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Efficacy of Fungal Versus Bacterial Bioagents on Fusarium Wilt of Castor

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ABSTRACT

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Wilt pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* f. *spricini* caused severe declines in yield of Castor (*Ricinus communis* L.) crop. To control the castor wilt disease, mostly fungicides are used and consequent fungicides impact undesirable toxic effect on the environment. To minimize the pollution impact, development of alternative ecofriendly strategies is needed. Therefore, to fill these knowledge gaps, native and commercial bioagents were evaluated for their efficacy on the wilt pathogen, by *in vitro* bioassay. Fourteen bioagents, include seven fungal and seven bacterial bioagents were tested by dual culture method. The isolates *Trichoderma viride* (DOR Tv), *T. harzianum* (DOR Th) and commercial isolates *T. viride* (Trichogen-T) and *T. viride* (Bhoomika) significantly inhibited wilt pathogen growth by 100.00 percent. While the bacterial commercial bioagent Florozen-P (*Pseudomonas fluorescens*) showed maximum inhibition by 85.69 per cent, followed by *B. subtilis* by 81.11 per cent compared to the others. In current study both the native and commercial fungal and bacterial bioagents showed a significant antagonistic ability to wilt pathogen. However, fungal bioagents performed better over bacterial isolates. In addition, bacterial bioagents, the commercial talk formulations performed better over others. In conclusion, indicating potentiality of biocontrol based protection as a sustainable alternative for the management of castor wilt.

Introduction

Castor (*Ricinus communis* L.) which belongs to the family Euphorbiaceae is an important non-edible oilseed crop and plays a vital role in the Indian vegetable oil economy. The world's castor production is 15.4 lakh m t (FAO, 2008). India ranks first in area (10.96 lakh ha) and production (11.43 lakh t) of castor in the world of which Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh are major castor producing states. Andhra Pradesh accounts for 2.22 lakh ha with yield of 675 kg ha⁻¹ (INDIASTAT, 2013). The crop is

extensively cultivated in Mahaboobnagar, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda and Kurnool districts of the state. Wilt caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini* is a soil and seed borne pathogen colonizing the xylem vessels and blocking them completely causing heavy yield loss up to 85 percent, depending on fungal inoculum and environmental condition (Dange, 2003). Soil drenching with fungicides are generally used to control of castor wilt disease. However, frequent and in discriminant use of it, leads to ill effects on

the environment, causing soil and water pollution and development of new pathogenic strains with more virulence. Hence bio-control has been advocated as one of the promising alternative strategy to overcome these problems. Garrett (1956) defined biological control of plant diseases as “any condition under which or practice whereby, survival and activity of a pathogen are reduced through the agency of any other living organisms with the result that there is a reduction in the incidence of disease caused by the pathogen”. In addition, many studies documented the antagonistic potentiality of *Trichoderma* sp. and *Pseudomonas* sp. Studies include *Trichoderma* spp. viz., *Trichoderma harzianum*, *T. hamatum*, *T. viride*, *T. lignorum* and *T. koningii* were tested against 19 isolates of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *carthami* using the dual culture method and found that all the *Trichoderma* spp. inhibited the mycelial growth of the pathogen (Sunita and Datar, 2009); *Trichoderma* spp. effectively inhibited the growth of *Rhizoctonia solani* and *F. solani* which cause seedling disease of tomato (Rahman *et al.*, 2001), also effective on forest nursery damping off fungi, *F. oxysporum*, *P. aphanidermatum* and *R. solani* (Sanjay and Kaushik 2001); on chickpea root rot causing pathogens *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *cicero*, *R. solani* and *Sclerotium rolfsii* (Gupta *et al.*, 2002). While the bacterial antagonist, *B. subtilis* showed maximum inhibition compared to *P. fluorescens* in controlling *F. moniliforme* (Karunakaran *et al.*, 2003).

