



Analysis of mungbean germplasm against mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease and its management

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Abstract

The present experiment was planned to manage yellow mosaic disease through resistant source, application of nutrients and indirectly by insecticides against whitefly. Ten genotypes (MPP 16082, MPP 16001, MPP 16024, MPP 16016, MPP 16075, MPP 16074, MPP 16005, MPP 16055, MPP 16015 and MPP 16073) were sown in augmented design to find out resistant source. The management trial was conducted in randomized complete block design (RCBD) and five entries (MPP 16074, MPP 16005, MPP 16055, MPP 16015 and MPP 16073) were sown in three replications. Each variety contains the five rows from which four rows were treated with Zinc sulphate, Pyriproxyfen, Boric acid, Flonicamid and fifth row was kept as control. The data of growth and yield parameters (plant height, pod length, root length, no. of seeds/pod and seed weight) were recorded from treated and untreated plants of all entries. None of the screened genotypes showed highly resistant response against MYMV, only a single entry MPP 16082 was found resistant, two cultivars MPP 16001, MPP 16024 moderately resistant while MPP 16016 and MPP 16075 found moderately susceptible. Among the remaining genotypes MPP 16055 and 16074 were found to be susceptible while other three varieties MPP 16055, MPP 16015 and MPP 16073 were highly susceptible. All the treatments showed significant reduction in MYMV disease, whitefly population and enhanced the growth and yield parameters of the treated plants. Pyriproxyfen showed minimum disease incidence, disease severity and whitefly population while zinc sulphate was least effective against yellow mosaic virus disease and its vector.

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Introduction

Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) is a famous crop with high nutritious value. It is abundant in proteins, minerals, amino acids, vitamin B and starch. Its grain consist of considerably large quantity of carbohydrates 52%, protein 28%, moisture 11% and vita A, B and C 3% (Asaduzzaman *et al.*, 2008). In Pakistan it has been grown on an area of 13.8 thousand hectors and annual yield of 89.5 thousand tones (GoP, 2018). Mungbean yellow mosaic virus (MYMV) is responsible for the severe damage of crop. MYMV is transmitted with the help of whitefly (*Bemisi tabaci*) (Biswas *et al.*, 2008; John *et al.*, 2008). Infected plants show chlorosis and necrosis of leaves with short internodes, few number of flowers, distorted pods, undeveloped and shrunken seeds (Akhtar *et al.*, 2009). Infected plants result in reduced grain yield up to 80% (Khattak *et al.*, 2000). MYMV infection at younger stages of the plant may cause complete crop failure with 100% yield loss (MYMV are comprised of single stranded DNA and have geminate imperfect icosahedral units. These are exclusive as monopartite which has single stranded DNA. Some are bipartite which consist of two DNA components. It all depends on their genomic make up (Mansoor *et al.*, 2003; Jeske, 2009). This virus mostly pay harm to plants which are dicotyledonous like urdbean, soybean and mungbean. The both components of DNA known as DNA-A and DNA B are approximately 2-6 kb in size (Borah and Dasgupta 2012).

The prevalence of yellow mosaic disease has close relationship with whitefly (Dhingra and Ghosh, 1993). However, yield loss is more severe when the disease appears at early growth stages and may even lead up to 100% yield loss (Kitsanachandee *et al.*, 2013).

Genotype resistance is the most durable option to get rid of MYMV but due to increasing rate of mutation in virus, resistance is easily compromised (Karthikeyan *et al.*, 2011). To control mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease, there must be reduction in the number of whitefly population. Among the several methods of management of whitefly, control with the help of

chemicals is the major method used widely (Kulkarni and Raja, 2019). The triazophos, ethion, imidachlorpid and acetamiprid are general chemical insecticides. These insecticides provide improved control of whiteflies. These kill population of whitefly even when come into contact but these chemicals penetrate into the plant cells and protect from attacks in future (Wang *et al.*, 2009). Plant nutrition enhance the plant defense mechanism and minimizes the damages caused by yellow mosaic disease (Islam *et al.*, 2002). The experiment was conducted on mungbean in the field to evaluate insecticides and plant defense activators against MYMV disease and whitefly.

Materials and methods

Collection of germplasm

Ten varieties/lines of mungbean (MPP 16082, MPP 16001, MPP 16024, MPP 16016, MPP 16075, MPP 16074, MPP 16005, MPP 16055, MPP 16015, and MPP 16073) were obtained from Pluses Research Institute of Ayub Agricultural Research Institute (AARI), Faisalabad.

Establishment of mungbean screening plot under field conditions

The land was properly prepared by ploughing in the field for trial in the research area of Department of Plant Pathology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad.

Ten mungbean varieties was sown and screened out against the mungbean yellow mosaic disease. The data of disease incidence, disease severity, whitefly population, plant length, pods length, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pod, root length and yield was estimated in diseased and healthy mungbean cultivars.

