

Effect of Carbon and Nitrogen sources on the growth and sporulation of *Alternaria alternata* causes fruit rot of Grapes

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Abstract

Nutritional studies of Aureofungin resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* (EMS-Aa-3) revealed that its mycelial growth was generally higher than that of the sensitive one on all the sources of carbon and nitrogen except Silver nitrate. Maltose, xylose, glucose, Sucrose, peptone, urea, Sodium nitrate, Potassium nitrate were most favorable for the mycelial growth and fructose, glucose, sucrose, Potassium nitrate, peptone, sodium nitrate were most favorable for sporulation of both the sensitive and resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* while Silver nitrate inhibit the growth and sporulation of both the sensitive and resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* causes fruit rot of Grapes.

INTRODUCTION

Fruit rot of Grapes (*Vitis vinifera* L.) caused by many fungal pathogens, of these *Alternaria alternata* causing fruit rot is important one in the field as well as during storage and transport (Chahal and Malhi, 1969; Krishnauah *et al.*, 1983; Rao, 1994). Aureogungin is most effective against *Alternaria* (Ghosh and Gemawat, 1976; Krishna *et al.*, 1998). The infection of *Alternaria alternata* causes spoils the quality of fruits for marketing purpose. Effect of different carbon and nitrogen sources used to study the effect on the growth and sporulation of sensitive and resistant mutant of *A. alternata*. The aim of present study was to determine the role of carbon and nitrogen sources in pathogenesis caused by *Alternaria alternata* inciting fruit rot disease to grapes.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Twenty isolates of *Alternaria alternata* were collected from field and markets of different regions of Maharashtra. Aureofungin was tested against these isolates by using food poisoning technique

(Nene & Thaplial, 1993) and minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) was calculated as described by Molnar *et al* (1985). It was noted that, MIC of highly sensitive isolate (Aa-1) was 324.89µg/ml while that of resistant isolate (Aa-19) was 974.74 µg/ml. During present investigation, disease resistance in the pathogen *Alternaria alternata* was developed by chemical mutagenesis following Dekker (1982) and EMS-Aa-3 mutant was used for experimental purpose.

Effect of various carbon and nitrogen sources on the dry mycelial weight and production of sporulation of both the Aureofungin sensitive and resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* was studied by amending them in Czapek Dox liquid medium. Twenty-five ml (25ml) of medium containing various nutritional sources in Ehrlenmeyer conical flask (100 ml) was inoculated with 4mm disc of resistant mutant. Conical flask without carbon/nitrogen source served as control. Dry mycelial weight and sporulation were recorded after seven days, simultaneously sensitive isolate was also studied for comparism.

Table 1. Effect of carbon sources on the Aureofungin sensitive isolate (Aa-1) and resistant mutant (EMS-Aa-3) of *Alternaria alternata*.

Sr. no.	Carbon sources (3.0 %)	Sensitive isolate		Resistant mutant	
		Dry mycelial weight (mg/25ml)	Sporulation	Dry mycelial weight (mg/25ml)	Sporulation
1	D-Fructose	133.4	+++	148.5	+++
2	D-Galactose	96.2	++	118.4	++
3	D-Glucose	166.3	+++	179.8	+++
4	Lactose	112.6	++	136.5	++
5	Maltose	174.3	+++	189.3	++
6	D-Manitol	136.4	+	143.5	+
7	D- Mannose	152.7	++	166.2	++
8	Sucrose	164.6	+++	178.3	+++
9	D-Xylose	172.4	++	185.7	++
10	Control	-	-	-	-
	S.E.	15.86		16.79	
	C.D. at 0.05	156.91		172.16	
	0.01	167.68		183.57	

+++ = Good sporulation, ++ = Moderate sporulation, + = Few sporulation, - = Nil

Fig. 1 Effect of carbon sources on the Aureofungin sensitive isolate (Aa-1) and resistant mutant (EMS-Aa-3) of *Alternaria alternata*.

