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Bio-Intensive Management of Thrips Transmitted Bud Necrosis Disease in Tomato

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ABSTRACT

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In order to evaluate the efficacy of new chemical molecules, bio agent and botanicals on management of Peanut bud necrosis disease (PBND) in tomato, field experiment was conducted with different management practices during *Kharif* 2014 at MARS. Among the different chemical schedule the best schedule was T₅ (seedling dip with imidachloprid 17.8 SL at.03ml/l - *P. fluorescens* @ 5g/l - Thiamethoxam 0.2 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) @ 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting) with the disease reduction of 50.00 per cent and with a yield of 29.12 t/ha.

Introduction

Tomato [*Solanum lycopersicum* (Mill.) Wettst] is the second most important vegetable crop after potato and belongs to the family Solanaceae. In India it is grown on 905.5 ('000 ha) with the production of 19103.99 ('000 MT) with an average yield of 20.8 (MT/ha) (Anon., 2014).

Though, the area under tomato cultivation is high, the productivity (20 tones/ha) is low, due to biotic factors like insect pests and diseases. Among the diseases caused by fungi and bacteria it is also affected by large number of

viral diseases (Anon., 1983). Tomato is reported to be susceptible to over 40 viruses belonging to Alfamo, Luteo, Carla, Cucumo, Gemini, Poty, Illar, Nepo, Tombus, Tobamo and Tospovirus groups (Allen and Gibbs, 1990). Among several viral diseases of tomato bud necrosis disease of tomato is predominant ones. This disease is caused by *Peanut bud necrosis virus* (PBNV) belonging to genus *Tospovirus* the only plant infecting genus in the family Bunyaviridae and transmitted by thrips (*Thrips plami* Karmy). As the disease is transmitted by thrips reducing the thrips populations using appropriate insecticides can help to reduce the virus spread. However,

insecticides alone are of limited value in insect transmitted viral disease management, as virus spread from non-crop areas is an important source of infection and thrips require only limited feeding times for virus transmission. Frequent use of insecticides may also lead to development of insecticide resistance in thrips populations. Hence, strategic planning in the management of by using the botanicals like neem oil and biocontrol agents like *Pseudomonas fluorescens* would offer great scope in the management of virus diseases by inducing resistance in plants. With this aim, the present study was conducted to manage the bud necrosis disease in tomato by using botanicals, biocontrol agent and insecticides.

Materials and Methods

A field experiment with tomato variety Arka vikas was laid out in Main agriculture research station (MARS), University of Agriculture Sciences, Raichur during *Kharif 2014* to evaluate the efficacy of different treatment combination in reducing the incidence of bud necrosis disease of tomato. Eight treatments (Table 3) were replicated thrice in Randomized block design. Till the time of transplanting the seedling were protected under nylon net (50 mesh). The per cent disease incidence was calculated by using the below mentioned formula. The observation on per cent disease incidence was recorded at before 1st, 2nd, and 3rd spray and 15 days after 3rd spray and the data were analysed statistically. The per cent disease reduction over control was calculated by using the formula given by Vincent (1927).

$$\text{PDI (\%)} = \frac{\text{Number of diseased plants}}{\text{Total number of plants}} \times 100$$

(C-T)

$$\text{Per cent disease reduction (\%)} = \frac{\text{C}}{\text{C}} \times 100$$

Results and Discussion

In the current study efficacy of new chemicals, bio agent (*P. fluorescens*) and botanicals (neem oil) on the incidence of PBNV disease on tomato revealed that during the time of planting, none of the seedlings showed PBNV incidence as they were protected under nylon net (50 mesh). In parallel to this, delay in spread of vector mediated leaf curl virus disease in tomato upto five weeks when 25 days old seedlings protected under nylon mesh (40-50 mesh) transplanted in the field (Muniyappa and Saikia, 1983; Ganesh Naik and Muniyappa, 2004). Further in the present study, seedling dip with imidacloprid (17.8 SL @ 0.3 ml/l) showed negligible disease incidence of PBNV, similar opinion was also expressed by Krishnakumar *et al.*, (2006) who stated that seed treatment using imidacloprid (Gaucho 75 WS 3g/ kg of seed) significantly reduced thrips infestation but not WBNV incidence. The results concluded that management of thrips does not effectively translate to WBNV reduction on watermelon. After first spray with *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, least incidence was recorded in T₂ (25.00 %) and this was on par with other treatment *viz.*, T₅, T₄, T₃, and T₆ with the incidence of 26.39, 27.78, 27.78, and 29.17 per cent respectively and highest disease incidence was recorded in T₈ (untreated check) 36.11 per cent (Table 1). Among treatments, no significant difference was observed, except untreated check which differed significantly. The slight reduction of disease incidence in treatments over the control may be due to activation of defence related enzymes, this similar opinion was also expressed by Sanjay and Sivasubramanian (2012) who reported that the activity of defence related enzymes *viz.*, Peroxidase (POD), Polyphenoloxidase (PPO) and Phenylalanine Ammonia Lyase (PAL) was enhanced in onion plants treated with foliar application of *Pseudomonas fluorescens*.

