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Effectiveness and Efficiency of Different Doses of Physical Mutagen (γ -rays) in Clusterbean [*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba* (L.) Taub.] Genotypes

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ABSTRACT

In the present investigation, the mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency of different doses of a physical mutagen (gamma rays) were studied in clusterbean (*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba* (L.) Taub) genotypes (viz. GST-15-204, RGC-1066, RCG-1055, RGC-1038). Ten different doses of gamma rays (viz. 5kR, 10kR, 15kR, 20kR, 25kR, 30kR, 35kR, 40kR 45kR and 50kR) were applied to. mutagenised the seeds of cluster bean genotypes. The effectiveness and efficiency was determined by accounting lethality and sterility in M_1 generation of mutagenized seeds and frequency and spectrum of chlorophyll mutations in M_2 generation. Four types of chlorophyll mutants albino, xantha, chlorina and viridis were screened in M_2 generation. It has been observed that the frequency of mutations increased with increasing doses of mutagen. Though the highest mutation frequency was noticed in 50kR dose of gamma rays, the mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency was decreased with increased doses of gamma rays. Thus, the lower doses of mutagen like gamma rays were observed to be more effective and efficient than the higher doses of gamma rays in all four clusterbean genotype.

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Introduction

Clusterbean (*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba* (L.) Taub.) ($2n=14$) is a member of leguminosae and sub-family papilionaceae. It is an important multipurpose crop specially grown for gum, feed, green fodder, vegetable and green manuring. Clusterbean also known as guar and is a native plant of India, mainly grown in the dry habitats of Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat and Punjab. Contributing

80% of the world production of this crop is in India, and due to strong demand it is also being introduced into newer areas of semi-arid tracts. The importance of this legume has been highly appreciated as a source of guar gum, which has a multitude of different applications in food products, industrial products and extractive industry.

The significant amount of genetic variation is a most important tool in plant breeding and

it's a primitive requisite in all crops before laid out the breeding program, it does not pre-exist. Genetic variation can be created by using various crop improvement methods eg. hybridization, domestication and plant introduction etc. In the clusterbean creation of genetic variability through the recombination of genes by hybridization is very difficult and cumbersome owing to small, delicate flower structures resulting in low percentage of crossed seed setting in the manually hybridized buds. Due to these reasons, Conventional breeding approaches is not relevant way to generate desirable genetic variability

Therefore, mutation breeding can be important tool for enriching genetic variation in the clusterbean and looking at this limitation, efforts will be initiated during the research work to create variability in clusterbean by using the tool of induced mutations.

To create mutation effective mutagens and their doses are prerequisites. Mutagenic effectiveness means the rate of mutations as related to dose while efficiency refers to the mutation rate in relation to biological damage such as seedling injury, pollen sterility and lethality in M_1 generation (Nilan *et al.*, 1965).

Mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency gives an idea for mutagen evaluation. Hence these two parameters were used in the present investigation in cluster bean genotypes- GST-15-204, RGC-1066, RGC-1055 and RGC-1038. The parameters of M_1 generation are the best indicator in measuring efficiency of mutagens and helped in comparing the effectiveness and efficiency of physical mutagen gamma rays.

In the present investigation, attempt was made to analyze the mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency of a physical mutagen (gamma rays) in clusterbean genotypes- GST-15-204,

RGC-1066, RGC-1055, RGC-1038 by using biological damages like seedling injury, pollen sterility and lethality observed in M_1 generation in relation with the frequency and spectrum of chlorophyll mutations in M_2 generation.

Materials and Methods

The selected experimental material for the present investigation was clusterbean (*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba* (L.) Taub.) The experimental seed material of clusterbean genotypes- RGC-1066, RGC-1038, RGC-1055, GST-15-204 were collected from RVSKVV, Gwalior and RARI, Durgapura, Jaipur. The Physical Mutagen (gamma-rays) was used for mutation studies.