However, *P. fluorescens* strain 2P24 showed strong inhibitory activity against *Ralstonia solanacearum*, *F. oxysporum* and *R. solani* (Wei *et al.*, 2004). Similarly, *P. fluorescens* showed promising antagonistic inhibition against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *vasinfectum*, *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *cubense*, *R. solani*, *Sclerotium rolfsii*, *Sarocladium oryzae* and *Aspergillus flavus* and bacteria *Xanthomonas campestris*

pv. *citri* and *X. campestris* pv. *oryzae* (Sakthivel *et al.*, 1986). Also, effectively inhibited the growth of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *cicero* (Vidyasekaran and Muthmilan, 1995); *Curvularia lunata* and *Fusarium* sp. (Rachana and Shalini, 2008). However, despite of many studies, there is a research gap exists in relation to native and commercial fungal and bacterial bioagents efficacy against wilt pathogen. Therefore, present study was conducted to investigate different efficacy rate of bacterial and fungal bio-agents. The best bioagents obtained could be potentially used to control castor wilt. We aimed to address the following issues: 1) Find out the best bioagent between native and commercially available formulation in the market effective against the *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini* among tested 2. Suggestion or identification or recommendations of bioagent that could be economical for the farmers to manage the wilt disease.

Materials and Methods

All the experiments were carried out at Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, India. Fourteen bioagents were procured from various sources presented in Table 1 (Figs. 1 and 2). Efficacy of these fungal and bacterial bioagents were evaluated against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini* under *in vitro* condition by using the dual culture method (Ambuse *et al.*, 2012).

Pathogenicity and re-isolation of test pathogen

Pathogenicity of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini* was proved by adopting root dip inoculation technique. The surface sterilized seeds of the highly susceptible castor cultivar JI 35 were sown in pots filled with sterile potting mixture and watered regularly. For each isolate 50 seedlings were raised for proving

pathogenicity. Ten-day old seedlings were uprooted, washed with sterile distilled water to remove the excess soil present on the root surface and distal one third of the root system was clipped. A total of 50 clipped seedlings were dipped in spore suspension for ten minutes and then transplanted back to the pots from where they were uprooted. Observations for the typical wilting symptoms were made up to six weeks after inoculation. The pathogen was re-isolated from infected seedlings and the culture obtained was compared with the original culture and was maintained on the PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar Medium), and was periodically sub cultured until use.

Isolation of native fungal and bacterial bioagents (Table 1 and Fig. 1)

The procured fungal cultures were maintained on PDA medium, and bacterial cultures on Nutrient Agar medium (NA). The inoculated plates were incubated at $28 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ for one week and were isolated and identified, and were used for further studies.

Isolation of commercial talk formulation of fungal and bacterial bioagents (Table 1 and Fig. 2)

Fungal bioagents

Talk formulation of 4 g was added to the 100 ml of sterile distilled water and 0.5 ml of the preparation was aseptically transferred onto a PDA amended with streptomycin sulphate medium containing plates. The inoculated plates were incubated at $28 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ for one week and were isolated and identified and were used for further studies.

Bacterial bioagents

Talk formulation of 1 g was added to the 100 ml of sterile distilled water and 0.5 ml of the

preparation was aseptically transferred onto NA medium. The inoculated plates were incubated at $28 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 days and the resultant colonies were purified and used when necessary.

Biocontrol agents

Out of fourteen bioagents tested, seven fungal bioagents used, include four native and three commercial talk formulations. Out of seven bacterial bioagents, five include native and two commercial talk formulations. All the cultures were maintained on respective medium and were periodical transferred until used.

Dual culture technique

Culture discs (5 mm) of fungal antagonist and the test pathogen were cut with a sterilized cork borer from the edge of seven-day old culture and placed on the solidified medium (PDA) opposite to each other at equidistance. Whereas for bacteria, loopful of bacterial growth was streaked at one end of the petri-plates containing PDA media, which was pre-inoculated with 5mm mycelial discs of test pathogen at the other end of the petri-plate. For each treatment three replications were maintained. Suitable control was maintained by placing only the pathogen on the petriplate containing PDA. All The petri-plates were incubated at $28 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and observed daily for recording antagonistic interactions between the pathogen and biocontrol agents.

