

Physio-Chemical Resistance Mechanism of Sorghum Genotypes against Shoot Fly (*Atherigona soccata*) (Rondani)

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ABSTRACT

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Sorghum shoot fly (*Atherigona soccata*) is an important pest of sorghum and host plant (HPR) is one of the important features for minimizing losses. Resistance against shoot fly in sorghum with governed by the physical and chemical contribute. Eleven sorghum genotypes were evaluated under the field condition for their reaction to shoot fly at Agronomy field, college of agriculture Kolhapur in Rabi 2016-17. Field studies showed that the genotypes viz. IS 2312, IS 2215 and IS 18551 were promising to shoot fly resistance, on the basis of morpho-physiological traits such as plant height, leaf glossiness, trichome density, leaf surface wetness and biochemical traits such as moisture content, soluble proteins, total sugars, total chlorophyll content. While genotypes DJ 6514 and Amruta were estimated as susceptible checks.

Introduction

Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Monech) is the fifth most important cereal crop worldwide after wheat, rice, maize and barley (FAO, 2011). In Maharashtra, sorghum is being grown on 5.50 million hectares and production is 6.05 million tonnes. sorghum shoot fly, *Atherigona soccata* Rondani (Order- Diptera, Family- Muscidae) is the most destructive one and causes severe damage in the early i.e. seedling stage and last up to 4 weeks causing severe reduction in plant population thereby causing heavy yield losses. The maggot crawls to the plant whorl and then moves downward between the fold of young leaves till they reach the growing point. It cuts the growing tip and feeds on the decaying leaf tissues, which results in dead

heart formation. Host plant resistance (HPR) is the most important component of integrated pest management (IPM) in sorghum. It does not involve any extra cost or other methods of pest control. Reduction in pest population through HPR can also enhance the effectiveness of natural enemies and reduce the need of pesticides (Sharma *et al.*, 1993).

Materials and Methods

The experimental material consisted of a diverse array of 11 genotypes comprising IS 29923, IS 18360, IS 27204, RSSH 18, RSSH 50, Swarna, three resistant checks viz., IS 18551, IS 2205, IS 2312 and a susceptible checks i.e. DJ 6514 and Amruta. The

experiment was conducted in the statistically randomized block (RBD) with three replications. Breeding lines were sown in Rabi season.

Characterization of sorghum genotypes for morphological traits

Data were recorded on plant height, leaf glossiness, trichome density and leaf surface wetness. Five seedling of each entry were selected at random and observations were recorded on seedling height on 14 DAE. The height of seedling was measured from soil surface to the opening of whorl and average height per seedling was calculated at each stage. Leaf glossiness (plants with pale green, shiny, narrow and erect leaves) was evaluated with 1 to 5 rating at 14 DAE in the early morning hours when there was maximum reflection of light from the leaf surface (Sharma and Nwanze, 1997).

Total number trichomes were counted in microscopic fields selected at random and expressed the trichome density as number per square millimeter at 14 DAE (Sharma and Nwanze 1997). For the assessment of leaf surface wetness, seedlings (12 DAE) were examined between 6.30 and 8.30 morning hours by excising the central unfolded leaf and spreading it under a binocular microscope. The leaf surface wetness was assessed with 1-5 scale.

Biochemical composition of sorghum genotypes

Biochemical analysis for moisture content, soluble proteins, total sugars and total chlorophyll content was estimated at 14 DAE. For moisture content the seedlings were then kept in an oven at 60°C for three days. Weight of the oven dried material was recorded after three days. Soluble proteins were estimated by Folin-Lowry method. Total soluble sugar was determined as per the method given by

Dubois *et al.*, (1956). Chlorophyll was extracted from leaves (0.5gm) with 50 ml Of 80 % acetone and measuring absorbance of the solution at 645 and 663 nm using the method of Arnon (1949).

Results and Discussion

Morphological characteristics of different sorghum genotypes in relation to expression of resistance to shoot fly

The maximum height was recorded in IS 2312 (23.97 cm) and minimum height was recorded in susceptible check, DJ 6514 (14.85 cm). The entries having more seedling height were observed to be less susceptible to shoot fly infestation than the entries having lower seedling height. Similar results were recorded by Singh *et al.*, (1989), Jayanthi *et al.*, (1999), Nadeem *et al.*, (2005) and Balikai (2011).

