## EFFECT OF PLANT WATER EXTRACTS AND PLANT OILS ON WHITE MOULD DISEASE OF BEANS

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**ABSTRACT:** Water extracts and oils of garlic, onion, citrus, camphor and clove reduced the linear growth of S. sclerotiorum and clove extract was the best one. Generally, increasing the concentration of any used extract resulted more reduction of the fungal growth. However, under greenhouse and artificial soil infestation conditions both garlic and clove extracts and oils were the best for reducing damping-off and increasing the survival plants. Under field and natural soil infestation conditions, clove water extract and garlic oil gave the best results of disease reduction and improved yield production; significantly; in comparison with control (-) treatments, of Giza 3 bean cultivar.

**Key words:** Phaseolus vulgaris, White mould, Sclerotinia sclerotiorum, Plant oils, Plant water extracts. (Allium sativum), (Allium cepa) (Citrus reticulated), (Eucalyptus globulus) and (Lanthus carphyllus).

### **INTRODUCTION**

Bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) belonging to the family Fabaceae, is considered one of the most important leguminous crops cultivated in Egypt. Where their seeds and pods are rich in calcium, some vitamins, proteins, mineral salts, some amino acids lysine and others. especially characterized by its well-growth in the moderate regions. It's cultivated for use as green pods or dried seeds. Recently, it's highly demanded for exporting to the European market (HEIA, 2003). cultivated area of beans was increased where it was 46048 feddan in the season 1999/2000, 60562 feddan in the season 2007/2008, 65606 feddan in the season 2009/2010 and became 168979 feddan in the season 2013/2014 (Statistics Dept. Ministry of Agriculture, Egypt). White mould, caused by the plant pathogenic fungus Sclerotinia sclerotiorum (Lib.) de Bary, is the most important disease attacks green beans and dry beans, tomatoes, potatoes, green peppers, canola and many other crops Pascual et al. (2010) and Vural and Soylu (2012). The disease has been economically more important in snap beans than dry beans because in addition to direct losses in the field, detection of more than 2 per cent diseased pods in a truckload at the processing plant may result in rejection of the whole load.

Water extracts of garlic, onion, citrus, camphor and clove at different concentrations were tested against *S. sclerotiorum* .Results shown that all plant extracts gave good levels of control the pathogen.

Clove water extract showed the best efficiency on the other hand Onion water extract showed the lowest efficiency against *S. sclerotiorum* Patil and Srikant (2002) and Aba Alkhail (2005).

Oils of garlic, onion, citrus, camphor, clove and capsicum were tested to control white mould (*S. sclerotiorum*) generally; all tested plant oils reduced the infection with white mould and increased yield production than control (-) treatment. Garlic oil followed by clove oil showed the best effects for reducing the infection, onion oil was the lowest efficiency against *S. sclerotiorum* (Byron and Hall (2002), Seda and Moram (2002) and Benkeblia (2004)).

The aim of this study was to determine the biological effectiveness, in vitro, greenhouse and field of plant water extracts and plant oils against white mould *S. sclerotiorum* (Lib.) de Bary during two seasons (2014 - 2015).

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

# Isolation, purification and identification of the causal organism:

Samples of diseased bean plants showed white mould symptoms were collected from different localities at 2013 growing season. Seven governorates i.e., Alexandria, Behaira, Giza, Gharbia, Ismailia, Menoufia and Qalubia were assembled. Three localities of Menoufia (Ashmoun, Menouf and Sadat City) were included. The obtained samples (stems and / or pods) were individually washed thoroughly with tap water. sterilized with 3% sodium hypochlocide for 2 minutes, washed several times with sterilized distilled water and dried between sterilized filter papers. Sterilized samples were cut into small pieces, put on PDA medium in Petri dishes; separately and incubated at 20°C for two days. The abundant growth was purified using hyphal tip technique. Pure cultures were identified at Botany Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Menoufia University.