The per cent growth reduction (R) of the test pathogen was calculated when the growth of the test pathogen was fully in control plates by using the formula given below.

$$R = (X - Y) / X \times 100$$

Where, (R) Per cent growth reduction of test pathogen,

(X) Radial growth of test pathogen in control (mm),

(Y) Radial growth of test pathogen in treatment (mm)

Statistical analysis

The experiment was Completely Randomized (CRD). The data obtained was transformed and was statistically analyzed using SAS-9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC). Significant differences were further analyzed by the mean separation test by Least square means (LSD) (Tables 2 and 3).

Results and Discussion

The antagonistic effect of different bioagents (Table 1 and Figs. 1 and 2) was assessed based on their ability to inhibit the pathogen growth and development. Among fourteen tested bioagents, seven fungal bioagents tested against *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini* (Figs. 3 and 5), the two-commercial isolates Trichogen-T *T. viride* (Sri Biotech Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad.), *T. viride* (Bhoomika); two native isolates *T. viride* (DOR Tv), *T. harzianum* (DOR Th), showed higher inhibition of wilt pathogen (100.00 percent) followed by Niprot (98.33 per cent), SAO Tv (94.16 per cent) and ARI Tv (79.16 per cent). While isolate ARI Tv recorded least inhibition of test pathogen. Among the seven bacterial bioagents tested (Table 3 and Figs. 4 and 6) commercial bioagent Florozen-P Pf (Sri Biotech Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad) inhibited 85.69 per cent of pathogen growth. Others include *B. subtilis* (Sri Biotech Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad.) 81.11 per cent, ARI Pf (80.97 per cent), DOR Bs(79.86 per cent), SAO Pf(73.33 per cent), DRR Pf(65.55 percent) and DOR Pf(58.19 per cent) showed significantly differences. It is evident from the data that all the antagonists studied significantly reduced fungal growth. However, the maximum inhibition (100 per cent) of *F. oxysporum* f.sp.

ricini was observed by the commercial bioagents Trichogen-T, Bhoomika and native DOR Tv, DOR Th. The clear inhibition zone was also observed with all the fungal bioagents tested with a slight difference. However, the bacterial antagonists were inferior compared to the fungal antagonists tested in inhibiting the growth of the test pathogen. In the present study, different isolates of *Trichoderma* spp. (*T. viride* and *T. harzianum*) showed maximum and varied antagonist potential against the *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini*. Possibly the antagonistic ability of *Trichoderma* sp., could be attributed by hyperparasitism, mycoparasitism, competition within the isolates or through production of antibiotics, which has already been well established and documented by Baker and Cook (1982) and Dubey (2000). Investigations on interaction of the plant pathogen and potential bioagents under *in vitro* condition throw light on possible mechanisms of antagonism such as mycoparasitism and production of diffusible antibiotics (Dennis and Webster, 1971).

Pioneering work of Weindling (1932), several successful attempts has been made to manage various soil borne fungi through biocontrol agents. In addition, the differences found in the efficacy of the various isolates of *Trichoderma* sp. may be due to their genetic makeup, as these may be from different ecological regions. In *Trichoderma* sp. in current research, *T. viride* and *T. harzianum* showed maximum inhibition against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini*. The findings of the present investigation are in agreement with Sunita and Datar (2009) who reported antagonistic potential of *Trichoderma* sp. *in vitro* against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *carthami*, similar results were reported by Waghmare and Kurundkar (2011) against of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *carthami*. Gupta *et al.*, (2002) and Sunita and Kurundkar (2007) found the superiority of *T. viride* in the inhibition of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ciceri*, *R. solani* and *Pythium*

aphanidermatum. The *T. harzianum* also showed maximum inhibition against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini* in the present study, the results are in accordance with Rahman *et al.*, 2001, who reported the effectiveness of *T.*

harzianum against *R. solani* and *F. solani*. Similar results were also reported by Karunakarna *et al.*, 2003 against *F. moniliformae*.

