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Effect of Different Sources of Organic Manures and Seed Biopriming on Growth and Nutrient Uptake of Rice Bean (*Vigna umbellata*)

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ABSTRACT

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A field experiment was conducted during *kharif*-2019 at Research Institute of Organic Farming field unit, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru to study the Effect of different sources of organic manures and seed bio-priming on growth and yield of rice bean (*Vigna umbellata*) laid out in Factorial Randomized Complete Block Design with 10 treatments replicated thrice and the variety used was KBR-1. Results of the experiment revealed that seed biopriming with *Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma* recorded significantly higher growth parameters like plant height (89.20cm), branches per plant (8.63), leaf area (767.52cm² plant⁻¹), dry matter production per plant(23.79g), number of nodules per plant (48.27) and nutrient uptake nitrogen (80.7 kg ha⁻¹), phosphorous (19.03 kg ha⁻¹) and potassium (72.29 kg ha⁻¹) 100% N equivalent through vermicompost recorded significantly higher growth parameters like plant height (90.17cm), branches per plant (10.30), leaf area (847.09cm² plant⁻¹), dry matter production per plant(26.30g), number of nodules per plant (42.83) and nitrogen (84.21 kg ha⁻¹), phosphorous (18.23 kg ha⁻¹) and potassium (65.83 kg ha⁻¹).

Introduction

Rice bean (*Vigna umbellata*), a member of the leguminosae (Fabaceae) family, is an annual underutilized grain legume or pulse is native of south East Asia. It is newly introduced crop in Karnataka and is commonly known as redbean, Mambi bean, climbing mountain bean, Japanese rice bean, bamboo bean and oriental bean and considered as a potential grain legume because of its high protein

content. In India, Rice bean is used for both food and fodder. Legumes in general are scarce, costly and defective in their nutritional and cooking qualities but rice bean seed protein is varies from 15-25 per cent. Rice bean has drawn special attention due to its high seed yield (22-25q ha⁻¹). It is fairly drought tolerant and grows well on relatively poor soils. It has wider adoptability to different agro-ecologies and is highly resistant to viral diseases. Varieties and land races

grow profusely, spreading and twinning type, with immediate growth. It is very sensitive to day length. Flowering and pod setting are initiated with the onset of short days (Singh and Tomer, 1989).

Bio-priming is a new promising technique of seed treatment that integrates biological and physiological method of improving plant growth and controlling disease. It is recently used as an alternative method for controlling many seed and soil borne pathogens. Thus, considered as an advanced technique of seed treatment which includes of application of beneficial microorganism on seed surface and seed hydration (Singh *et al.*, 2016).

Materials and Methods

A field experiment was conducted during *kharif* 2019 at organic farming research and demonstration field unit (J block) of Research Institute on Organic Farming (RIOF), Gandhi KrishiVignan Kendra (GKVK), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, to study the Effect of different organic manures and seed bio-priming on growth and yield of rice bean consisted of ten treatments replicated thrice in FRCBD. The soil was red sandy clay loam and the treatments tested where T₁: without seed biopriming, T₂: with seed biopriming, T₃:100% N equivalent through FYM+ seed biopriming, T₄:100% N equivalent through Vermicompost +seed biopriming, T₅: 100% N equivalent through Neemcake + seed biopriming, T₆:100% N equivalent through biodegester liquid organic manure +seed biopriming, T₇:100%N equivalent through FYM +without seed biopriming, T₈: 100% N equivalent through Vermicompost+ without seed biopriming, T₉: 100% N equivalent through Neemcake+ without seed biopriming, T₁₀: 100 % N equivalent through biodegester liquid organic manure + without seed biopriming. RDF:40:20:20, basal dose application of FYM @10t ha⁻¹ to all treatments except T₁ and T₂. Variety KBR-

1 was sown at a spacing of 45 cm x 10 cm, gross and net plots size was 4.5 m x 3.5 m and 2.7 m x 3.1 m respectively.

Seed bio-priming (seed treatment)

Pre-soaked the seeds in water for 12 hrs then mixed the formulated product of bio-agents (*Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma*) with pre-soaked seeds at the rate of 10 g per kg of seeds with adhesive material castor oil (100 ml per kg seeds) and put the treated seeds as a heap then covered the heap with moist jute sack to maintain high humidity. Then kept for incubation under high humidity for about 48 hrs approximately 25-32 per cent. Bio-agents adhered to the seed grows on the seed surface under moist condition to form a protective layer all around the seed coat.

Data on rice bean grain and stover yield collected after harvest of the crop and averaged over three replications. The data collected on different trait was statistically analysed using standard procedure and the results were tested at the five percent level of significance as given by Gomez and Gomez (1984).