### 2. Laboratory experiments:

Laboratory experiments were conducted at Plant Pathology Laboratory, Botany Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Menoufia University, Shebin El-Kom, Egypt. In these studies; plant water extracts and plant oils were tested against *S. sclerotiorum*. Complete randomize design with 3 replicates was followed using PDA medium. The materials were prepared as following:

### 2.1. Plant water extracts:

Cloves of garlic (*Allium sativum*), bulbs of onion (*A. cepa*) and leaves of citrus (*Citrus reticulated*), camphor (*Eucalyptus globulus*) and clove (*Lanthus carphyllus*) were separately cut into small pieces. Hundred

gram of each were soaked in 250 ml sterilized water and heated at 90°C for 20 m. Individual filtrates were diluted with sterilized distilled water to be one liter as stock solution. The concentrations of 30, 50 and 100 gm/L of these extracts were examined (Mutwally *et al.*, 2010).

#### 2.2. Plant oils:

Oils of garlic, onion, citrus, camphor, clove and capsicum were obtained from El-Gomhouria Company for Oils and Pharmacutical Industries, Cairo, Egypt. The concentrations of 1, 3 and 5 (gm/L) of each oil were prepared using sterilized distilled water and as dissolving material.

### 3. Green-house experiments:

These experiments were carried out at Faculty Agriculture, of Menoufia University, Shebin El-Kom, Egypt. The individual effects of plant extracts and plant were tested under artificial soil infestation conditions. Sterilization and soil infestation methods were conducted as mentioned in pathogenicity test experiment. Three pots (25 cm in diameter) assembled each treatment and five seeds were planted in the pot. Control (-) treatment (infested soil with the pathogen only). The emerged plants were sprayed 3 times; 15, 30 and 45 days after planting date (1st of September 2014 and 2015).

Data recorded were pre-emergence damping-off (one month after planting), post emergence damping-off (45 days after planting) and the average of the survived plant (75 days after planting). The data were statistically analyzed and significance among means was assessed by least significant difference (LSD) at 5% probability level using SAS ANOVA program V.9 (Anonymous, 2014).

### 4. Field experiments:

Field experiments were carried out at Sunsaft village, Menouf, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt in naturally heavily infested soil with *S. sclerotiorum*. The experiments were arranged in randomized

complete block design where Giza 3 bean cultivar was tested. Three plots of  $(2 \times 3 \text{ m}, \text{ assembled each treatment which planted at the first of September 300 plants / each) both at 2014 and 2015.$ 

Different control method treatments were applied by spraying the plants three times. These were 15 days after seeding, one month later and two months later.

#### Data recorded:

- 1. Pre- and post-emergence damping-off (20 days after planting).
- 2. Percentage of infection.
- 3. Severity of infection.

The scale of 0-5 was used to estimate the severity of infection where: (0: healthy, 1: 20%, 2: 40%, 3: 60%, 4: 80% and 5: 100%).

Using the following formula (Soliman *et al.*, 1988):

$$S.I. = \frac{a \times b}{N \times K} \times 100$$

Where: a: Number of diseased plants.

b: Infection rate (0-5).

N: Total number of the plants / plot.

K: Total infection rates.

- 4. Average number of pods / plant.
- 5. Average weight of produced green pods (kg per plot).

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 1. Laboratory experiments:

The most aggressive isolate (7) was used in the following experiments.

### 1.1. Effect of plant extracts on the fungal growth:

Water extracts of garlic, onion, citrus, camphor and clove at different concentrations were tested against S. sclerotiorum on PDA medium. Results shown in Table (1) clear that all tesetd plant extracts reduced the linear growth of the pathogen. Increasing the concentration of any extract gave more reduction of the fungal growth. Clove water extract showed the best results where growth reduction was 60.67 and 75.73% concentrations of 30, 50 and 100 gm/L,

respectively. Camphor extract came in the second rank and recorded 26.96, 45.73 and 71.91% growth reduction, respectively with the obvious concentrations. Onion water extract showed the lowest efficiency on reducing the fungal growth. These were also recorded by Kanherkar *et al.* (2007), El-Shahawy (2009) and Morsy *et al.* (2009).