Table.1 List of biocontrol agents screened against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini*

S.No	Tradename/ Culture number	Bioagent	Formulation	Manufacturing company/ Source of supply.
1	Trichogen-T Tv	<i>T. viride</i>	Talc	Sri biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad.
2	Florozen-P	<i>P. fluorescens</i>	Talc	Sri biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad.
3	Bacillus (Bs)	<i>B. subtilis</i>	Talc	Sri biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad.
4.	DOR Tv	<i>T. viride</i>	culture	Directorate of Oil Seeds Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
5.	DOR Th	<i>T. harzianum</i>	culture	Directorate of Oil Seeds Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
6.	DOR Pf	<i>P. fluorescens</i>	culture	Directorate of Oil Seeds Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
7.	DOR Bs	<i>B. subtilis</i>	culture	Directorate of Oil Seeds Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
8.	DRR Pf	<i>P. fluorescens</i>	culture	Directorate of Rice Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
9.	ARI Pf	<i>P. fluorescens</i>	culture	ARI, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
10.	ARI Tv	<i>T. viride</i>	culture	ARI, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
11.	SAO Tv	<i>T. viride</i>	culture	State Agriculture Office, Biological control lab, Hyderabad
12.	SAO Pf	<i>P. fluorescens</i>	Talc	State Agriculture Office, Biological control lab, Hyderabad.
13.	Bhoomika	<i>T. viride</i>	Talc	Varsha Bioscience & Technology India Pvt Ltd.Hyderabad.
14.	Niprot	<i>T. viride</i>	Talc	Pest Control (India) Private Limited, Mumbai.

Table.2 Antagonistic activity of fungal biocontrol agents against *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini*

S.No.	Fungal Bioagent	*Radial growth of <i>F. oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>ricini</i> (mm)	*Per cent inhibition over control
1	Trichogen	0	100a
2	DORTv	0	100a
3	DORTH	0	100a
4	ARITv	18.75	79.16d
5	SAOTv	5.25	94.16c
6	Bhoomika	0	100a
7	Niprot	1.5	98.33b
8	Control	90	0e
	Mean	14.43	83.95

*Mean of three replications, means followed by the same letter in a column are non-significant, at 0.05 level of significance according to LSD. Highest mean is assigned the letter A

Table.3 Antagonistic activity of bacterial biocontrol agents against *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini*

S.No.	Bacterial Bioagent	*Radial growth of <i>F. oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>ricini</i> (mm)	*Per cent inhibition over control
1	FlorozenP	12.87	85.69a
2	<i>B. subtilis</i>	17	81.11b
3	ARI Pf	37.62	80.97c
4	DORBs	18.12	79.86d
5	SAOPf	31	73.33e
6	DRRPf	17.12	65.55f
7	DORPf	24	58.19g
8	Control	90	0h
	Mean	18.21	65.59

*Mean of three replications, means followed by the same letter in a column are non-significant, at 0.05 level of significance according to LSD. Highest mean is assigned the letter A