Table.1 Effect of different management practices on the incidence of bud necrosis disease and yield of tomato under field condition during *Kharif* 2014

Tr. No.	Treatments details	Per cent disease incidence at				Yield (t/ ha)	Per cent disease reduction over control
		15 DAT	30 DAT	45 DAT	60 DAT		
T ₁	Seedling dip with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l treatment	4.17 (11.77)	31.94 (34.37)	55.56 (48.17)	61.11 (51.43)	17.18	11.99
T ₂	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	4.17 (11.77)	25.00 (29.77)	48.61 (44.19)	52.78 (46.60)	21.35	23.99
T ₃	T1- <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Diafenthurion 50 WP at 1 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	5.56 (13.44)	27.78 (31.74)	45.83 (42.57)	50.00 (44.99)	23.10	27.99
T ₄	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> 5g/l - Fipronil 5 % SC at 1 ml/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	4.17 (11.77)	27.78 (31.50)	43.06 (40.94)	47.22 (43.37)	24.07	31.99
T ₅	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Thiamethoxam 0.2 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	4.17 (11.77)	26.39 (30.88)	30.56 (33.50)	34.72 (36.06)	29.12	50.00
T ₆	T1- <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Dinotefuron 20 SG at 0.2 g /l- Neemoil(1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	4.17 (11.77)	29.17 (32.44)	33.33 (35.22)	37.50 (37.67)	26.03	45.99
T ₇	<i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5ml/l- at 15 days interval from planting	6.94 (15.11)	33.33 (35.22)	54.17 (47.39)	58.33 (49.79)	18.98	15.99
T ₈	Untreated control	8.33 (16.41)	36.11 (36.87)	65.28 (53.99)	69.44 (56.58)	12.29	-----
	S.Em±	1.32	2.82	2.61	2.68	1.34	
	C.D. at 5%	4.01	8.56	7.91	8.14	4.05	

Table.2 Cost economics of bio-intensive management of thrips transmitted bud necrosis disease in tomato

Treatments	Cost of cultivation(Rs./ha) A	Cost of plant protection(Rs./ha) B	Total cost of production(Rs./ha) (A+B)	Yield(kg/ha)	Gross return (Rs./ha)	Net returns(Rs./ha)	B:C
T ₁ = Seedling dip with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l	1,20,000	3017	123017	17180	343600	220583	2.79
T ₂ = T ₁ - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting	1,20,000	10596.5	130596.5	21350	427000	296403.5	3.26
T ₃ =T ₁ - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Diafenthurion 50 WP at 1 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting	1,20,000	9879.5	129879.5	23100	462000	332120.5	3.55
T ₄ =T ₁ - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Fipronil 5 % SC at 1 ml/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting	1,20,000	9579.5	129579.5	24070	481400	351820.05	3.71
T ₅ =T ₁ - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Thiamethoxam 0.2 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting	1,20,000	8679.5	128679.5	29120	582400	453720.5	4.52
T ₆ =T ₁ - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Dinotefuron 20 SG at 0.2 g /l- Neemoil(1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting	1,20,000	9679.5	129679.5	26030	520600	390920.5	4.01
T ₇ = <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l-at 15 days interval from transplanting	1,20,000	13096.5	133096.5	18980	379600	246503.5	2.82
T ₈ =Untreated check	1,20,000	0	120000	12290	245800	125800	2.04

Market price of tomato fruit at harvest period (2014): Rs 20. /kg, *P. fluorescens*= Rs 150/kg, Neem oil= Rs 250/100ml, Imidacloprid= Rs 530/100ml, Diafenthurion= Rs1600/kg, Fipronil= Rs650/ 500ml, Thiamethoxam= Rs 650/kg, Dinotefuron= Rs 800/kg

Table.3 Details of treatments of the experiment

Sl. No.	Treatments	Description
1	T ₁	Seedling dip with Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l
2	T ₂	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting
3	T ₃	T1- <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l -Diafenthurion 50 WP at 1 g/l -Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting
4	T ₄	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l -Fipronil 5 % SC at 1 ml/l -Neemoil (1500 ppm) 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting
5	T ₅	T1 - <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l - Thiamethoxam 0.2 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting
6	T ₆	T1- <i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l -Dinotefuron 20 SG at 0.2 g /l- Neemoil(1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from transplanting
7	T ₇	<i>P. fluorescens</i> at 5g/l -Imidacloprid 17.8 SL at 0.3 ml/l Neemoil (1500 ppm) at 5 ml/l-at 15 days interval from transplanting
8	T ₈	Untreated control

The activity of these enzymes was negatively correlated with thrips population.

After the application of new insecticides as second spray, higher disease incidence was observed in T₈ (65.28 %) and least disease incidence was observed in T₅ (30.56 %) followed by T₆ (33.33 %) at 45 DAT (Table 1).

Similarly, 15 days after the implication of 3rd spray, higher disease incidence was observed in T₈ (69.44 %) and least disease incidence was observed in T₅ (34.72 %) followed by T₆ (37.50 %) at 60 DAT (Table 1).

The present study revealed that, among the different chemical schedule, the best schedule was T₅ (seedling dip with imidachloprid 17.8 SL at.03ml/l - *P. fluorescens* @ 5g/l - Thiamethoxam 0.2 g/l - Neemoil (1500 ppm) @ 5 ml/l at 15 days interval from planting) with the disease reduction of 50.00 per cent and with a yield of 29.12 t/ha with highest cost benefit ratio of 4.52 (Table 1 and 2).

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