### 1.2. Effect of plant oils on the fungal growth:

Oils of the abovementioned plants beside capsicum one were also tested to calculate their effects against the growth of S. sclerotiorum. ΑII tested oils at concentrations (1, 3 and 5 g/L) reduced the linear growth of S. sclerotiorum than control, significantly (Table 2). Camphor and garlic oils at the rate of 5 g/L completely inhibited the fungal growth (94.38% reduction than control). These were followed by citrus, capsicum and clove oils. However, onion oil had the least effect in reducing the fungal arowth. Generally. increasing concentration of any tested oil showed more effect in reducing the growth and vice versa. Such results were achieved by Omidbaigi et al. (2007) and Bakkali et al. (2008).

#### 2. Greenhouse experiments:

Under greenhouse and artificial soil infestation conditions with isolate No. 7, different control methods were tested.

### 2.1. Effect of plant water extracts on the disease incidence:

Both garlic and clove extracts were the best for reducing damping-off and increasing the survival plant (80%), at 2014 growing season (Table 3). In the meantime, plant height was also responded by these applications and recorded 21.33 and 24.00 cm for garlic and clove extracts, respectively. Camphor extract resulted 60% survival plants with 21 cm average plant height. The least effective extract was onion one where it resulted 33.33% survival plants only. On the other hand, the infested control treatment caused completely death of all seeded plants.

Table (1). Effect of plant water extracts on the growth of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* under laboratory conditions.

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Plant extract	Conc. (gm/L)	Linear-growth (cm)	Growth reduction (%)
	30	7.00	21.34
Garlic	50	6.83	23.25
	100	2.5	71.91
	30	7.50	15.73
Onion	50	5.83	34.49
	100	5.00	43.82
	30	6.83	23.25
Citrus	50	4.50	49.43
	100	2.50	71.91
	30	6.50	26.96
Camphor	50	4.83	45.73
	100	2.50	71.91
	30	4.50	49.43
Clove	50	3.50	60.67
	100	2.16	75.73
Control(-)		8.90	0.00
L.S.D. at 5%		2.00	_

Table (2). Effect of plant oils on the growth of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* under laboratory conditions.

Plant oil	Conc. (gm/L)	Linear growth (cm)	Growth reduction (%)
	1	3.50	60.67
Garlic	3	2.83	68.20
	5	0.50	94.38
	1	5.16	42.02
Capsicum	3	4.16	53.25
	5	1.33	85.05
	1	2.00	77.52
Citrus	3	1.33	85.05
	5	1.00	88.76
	1	1.16	86.96
Camphor	3	0.83	90.67
	5	0.50	94.38
	1	4.33	51.34
Clove	3	3.50	60.67
	5	1.66	81.34
	1	4.00	55.05
Onion	3	3.50	60.67
	5	2.50	71.91
Control(-)		8.90	0.00
L.S.D. at 5%		2.12	_

Table (3). Effect of plant water extracts on the disease incidence and plant height under greenhouse and artificial soil infestation conditions.

Plant extract	Conc. (gm/L)	Pre-emergence damping-off	Post-emergence damping-off	Survival plants (%)	Plant height (cm)	
		season 2014				
Garlic	100	13.33 6.67		80.00	21.33	
Onion	100	46.67	20.00	33.33	18.33	
Citrus	100	33.33	13.33	53.34	20.00	
Clove	100	13.33	6.67	80.00	24.00	
Camphor	100	26.67	13.33	60.00	21.00	
Control (	Control (-)		26.67	0.00	_	
L.S.D. at 5	L.S.D. at 5%		27.92 24.55		5.03	
		season 2015				
Garlic	100	13.33	13.33	73.34	34.33	
Onion	100	20.00	26.67	53.33	30.00	
Citrus	100	13.33	13.33	73.34	34.00	
Clove	100	6.67	13.33	80.00	38.00	
Camphor	100	13.33	13.33	73.34	34.00	
Control (-)		46.66	46.67	6.67	10.00	
L.S.D. at 5%		22.69	18.39	25.44	15.04	

Nearly similar results were achieved at 2015 growing season where clove extract was the most effective against the fungus followed by garlic, citrus and camphor extracts. Plant height was significantly increased than control (-) treatment and the best height were achieved when clove extract was applied.