Fig.1 Pure cultures of fungal biocontrol agents evaluated in the present study

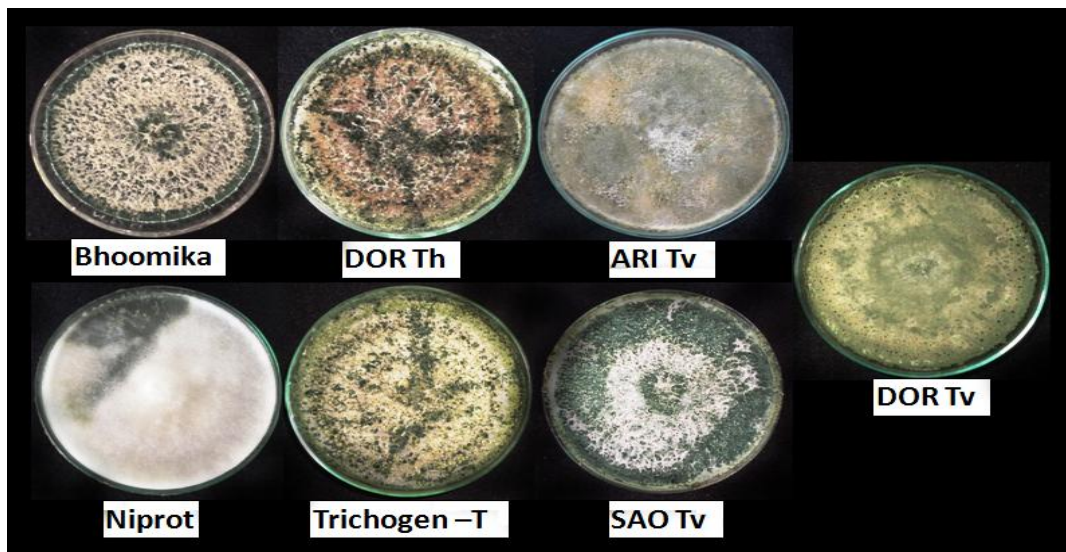


Fig.2 Pure cultures of bacterial biocontrol agents used in the present study

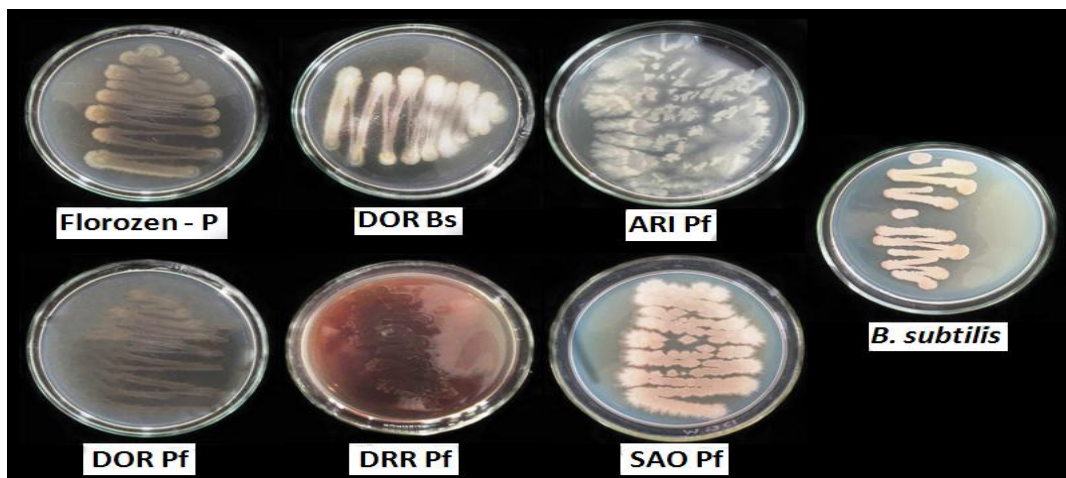


Fig.3 Antagonistic ability of fungal bioagents on radial growth of *F. oxysporium* f. sp. *ricini*