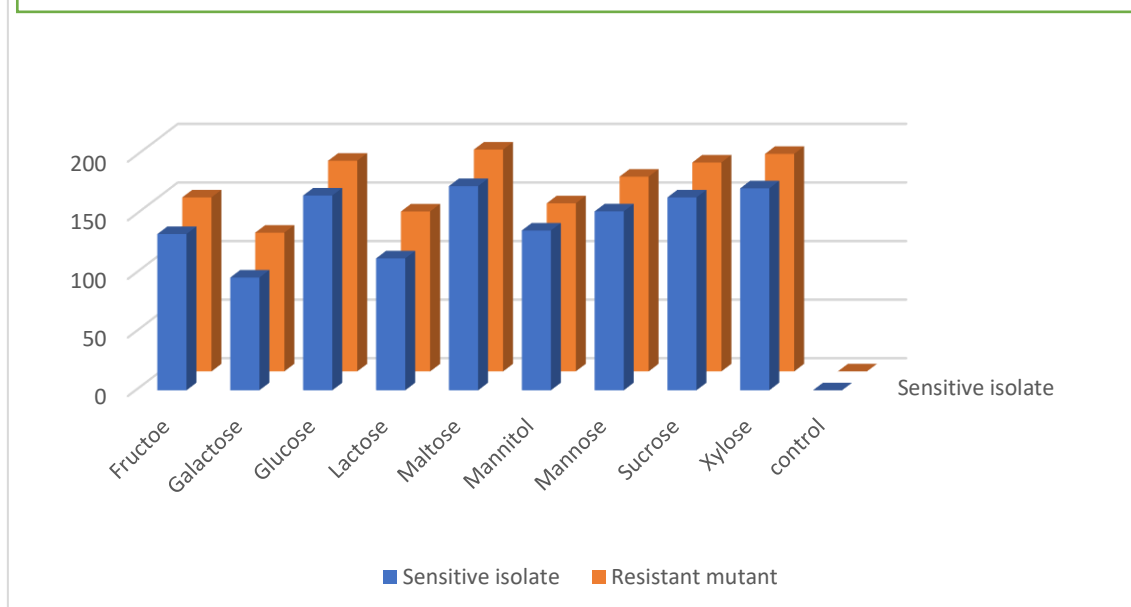
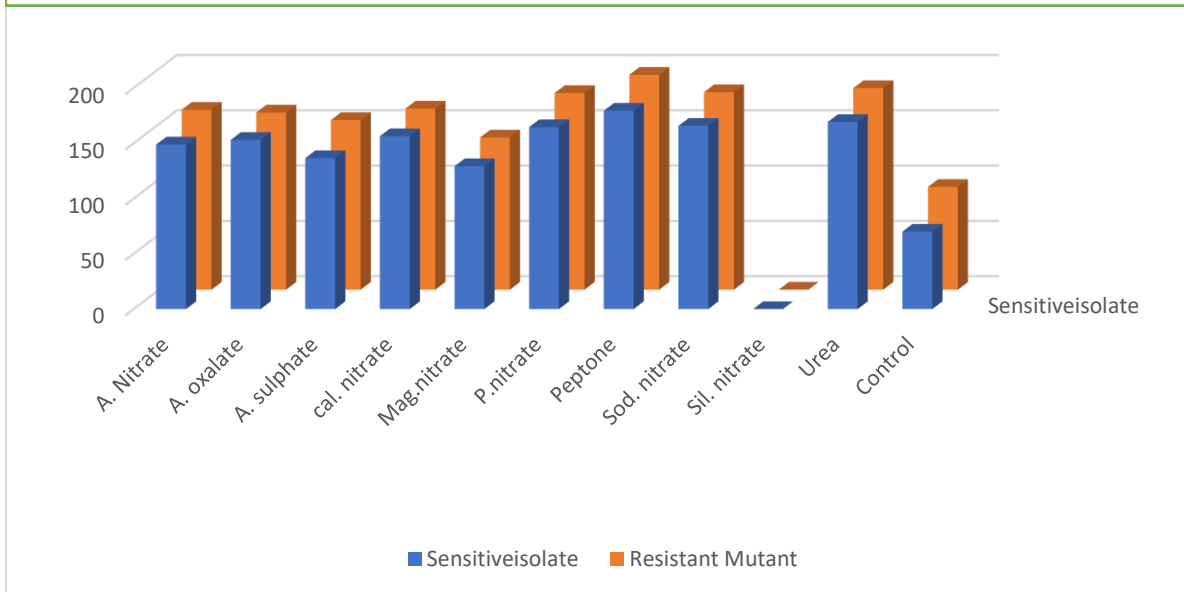