### 2.2. Effect of plant oils on the disease incidence:

Results present in Table (4) clear that garlic oil (5 g/L) both at 2014 and 2015 growing seasons was superior in controlling white mould disease of bean where it resulted 93.33% survival plants with the average of 28.33 cm plant height. This was followed by camphor and clove oils which gave 73.33% survivals. Onion oil was the least effective one against the disease. On the other hand, all tested oils significantly reduced the disease incidence and increased plant height in comparison with control (-) treatment (infested soil with the pathogen only).

#### 3. Field experiments:

Under field and natural soil infestation conditions, the different control methods were tested, both at 2014 and 2015 growing seasons. Field soil was heavily infested with the causal organism, *S. sclerotiorum*.

## 3.1. Effect of plant water extracts on the disease incidence and yield production:

Results shown in Table (5) indicate that clove extract was the best for controlling the disease and yield production at both seasons. At 2014, infection percent and severity of infection of Giza 3 cultivar recorded 12.66 and 7.66%, respectively. Those of the non-treated control were 53.33 and 21.66, in the same respect. The best yield parameters i.e., average number of pods / plant and yield of the experimental plot, were also resulted in response to clove extract application. They were 32.33 pods / plant and 16.62 kg green yield / plot.

Table (4). Effect of plant oils on the disease incidence and plant height under greenhouse and artificial soil infestation conditions.

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Plant oil	Conc. (gm/L)	Pre-emergence damping-off	Post-emergence damping-off	Survival plants (%)	Plant height (cm)		
	season 2014				, ,		
Camphor	5	20.00	6.67	73.33	25.66		
Onion	5	26.67	20.00	53.33	23.33		
Garlic	5	6.67	0.00	93.33	28.33		
Capsicum	5	26.67	13.33	60.00	23.33		
Clove	5	20.00	6.67	73.33	23.00		
Citrus	5	26.67	13.33	60.00	24.00		
Control (	Control (-)		26.67	0.00	_		
L.S.D. at	5%	43.69	25.94 27.99		9.58		
			season 2015				
Camphor 5		13.33	13.33	73.34	32.00		
Onion	5		26.67	53.33	26.00		
Garlic	5	6.67	6.67	86.66	37.33		
Capsicum	5	13.33	13.33	73.34	30.67		
Clove	5	6.67	13.33	80.00	35.00		
Citrus	5	13.33	13.33	73.34	31.33		
Control (-)		46.67	46.67	6.66	10.00		
L.S.D. at 5%		17.36	26.32	22.18	15.53		

Table (5). Effect of plant water extracts on white rot disease incidence and yield production of Giza 3 cultivar under field and natural soil infestation conditions.

Plant	Conc.	Pre-emergence	Percentage of	Severity of	Yield	Average No.		
extract	(gm/L)	damping-off	infection	infection	(kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	of pods/plant		
			2014 season					
Garlic	100	15.00	16.00	8.66	15.93	29.66		
Onion	100	15.66	19.66	11.66	11.43	24.66		
Citrus	100	17.66	17.33	11.00	13.79	31.00		
Camphor	100	13.00	14.00	8.66	14.55	26.00		
Clove	100	8.33	12.66	7.66	16.62	32.33		
Contro	l (-)	31.33	53.33	21.66	4.31	15.66		
L.S.D. a	t 5%	9.89	18.89	6.49	3.02	6.48		
		2015 season						
Garlic	100	8.33	19.66	12.66	11.22	22.33		
Onion	100	11.33	23.33	15.66	10.25	16.33		
Citrus	100	9.00	20.66	14.66	10.08	20.66		
Camphor	100	10.33	22.00	13.00	8.56	17.33		
Clove	100	8.33	16.66	10.00	12.40	26.66		
Control (-)		13.33	38.00	28.00	6.31	15.00		
L.S.D. at 5%		4.19	9.43	7.36	4.48	9.84		

Garlic and camphor plant extracts were also effective in reducing the disease incidence and improving yield production. However, onion and citrus extracts were less effective but they were better than control (-) treatment, both for disease incidence and yield production.