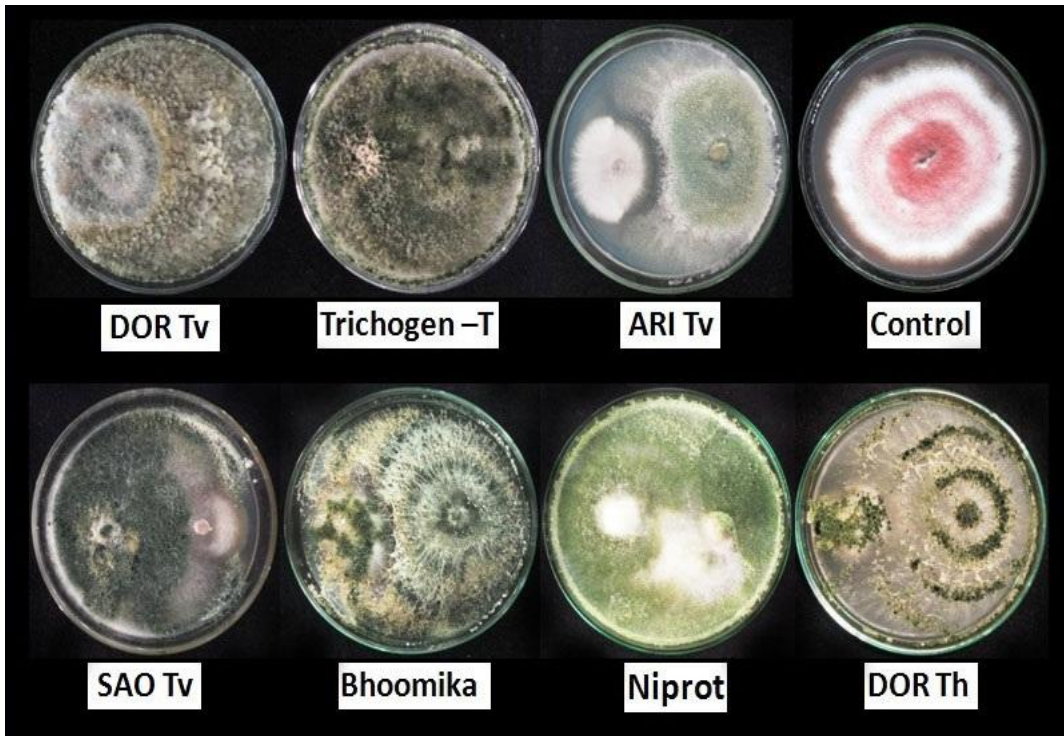


Fig.4 Antagonistic ability of bacterial bioagents on radial growth of *F. oxysporium* f. sp. *ricini*