Healthy, uniform and dry 200 seeds of the clusterbean genotypes were packed in polythene bags and sealed for the Gamma radiation. Electromagnetic, ionizing radiations were applied from Co60 source of irradiation. Gamma radiation was carried out at National botanical research institute, Lucknow. The seed samples were exposed to doses of 5kR, 10kR, 15kR, 20kR, 25kR, 30kR, 35kR, 40kR, 45kR, 50kR of gamma rays.

200 seeds of each treatment along with control (untreated seeds) were sown in research field Individual selected progeny of M_1 generation were sown by compact family block design.

In M_1 generation

Pollen sterility

Pollen sterility was determined in 25 randomly selected plants from each treatment. The pollen grains from freshly dehisced anthers were stained with 1% Acetocarmine. The pollen grains which stained were counted as pollen fertile and partially unstained was considered as pollen sterile.

Lethality

Data on lethality was expressed in percentage.

In M₂ generation

Chlorophyll mutations

The chlorophyll mutations were screened and recorded in the field when the seedlings were 7-10 days old. The types of chlorophyll mutations scored like albino, Xantha, chlorina and Viridis. These are classified according to the terminology of (Gustafsson, 1940). The frequency of chlorophyll mutants was calculated according to (Gaul, 1960) i.e. Number of mutants / 100 M₂ plants.

Estimation of mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency

Mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency of different mutagens were calculated according to the formulae suggested by (Konzak *et al.*, 1965). The mutagenic effectiveness can be measured of the frequency of mutations induced by a unit dose of mutagen (kR or time × concentration) while mutagenic efficiency gives an idea of the proportion of mutations in relation to biological damage such as lethality, pollen sterility.

$$\text{Mutagenic effectiveness} = \frac{\text{Mutation frequency (MF)}}{\text{Dose or (Time X Concentration)}} \\ = \text{MF/kR or MF/ TC}$$

Where, MF = % of chlorophyll mutations in M₂ generation.

T = Period of treatment with chemical mutagen.

C = Concentration of chemical mutagens,

kR = unit of gamma radiation.

Mutation frequency (MF)

$$\text{Mutagenic efficiency} = \frac{\text{Mutation frequency (MF)}}{\text{Biological damage}} \\ = \text{MF/L, MF/S,}$$

Where,

L = % of lethality in M₁ generation.

I = % of seeding injury in M₁ generation.

S = % of pollen sterility in M₁ generation.

MI = % of mitotic abnormalities in M₁ generation.

Results and Discussion

Biological Damages in M₁ Generation

The present study revealed that the pollen sterility and lethality were recorded lower to high with the increasing doses of physical mutagen in all cluster bean genotypes in M₁ generation. The biological damages like pollen sterility and lethality were recorded in M₁ generation. The sterility was recorded ranged from 5.26% to 59.09%. The maximum pollen sterility was recorded at 50kR dose viz. GST-15-204 (59.09%), RGC-1055 (43.53%), RGC1066 (40.26%), RGC-1038(41.76%) and minimum pollen sterility was recorded at 5 KR viz. GST-15-204(6.63%), RGC-1055 (7.225%), RGC-1066 (5.89%), RGC-1038 (5.26%). Similarly, higher lethality was recorded at 50 KR viz. GST-15-204 (77%), RGC-1055 (72%), RGC1066 (74%), RGC-1038 (71%) and lower pollen lethality at 5 KR dose viz. GST-15-204 (15%), RGC-1055 (18%), RGC1066 (7%), RGC-1038 (11%) in all the four genotypes but, pollen sterility and lethality were also varied from one genotype to other genotype. The maximum pollen sterility was found in genotype viz. GST-15-204 (59.09%) and minimum in genotype viz. RGC-1066 (40.26). Similarly, maximum

lethality was found in genotype *viz.* RGC-1066(74) and minimum in genotype *viz.* RGC-1038 (7%). Thus, these biological damages were recorded lower at lower doses of gamma rays and higher at higher doses of gamma rays in cluster bean genotypes (Table 1).

Hence, Higher dose of gamma rays might be very useful in clusterbean for producing male sterility during hybridization program of cluster bean.