Nearly similar results were obtained at 2015 growing season .Such results were achieved by Shahnaz *et al.* (2007) and Islam and Faruq (2012).

## 3.2. Effect of plant oils on the disease incidence and yield production:

Results illustrated in Table (6) indicate that garlic oil (5 gm/L) was the best for

reducing the severity of infection (8.33%), increasing number of bean pods / plant (24.33) and average yield / plot (13.57 kg), for Giza 3 cultivar at 2015. Clove oil, at the same rate, had the second rank. The same results were obtained at 2014 growing season. Generally, all tested plant oils reduced the infection with white mould and increased yield production than control (-) treatment, significantly. This treatment resulted (51.33%) dead plants, 28.00% severity of infection, 15.00 pods / plant and only 6.31 kg green pods / plot. These were also recorded by Ponce et al. (2004) and El-Metwally et al. (2010).

Table (6). Effect of plant oils on white rot disease incidence and yield production of Giza 3 cultivar under field and natural soil infestation conditions

Plant oil	Conc. (gm/L)	Pre-emergence damping-off	Percentage of infection	Severity of infection	Yield (kg/cm²)	Average No. of pods/plant
			2014 sea	son		
Garlic	5	14.33	9.00	6.66	19.17	33.33
Capsicum	5	17.33	16.66	11.33	11.82	27.33
Citrus	5	16.66	15.00	10.33	14.57	22.33
Camphor	5	15.33	12.33	8.66	14.33	31.66
Clove	5	15.66	10.66	8.33	13.44	26.33
Onion	5	17.00	18.66	12.33	12.89	24.66
Control (-)		31.33	53.33	21.66	4.31	15.66
L.S.D. at 5%		8.80	17.08	8.71	5.46	7.89
	2015 season					
Garlic	5	6.00	14.00	8.33	13.57	24.33
Capsicum	5	9.33	20.00	12.33	11.94	20.00
Citrus	5	9.33	20.00	15.00	10.22	20.66
Camphor	5	9.66	16.33	11.00	10.72	19.66
Clove	5	7.66	15.66	10.66	12.69	22.00
Onion	5	11.00	24.00	15.00	10.07	18.66
Control (-)		13.33	38.00	28.00	6.31	15.00
L.S.D. at 5%		3.86	6.01	4.38	3.55	6.63

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# دراسة تأثير المستخلصات المائية والزيوت النباتية على مرض العفن الأبيض في الفاصوليا

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### الملخص العربي

يهدف هذا البحث إلى مكافحه مرض العفن الأبيض في الفاصوليا باستخدام مركبات صديقة للبيئة بديلة عن المبيدات الفطرية. أظهرت النتائج أن المستخلصات المائية والزيوت لنباتات الثوم ، البصل ، الموالح ، الكافور ، الشطة والقرنفل تختزل نمو الفطر اسكليروتينيا اسكليروتيورم عند تتميته على بيئه اجار البطاطس ، وكان أفضلها في ذلك مستخلص القرنفل (10جرام/ لتر) وزيت الثوم (5جرام/ لتر) . وبصفة عامة فإن زيادة تركيز أي من المستخلصات أو الزيوت في الوسط الغذائي تُؤدي إلى اختزال أكثر لنمو الفطر . وتحت ظرف الصوبة والعدوى الصناعية للتربة ثبت أن مستخلص وزيت كلاً من القرنفل والثوم كانت الأفضل لتقليل موت البادرات وزيادة نسبة النباتات الحية . وتحت ظروف الحقل والعدوى الطبيعية للتربة كان المستخلص المائي للقرنفل وزيت الثوم هما الأفضل في تقليل حدوث الاصابة بالمرض وزيادة إنتاج المحصول بصورةٍ معنوية عند المقارنة بالنباتات غير المعاملة في صنف الفاصوليا تحت الدراسة جيزه 3 .