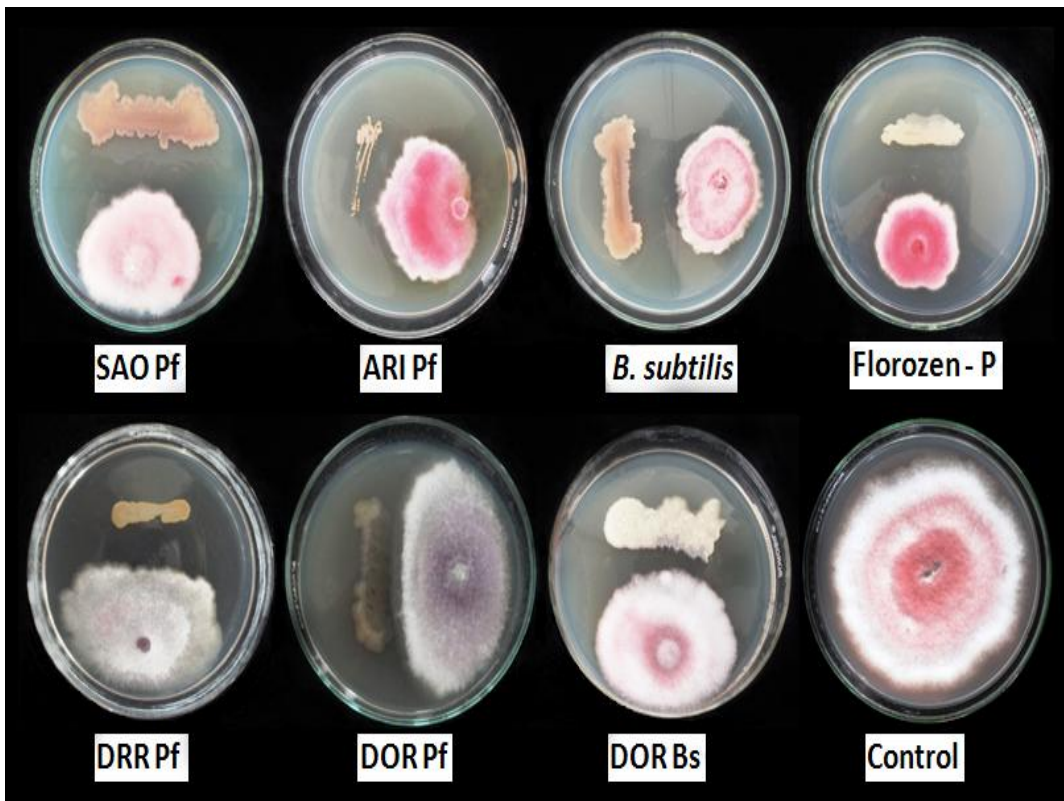


Fig.5 Efficacy of fungal bioagents on radial growth of *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini*

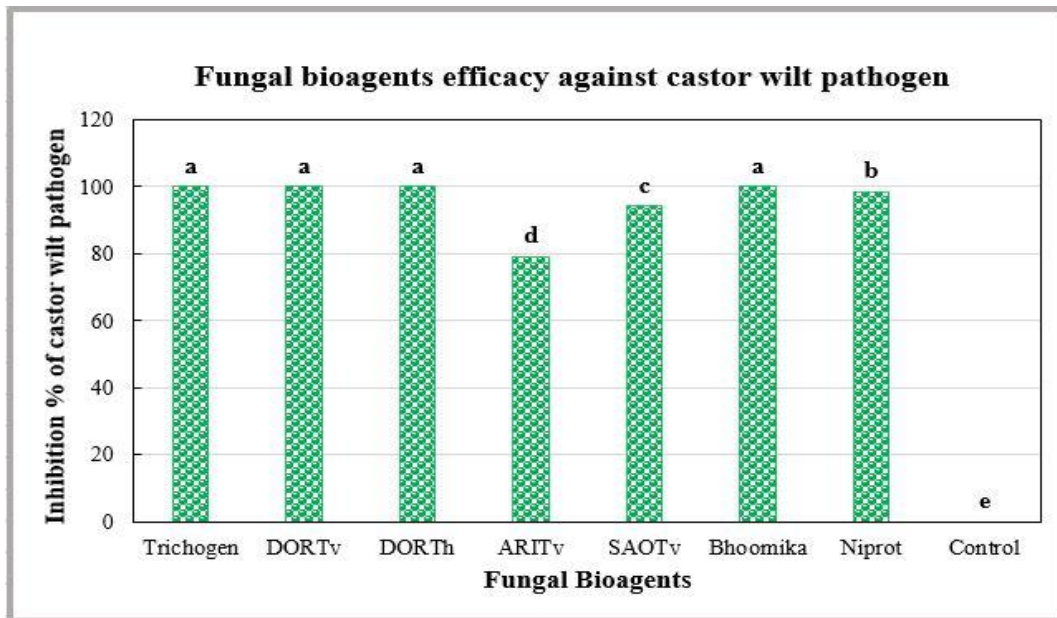
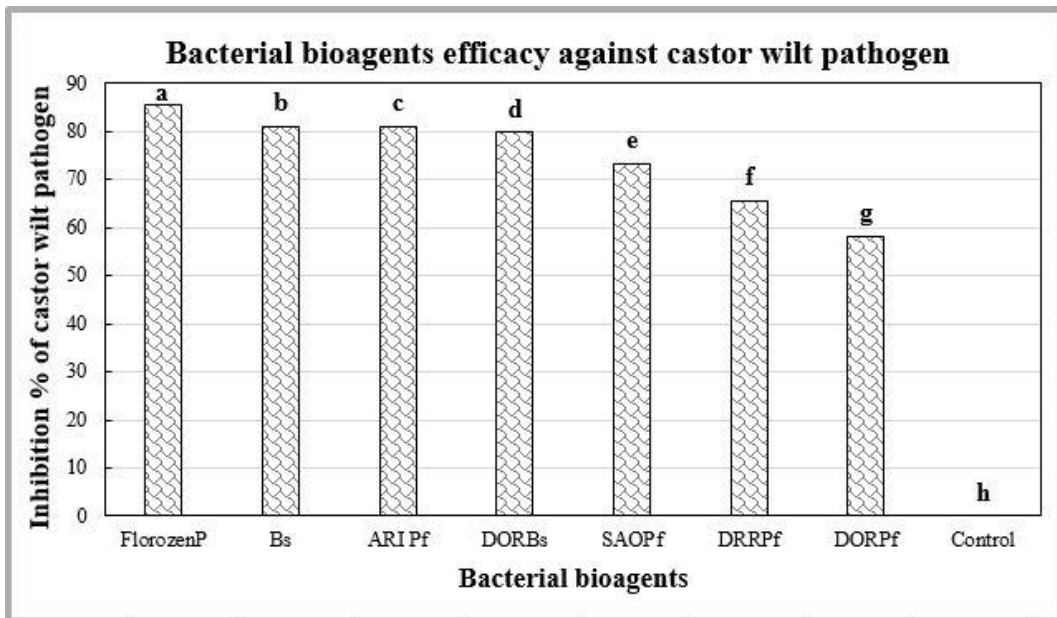