The increased injury, sterility and lethality with increasing doses of mutagens also reported by several investigators Patil *et al.*,(2015), Bhosle and Kothekar (2010), S. Velu *et al.*, (2007), Reddy *et al.*, (1991) in cluster bean. The results of present investigations are in conformity with these results. Similar results were also obtained by More and Borkar (2016) in French bean, Monica and Seetharaman (2016) in lablab.

Mutation Frequency in M₂ Generation

Mutation frequency is frequency of chlorophyll mutations calculated on M₂ plant basis. In the present investigation, it was recorded that the mutation frequency increased with increasing doses of gamma rays only in two genotypes of clusterbean *viz.*, GST-15-204 & RGC-1066 but mutation frequency decreased with increasing doses of gamma rays in two other genotypes *viz.*, RGC-1055 & RGC-1038. Chlorophyll mutants were found in almost all the mutagenic doses of gamma rays except some doses *viz.*, 25kR, 35kR & 45kR (GST-15-204), 20kR (RGC-1066) and 35kR (RGC-1038) and 10kR in (RGC-1055). Chlorophyll mutation was not recorded at 35kR treatment of gamma rays in all studied genotypes. The highest chlorophyll mutation frequency 1.5 was recorded in 50KR while the lowest 0.5 recorded in 30KR treatments. The chlorophyll mutation frequency was increased from 5kR (0.75) to

20kR (1.5) but it decreased in 30kR but frequency of 50kR (0.75) was same as 5kR (0.75) in genotype GST-15-204. The chlorophyll mutation frequency was decreased from 5kR to 45kR in two genotype RGC-1055 & RGC-1038. In the segregating M₂ generation, spectrum of chlorophyll mutations indicated the presence of four types of chlorophyll mutants *viz.*, albina, xantha, viridis, chlorina. Viridis and chlorina were observed in 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 & 50 kR treatments but Albino was observed in only 10kR & Xantha was observed in only in 15 and 50kR (plate-1, 2, 3). Chlorina was found in mostly doses. The highest frequency of chlorina mutant was recorded 1.75% in 5 kR and lowest 20 kR treatments.

Bhosle S.S. and Kothekar V.S. (2010) also recorded that the mutation frequency is increased with increasing doses of gamma rays, EMS and SA in M₂ progenies of cluster bean varieties GE-36 and HR. Among the gamma rays treatment, the highest mutation frequency was recorded 2.6% in 15KR and lowest 1.66% in 5 KR treatment in the variety GE-36 while it was higher 3.33% I 15KR and 1.61% in 5 KR treatment of gamma rays in the variety HR. Patil *et al.*, (2015) was also observed chlorine mutant in 30 40 and 50kR doses.

Mutagenic Effectiveness

The mutagenic effectiveness is a measure of factor mutations induced by a unit dose of mutagen. In M₂ generation of clusterbean after Gamma rays treatment, the numerical value of effectiveness gradually decreased with increases in the dose of the mutagen in all the genotypes. The range for gamma rays treatment was 5 kR to 50kR. The highest value of mutagenic effectiveness 0.15 was recorded in 5KR treatment and lowest 0.01 in 50KR treatment in GST-15-204, In RGC-1066 highest value was 0.07(10kR) & lowest was

0.03(50kR), in RGC-1055 highest value was 0.3(5kR) & lowest was 0.03(25kR), in RGC-1038 highest value was 0.35(5kR) & lowest was 0.005(45kR). 0.35 was the highest value of efficiency which was found in genotype RGC-1038 at 5kR dose (Table 2). Thus the lower doses of gamma rays were most effective.

These results were supported by the results obtained in cluster bean by Velu *et al.*, (2007). They reported higher mutagenic effect variety Pusa-Navbahar at lower doses of gamma rays and EMS. However EMS and its doses were found to be more effective mutagen than the gamma rays. Bhosle and Kothekar (2010) also reported reduction in the value of mutagenic

effectiveness with the increased doses or concentration of mutagens gamma rays, EMS and SA respectively in the cluster bean varieties GE-36 and HR. SA proved to be more effective than gamma rays and EMS in both the varieties.