Uptake of N, P and K

Uptake of Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium were calculated by using the following formula and expressed in kg ha⁻¹

$$\text{Nutrient uptake (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Nutrient content (\%)} \times \text{Biomass of fruit/stalk (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{100}$$

Results and Discussion

Growth parameters of rice bean were recorded significantly higher due to seed bio-priming with *Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma* like plant height (89.20 cm), branches per plant (8.63), leaf area (767.52 cm² plant⁻¹), dry

matter production per plant(23.79 g), number of nodules per plant (48.27). This is due to bio-primed seed showed higher germination and better plant growth added advantage of controlling seed and soil borne pathogens and plant growth promoting effects. Enhancement in seedling emergence and growth parameters was observed higher in W₁ (with seed bio-priming) because of the fact that Rhizobium and PGPR share a common microhabitat, the root soil inter surface, where interactions between different microbial groups (Yadav *et al.*, 2013).

Growth parameters recorded higher with 100% N equivalent through Vermicompost, plant height (90.17cm), branches per plant (10.30), leaf area (847.09 cm² plant⁻¹), dry

matter production per plant(26.30 g), number of nodules per plant (42.83). This is because of increase in growth parameters through organic nutrient management might be due to enhanced uptake of N, P and K, which results in better vegetative growth, root growth and productive ability of the rice bean. Vermicompost added a good amount of NPK in the soil, besides supplying other essential micronutrients and also it includes plant growth regulators which increase the growth and yield. Excreta of earthworms contain large amounts of plant hormones (auxin, gibberline, and cytokynine) which also affects the plant growth and development (Zahedifard *et al.*, 2014).

Table.1 Growth parameters of rice bean as influenced by different organic sources and seed bio-priming

	Plant height	No. of branches plant ⁻¹	Leaf area (cm ² plant ⁻¹)	Dry matter production per plant (g plant ⁻¹)	No. of nodules per plant
A. Seed bio-priming					
W ₁ (With seed bio-priming)	89.20	8.63	767.52	23.79	48.27
W ₂ (Without seed bio-priming)	80.37	8.56	715.94	21.47	27.20
F- test	*	*	*	*	*
S.Em ±	1.65	0.16	16.384	0.549	1.17
CD (p=0.05)	4.91	0.49	48.680	1.630	3.47
B. Organic sources					
S ₁ – control	76.25	7.08	418.95	19.88	20.67
S ₂ – FYM	83.33	7.87	727.71	22.33	42.7
S ₃ – Vermicompost	90.17	10.30	847.09	26.30	42.83
S ₄ - Neem cake	88.50	9.67	764.16	22.35	41.50
S ₅ – BDLM	85.67	8.06	750.17	22.27	41.00
F- test	*	*	*	*	*
S.Em±	2.617	0.26	25.906	0.86	1.85
CD (p=0.05)	7.78	0.78	76.97	2.58	5.50

Table.2 Nutrient uptake of rice bean as influenced by different organic sources and seed bio-priming

Treatment	Nitrogen (kg ha ⁻¹)	Phosphorus (kg ha ⁻¹)	Potassium (kg ha ⁻¹)
A. Seed bio-priming			
A. Seed bio-priming			
W ₁ (With seed bio-priming)	80.7	19.03	72.79
W ₂ (Without seed bio-priming)	70.25	17.00	62.10
F- test	*	*	*
S.Em±	1.807	0.540	1.831
CD (p=0.05)	5.370	1.605	5.439
B. organic sources			
S ₁ – control	25.20	8.76	44.71
S ₂ – FYM	77.59	16.77	62.31
S ₃ – Vermicompost	108.34	27.97	99.65
S ₄ – Neem cake	84.21	18.23	65.83
S ₅ – BDLM	82.15	18.32	64.74
F- test	*	*	*
S.Em±	2.85	0.85	2.89
CD (p=0.05)	8.49	2.55	8.67

Nutrient uptake of rice bean crop was observed significantly higher due to seed bio-priming with *Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma*. Nitrogen (80.7 kg ha⁻¹), phosphorous (19.03 kg ha⁻¹) and potassium (72.29 kg ha⁻¹). bio-priming is directly involved in the enhancement of plant growth by the secretion of compounds and mineral solubilisation (Mirshekari *et al.*, 2012).

Nutrient uptake of rice bean crop was recorded significantly higher with 100% N equivalent through vermicompost. This is because of vermicompost provides readily available forms of nutrients to plants and increase the uptake (Singh *et al.* 2012; Grantina-Ievina *et al.*, 2015). Improved physical conditions of the soil which support better aeration to plant root, drainage of water, facilitation of cations N⁺ P⁺ and K⁺ exchange, sustained availability of nutrients, and thereby the uptake by the plants resulting

in better growth and yield (Manivannan *et al.*, 2009).

In conclusion, seed bio-priming with *Rhizobium* and *Trichoderma* and 100% N equivalent through vermicompost resulted in better growth of rice bean crop and nutrient (N, P and K) uptake by the crop compared to control.

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