significant at (P=0.05) degree of significance

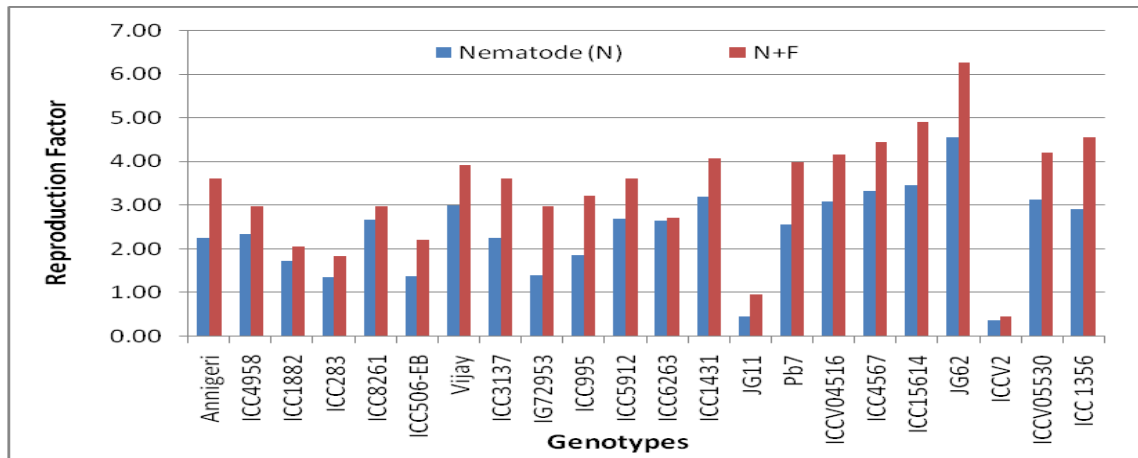
**Fig.2** Per cent reduction of shoot growth in presence of nematode and fungus



**Fig.3** Effect of nematode and fungus on root weight over the genotypes



**Fig.4** Reproduction factor of nematode development in roots of genotypes





The reproduction factors of *P. thornei* was higher in the cohabitation treatment with the *R. bataticola* as compare with the nematode alone because the both pathogens showed the synergistic reaction towards the each other and which leads to the increased the severity of disease as the same results are found by the Taheri et al (1994). The genotypes which may resistant to either of the pathogen in alone whenever the disease complex of these pathogen which leads to break the resistant and make it favourable to attack and damages of host plants.

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