The mutagenic effectiveness was also reported by Dube *et al.*, (2011) in cluster bean variety sharada by using variable doses of Gamma rays, EMS and their combination. The mutagenic effectiveness was calculated on the basis of chromosomal aberrations rather than chlorophyll mutation frequency in M₂ plants. These results also confirmed results of present investigation.

Table.1 Effect of Gamma rays on biological damages in M₁ generation of clusterbean genotype viz. GST-15-204, RGC-1055, RGC-1066, RGC-1038 due to effect of Gamma rays

Doses	% pollen sterility(S)					% lethality(L)				
kR doses	GST 15-204	RGC-1055	RGC-1066	RGC-1038	Mean	GST 15-204	RGC-1055	RGC-1066	RGC-1038	Mean
5kR	6.63	7.22	5.89	5.26	6.3	15	18	11	7	12.8
10kR	9.09	8.36	8.37	8.37	8.5	21	20	12	18	17.8
15kR	10.71	9.67	10.02	10.02	10.1	35	25	25	23	27.0
20kR	12.5	13.61	11.48	11.48	12.3	42	38	32	36	37.0
25kR	15.2	12.43	14.26	14.26	14.0	50	44	39	42	43.8
30kR	17.64	15.11	17.21	17.21	16.8	57	55	42	53	51.8
35kR	23.07	19.5	20.13	20.13	20.7	63	59	45	57	56.0
40kR	30.76	26.36	24.07	24.07	26.3	69	66	57	64	64.0
45kR	40.9	35.65	33.03	33.03	35.7	74	71	61	68	68.5
50kR	59.09	43.53	40.26	41.76	46.2	77	72	74	71	73.5

Table.2 Effectiveness of gamma rays in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype *Viz.*, GST-15-204, RGC-1055, RGC-1066, RGC-1038

Doses	Frequency of % chlorophyll mutation (MF)					Effectiveness (MF/doses)	
	GST 15-204	RGC-1066	RGC-1055	RGC-1038	RGC-1066	RGC-1055	RGC-1038
5kR	0.75	0	1.5	1.75	0	0.3	0.35
10kR	1.25	0.75	0	0.5	0.06	0	0.05
15kR	1	1	0	0.75	0.06	0	0.05
20kR	1.5	0	0	0.75	0	0	0.035
25kR	0	0.25	0.75	1	0.01	0.03	0.04
30kR	0	1.25	0	0	0.04	0	0
35kR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40kR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45kR	0.75	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.005
50kR	0.75	1.5	0	0	0.03	0	0

Table.3 Mutagenic efficiency of Gamma rays in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype *Viz.*, GST-15-204

Dose	%Chlorophyll Mutation (MF)	% Lethality (L)	Efficiency (MF/L)	Pollen Sterility (S)	Efficiency (MF/S)
5kR	0.75	15	0.05	5.26	0.14
10kR	1.25	21	0.05	9.09	0.13
15kR	1	35	0.02	10.71	0.09
20kR	1.5	42	0.03	12.5	0.12
25kR	0	50	0	15.2	0
30kR	0	57	0	17.64	0
35kR	0	63	0	23.07	0
45kR	0	74	0	40.9	0
50kR	0.75	76	0.009	59.09	0.01

Table.4 Mutagenic efficiency of Gamma rays in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype *Viz.*, RCG-1066

Dose	%Chlorophyll Mutation (MF)	% Lethality (L)	Efficiency (MF/L)	Pollen Sterility (S)	Efficiency (MF/S)
10kR	0.75	12	0.06	8.37	0.08
15kR	1	25	0.04	10.02	0.09
20kR	0	32	0	11.48	0
25kR	0.25	39	0.0064	14.26	0.01
30kR	1.25	42	0.0297	17.21	0.07
50kR	1.5	61	0.02	33.03	0.04

Table.5 The Mutagenic efficiency of Gamma rays in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype *Viz.*, RGC-1055