The resistant check, IS 18551 recorded minimum score of leaf glossiness (1.00). However, susceptible check, DJ 6514 recorded maximum score of leaf glossiness (4.55) which indicated non-glossiness of leaf. Similar results were recorded by Jadhav *et al.*, (1986), Dhillon *et al.*, (2005 a,b; 2006 a), Patil *et al.*, (2006) and Chikkarugi and Balikai (2011). Maximum number of trichomes were observed in resistant check, IS 18551 (23.68) which was significantly maximum than rest of the genotypes. The susceptible check, DJ 6514 (0.00) recorded lowest number of trichome. Similar results were reported by Maiti *et al.*, (1980), Jadhav *et al.*, (1986), Sree *et al.*, (1992) and Taneja and Maiti (1992).. The resistant check, IS 18551 recorded minimum leaf surface wetness score (1.00) which was at par with other resistant check *viz.*, IS 2312 (1.22), IS 2205 (1.38), IS 29923 (1.84), IS 18360 (1.86) and IS 27204 (1.98). Similar results were recorded by Nwanze *et al.*, (1990a), Nwanze *et al.*, (1991), Dhillon *et al.*, (2005b, 2006), Patil *et al.*, (2006), Chikkarugi and Balikai (2011) (Table 1).

Table.1 Morphological characteristics of sorghum genotypes for resistance to sorghum shoot fly

Genotype	Plant height (cm)	Leaf glossiness	Trichome density	Leaf surface wetness
IS 29923	11.59	2.16	10.12(3.84)*	1.84
IS 18360	11.52	2.11	16.88(4.17)	1.86
IS 27204	11.89	2.09	14.23(3.84)	1.98
IS 18551(RC)	11.85	1.00	23.68(4.92)	1.00
IS 2205 (RC)	12.74	1.42	16.89(4.17)	1.38
IS 2312 (RC)	11.96	2.02	17.27(4.22)	1.22
RSSH 18	10.71	2.20	4.52 (2.24)	2.94
RSSH 50	10.96	2.11	4.22 (2.18)	2.92
Swarna	11.07	2.64	9.28 (3.13)	2.84
DJ 6514 (SC)	7.85	4.55	0.00 (0.71)	4.40
Amruta (SC)	10.14	2.75	4.56 (2.22)	3.93
S.E.±	0.5084	0.0800	0.0707	0.0633
C.D. at 5 %	1.49	0.2361	0.2085	0.1868

RC: Resistant check; SC: Susceptible check

*Figures in parentheses are arcsin transformed values

Table.2 Biochemical constituents at seedling stage in different genotypes of sorghum

Genotype	Moisture content (%)	Soluble proteins (%)	Total sugars (%)	Total chlorophyll content
IS 29923	81.45	0.12	0.53	1.78
IS 18360	85.73	0.13	0.61	1.77
IS 27204	85.71	0.15	0.67	1.76
IS 18551(RC)	86.17	0.13	0.43	1.73
IS 2205 (RC)	83.86	0.14	0.48	1.75
IS 2312 (RC)	83.77	0.14	0.47	1.72
RSSH 18	87.38	0.18	0.64	1.87
RSSH 50	84.65	0.17	0.68	1.89
Swarna	85.73	0.16	0.84	1.93
DJ 6514 (SC)	90.39	0.16	0.97	2.14
Amruta (SC)	87.70	0.17	0.85	2.08
S.E.±	1.3311	0.0035	0.0145	0.038
C.D. at 5 %	3.94	0.0103	0.0427	0.113

RC: Resistant check; SC: Susceptible check

Biochemical composition in relation to expression of resistance to shoot fly

The minimum moisture content was found in the genotype, Swarna (81.45 per cent), which was at par with the rest of the genotypes except RSSH 18 (87.38), RSSH (86.17),

Amruta (87.70) and DJ 6514 (90.39). The maximum moisture content was estimated in susceptible check, DJ 6514 (90.39 per cent) and it was significantly more than other genotypes. Singh *et al.*, (2004) reported that there is no relationship between moisture content of sorghum seedlings and shoot fly

resistance. Rao and Panwar (2002) reported that maize genotypes resistance to stem borer, *Chilo partellus* (Swin.) have low moisture content. The lowest soluble protein was found in genotype IS 29923 (0.12 per cent). However, it was at par with the genotypes viz., IS 18360, IS 27204, IS 18551, IS 2205 and IS 2312. Bhise *et al.*, (1996a) reported that the susceptible check, CSH 1 had the highest protein content, whereas the resistant variety, IS 5490 had the lower protein content. The minimum sugar per cent was recorded in the genotype, IS 18551 (0.43 per cent). Nevertheless, it was at par with the genotype, IS 2312 (Table 2). The maximum percent sugar was noticed in the susceptible check, DJ 6514 (0.97 per cent), which was significantly less than the rest of the genotype. Total sugars content have earlier been reported to be positively associated with susceptibility to stem borer (Kabre and Ghorpade, 1999) and shoot fly (Kamatar *et al.*, 2003; Singh *et al.*, 2004). The chlorophyll content ranged from 1.72 to 2.14 mg per gm. The minimum chlorophyll content was found in resistant check, IS 2312. The maximum chlorophyll content was estimated in susceptible check, DJ 6514 (2.14 mg per gm) and it was significantly more than the rest of the entries.

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