Table 2. Effect of nitrogen sources on the Aureofungin sensitive isolate (Aa-1) and resistant mutant (EMS-Aa-3) of *Alternaria alternata*.

Sr. no.	Nitrogen sources (0.3 %)	Sensitive		Resistant	
		Dry mycelial weight (mg/25ml)	Sporulation	Dry mycelial weight (mg/25ml)	Sporulation
1	Ammonium nitrate	145.8	+	162.7	+
2	Ammonium oxalate	153.0	++	160.2	++
3	Ammonium sulphate	136.5	+	153.4	+
4	Calcium nitrate	156.4	+	163.8	+
5	Magnesium nitrate	129.2	++	137.6	++
6	Potassium nitrate	164.5	+++	177.8	+++
7	Peptone	179.4	+++	194.3	+++
8	Sodium nitrate	165.7	+++	178.6	+++
9	Silver nitrate	00.0	-	00.0	-
10	Urea	169.2	-	182.3	-
11	Control	70.0	-	93.0	-
	S.E.	15.31		15.94	
	C.D. at 0.05	159.0		171.94	
	0.01	169.4		182.77	

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Fig 2 Effect of nitrogen sources on the Aureofungin sensitive isolate (Aa-1) and resistant mutant (EMS-Aa-3) of *Alternaria alternata*.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of carbon sources

The mycelial growth and sporulation of sensitive isolate and resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* were studied *in vitro* using nine carbon sources were substituted to glucose. The results in table 1 and fig.

1 indicated that the growth of resistant mutant was always higher when compared with the sensitive isolate in all carbon sources. The highest growth of sensitive isolate was seen in maltose followed by D-xylose, glucose, sucrose, mannose, mannitol, fructose, and galactose in decreasing manner while

the highest growth of resistant mutant was also seen in maltose followed by D- xylose, glucose, sucrose, mannose, mannitol, lactose, galactose and fructose in decreasing manner. Sporulation was higher in fructose, glucose, maltose and sucrose in both the sensitive and resistant mutant.

Thus, the similar results of the present study on the effect of sources of Carbon viz., Maltose, Glucose, Sucrose, Lactose and Manitol to supported maximum growth and sporulation in *Alternaria carthami* and several *Alternaria* spp. were reported earlier by several workers (Ranjan, *et al.*, 1998; Jash, *et al.*, 2003; Kumar, *et al.*, 2006; Ramjegathesh and Ebenezar, 2012; Taware *et al.*, 2014; Gholve *et al.*, 2015).

Effect of Nitrogen source

The mycelial growth and sporulation of sensitive isolate and resistant mutant of *Alternaria alternata* were studied *in vitro* using ten nitrogen sources. The results showed that Urea, peptone, potassium nitrate, sodium nitrate and ammonium oxalate were most favorable for the growth of sensitive isolate while silver nitrate was inhibitory. The growth of the resistant mutant was higher in all the nitrogen sources compared with the sensitive isolate. The maximum growth was seen in peptone. Sporulation was stimulated due to potassium nitrate, peptone and sodium nitrate. In other sources sporulation was less (Table 2 & Fig. 2)

Thus the similar results of the present study on the effect of sources of nitrogen viz., Potassium nitrate, Peptone and Sodium nitrate to support maximum growth and sporulation in *Alternaria carthami* and several *Alternaria* spp. were reported earlier by several workers (Kumari, 1998; Ramjegathesh and Ebenezar, 2012, Taware et al, 2014; Gholve et al, 2015).

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