Dose	%Chlorophyll Mutation (MF)	% Lethality (L)	Efficiency (MF/L)	Pollen Sterility (S)	Efficiency (MF/S)
5kR	1.5	18	0.08	7.22	0.20
10kR	0	20	0	8.36	0
20kR	0	38	0	13.61	0
25kR	0.75	44	0.01	12.43	0.06

Table.6 The mutagenic efficiency of Gamma rays in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype *Viz.*, RGC1038

Dose	%Chlorophyll Mutation (MF)	% Lethality (L)	Efficiency (MF/L)	Pollen Sterility (S)	Efficiency (MF/S)
5kR	1.75	11	0.15	5.89	0.29
10kR	0.5	18	0.02	8.37	0.05
15kR	0.75	23	0.03	10.02	0.07
20kR	0.75	36	0.02	11.48	0.06
25kR	1	42	0.02	14.26	0.07
35kR	0	57	0	20.13	0
45kR	0.25	69	0.003	33.03	0.007

Plate.1 Shows chlorophyll mutants plant -Xantha (completely yellow)



Plate.2 Shows chlorophyll mutants plant -viridis (light green)



Plate.3 Shows chlorophyll mutants plant - Chlorina (pale green)



Mutagenic efficiency

The mutagenic efficiency is the ratio of chlorophyll mutations induced in the M₂ generation to the various biological damages induced in M₁ generation such as lethality and pollen sterility.

Efficiency in relation to lethality

In the present study, the mutagenic efficiency decreased with the increasing doses of gamma rays with respect to lethality (L). Highest value of mutagenic efficiency was recorded 0.05 (GST-15-204), 0.08 (RGC-1055), 0.15 (RGC-1038) & 0.06 (RGC-1066) at 5KR, 10kR and lowest 0.009 (GST-15-204), 0.02 (RGC-1066), 0.01(RGC-1055) & 0.003 (RGC-1038) at 50, 25 & 45kR doses of mutagen.

Efficiency in relation to Pollen sterility

The observations in respect to efficiency with reference to pollen sterility demonstrated a doses dependent enhancement in majority of the mutagenic treatments in M₂ generation of clusterbean genotype. The value of efficiency decreased as there were increases in doses of Gamma rays treatments. It was ranged from 0.01 to 0.29. Highest value of mutagenic efficiency was recorded 0.14 (GST-15-204), 0.20 (RGC-1055), 0.15 (RGC-1038) & 0.29 (RGC-1066) at 5KR, 10kR and lowest 0.01 (GST-15-204), 0.04 (RGC-1066), 0.06 (RGC-1055) & RGC-1038(0.05) at 50, 25 & 45Kr doses of mutagen.

On the basis of mean values, the highest mutagenic efficiency was recorded 0.0610 in relation to pollen sterility and lowest 0.0249 in relation to lethality (Table 3-6).

Similar results were also reported by S. Velu *et al.*, (2007) in cluster bean variety Pusa-Navbahar and K. G. Dube *et al.*, (2011) in

cluster bean variety Sharada. They proved that lower doses of gamma rays were more efficient than the higher doses. These results were also supported by Manrique *et al.*, (1998) in french bean, M. Khan and Tyagi (2010) in Soybean, S. K. Sharma *et al.*, (2005) in Urd bean, S. K. Sharma and B. Sharma (1979) in Lentil. They concluded that mutagenic efficiency was higher at lower doses of mutagens. These results are in agreement with the results of present investigation

From the present investigation, it was concluded that mutagenic effectiveness and mutagenic efficiency were highest at lower dose of gamma rays in the all clusterbean genotypes the chlorophyll frequency increased with the increasing dose of gamma rays and it was maximum at higher doses and minimum at lower doses of gamma rays. The increased mutagenic dose causes the decrease in the mutagenic effectiveness at higher doses. The mutagenic efficiency was higher at lower doses due to the increased sterility and lethality with increasing doses of gamma rays. Thus, lower doses gamma rays is effective and efficient mutagen in cluster bean which may create genetic variability useful in crop improvement.

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