Fig.6 Efficacy of bacterial bioagents on radial growth of *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini*



Among all bacterial isolates tested, *P. fluorescens* showed highest inhibition per cent against *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *ricini*. The antagonistic ability of *P. fluorescens*, mainly due to its ability to produce antagonistic compounds, such as antibiotics, siderophores,

ammonia, cyanide and hydrolytic enzymes (Baker, 1987). Include, antibiotics like phenazine-1-carboxylic acid, pyoluteorin, acetyl-phlorolucinols. *P. fluorescens* also possibly known to produce hydrolytic enzymes, Indole 3-acetic acid (IAA) and

Gibberlic acid (GA) and chemicals 2,4-diacetyl phloroglucinol, pyrrolinitrin, pyoluteorin, siderophores, salicylic acid, hydrogen cyanide (HCN) etc. which are possibly involved in its biocontrol activity. Voisard *et al.*, 1989 also suggested that *P. fluorescens* have ability to synthesize hydrogen cyanide, which inhibit the pathogenic fungi and also to produce HCN that may be one of the causes of antagonism in *P. fluorescens* against plant pathogens. The findings of the present investigation are in agreement with the findings of Sakthivel *et al.*, 1986 against *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *vasinfectum*, *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *cubense*. In current study, both the fungal and bacterial bioagents showed an effective antagonistic capacity against wilt phytopathogen. However, overall fungal bioagents performed better than bacterial bioagents. In addition, fungal commercial and native isolates performed on par with each other in reduction of wilt pathogen growth. While in bacterial isolates tested, the commercial formulations performed better over native bacterial isolates. Within bacterial bioagents tested, *Pseudomonas* sp. (Florozen-P Pf) performed better than *Bacillus* sp in control of castor wilt pathogen growth. Moreover, biocontrol agents have equal potential as fungicides for the reduction of pathogen growth as observed in the current study. In conclusion, in current study fungal bioagents include commercial bioagents Trichogen-T, Bhoomika and native DOR Tv, DOR Th found to be best biocontrol agents in control of castor wilt pathogen *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini*, that could be recommended for the farmers for the castor wilt disease control. Farmers could procure these commercial biocontrol formulations easily from the market either from local market or state agricultural offices. Hence biocontrol based protection could be a potent and sustainable alternative for the management of *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *ricini*.

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