Management trial

In management trial, five moderately resistant to moderately susceptible varieties/lines (MPP 16082, MPP 16001, MPP 16024, MPP 16075 and 16085) were used. Each variety was consisted of five rows with ten plants each by maintaining 30 cm plant to plant and 60 cm row to row distance.

The experiment was conducted in randomized complete block design (RCBD) three replications. The crop was sprayed with following four treatments to manage MYMVD and whitefly population.

| Serial No. | Treatments | Dose |
|------------|---------------|-------|
| T1 | Pyriproxyfen | 5ml/L |
| T2 | Boric acid | 5gm/L |
| T3 | Flonicamid | 5gm/L |
| T4 | Zinc sulphate | 5ml/L |

Data recording

The data of disease incidence and disease severity were recorded by using the formulas given below:

$$\text{Disease incidence} = \frac{\text{Number of infected plants}}{\text{Total number of plants}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Disease severity} = \frac{\text{Number of infected leaf}}{\text{Total number of leaf}} \times 100$$

Whitefly population was recorded in the upper, middle and lower part of the leaves. The percentage disease decrease over control was find out by the formula which is given below:

$$\text{Disease decrease over control (\%)} = \frac{\text{Disease incidence in control} - \text{Disease incidence in Treatment}}{\text{Disease Incidence in Control}} \times 100$$

The mungbean germplasm was categorised with the help of following standard disease rating scale (Bashir *et al.*, 2005).

Disease rating scale

| Scale | Infection Percentage | Reaction |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | 0% | Highly Resistant |
| 1 | 1-10% | Resistant |
| 2 | 11-20% | Moderately Resistant |
| 3 | 21-30% | Moderately Susceptible |
| 4 | 31-40% | Susceptible |
| 5 | More than 40% | Highly Susceptible |

Data recording of whitefly population

The data on the population of whitefly was note down early in the morning. Ten plants were chosen from each replication in a random manner and whitefly population was taken from upper, middle and lower of the mungbean plant.

Data of growth and yield parameters

Plant length, root length and pod length were measured in five randomly selected plants with meter scale in centimeters. Number of pods per plant and number of seeds in each pod were counted.

The seed weight was taken when the crop was fully mature at the end. The seed pod are separated from the plants in treatment wise in each replication and weight was taken in grams.

Statistical analysis

The calculated data was statistically analyzed by ANOVA. Means were compared through least significant difference test at 0.05 probability level (Steel *et al.*, 1997).

Results

Germplasm response against mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease (MYMVD)

In screening experiment, ten genotypes (MPP 16082, MPP 16001, MPP 16024, MPP 16016, MPP 16075, MPP 16074, MPP 16005, MPP 16055, MPP 16015 and MPP 16073) were screened against MYMVD.

According to disease rating scale, none of the cultivars gave highly resistant response, MPP 16082 were resistant, MPP 16001 and MPP 16024 gave moderately resistant response while MPP 16016 and MPP 16075 were moderately susceptible. Among remaining entries, MPP 16074, MPP 16005 were ranked as susceptible while MPP 16055, MPP 16015 and MPP 16073 as highly susceptible (Table. 1).

The data shows that the low disease incidence (38.29), disease severity (07.64) and whitefly population (04.61) were observed in the variety MPP 16082. The highest disease incidence (75.14), disease severity (47.53) and whitefly population (34.67) were recorded in the variety MPP 16074.

Effect of treatments on MYMV disease severity and whitefly infestation

The Pyriproxyfen showed the most effective to control the disease severity and whitefly population (Table 2).

It gave maximum disease reduction (70.49%) with minimum disease severity (16.35%) and maximum control of whitefly (74.96%) with minimum whitefly infestation (09.73). Zinc sulphate showed the least

effective result while depicting 55.08% decrease in yellow mosaic disease severity and 58.13% decrease in whitefly population as compared with untreated control.

Table 1. Comparison of mungbean genotypes for disease incidence, disease severity and whitefly infestation.

| Genotypes | Disease incidence | Disease severity | Reaction | Mean whitefly infestation |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| MPP 16082 | 38.29j | 07.64j | R | 04.61j |
| MPP 16001 | 44.02i | 13.24i | MR | 11.96i |
| MPP 16024 | 49.48h | 17.81h | MR | 12.83h |
| MPP 16075 | 51.84g | 24.92g | MS | 15.58g |
| MPP 16016, | 53.42f | 29.05f | MS | 17.51f |
| MPP 16005 | 58.17d | 36.77d | S | 22.07e |
| MPP 16015 | 55.23e | 32.38e | S | 24.25d |
| MPP 16055 | 74.19b | 45.23b | HS | 28.19c |
| MPP 16073 | 68.15c | 42.19c | HS | 33.33b |
| MPP 16074 | 75.14a | 47.53a | HS | 34.67a |

LSD= 1.2 Similar letters in a column indicate significantly different means at $p = 0.05$.

Effect of growth and yield parameters in screening trial

The impact of insecticides and defense activators were studied on growth and yield parameters (Table 3). In case of MYMV disease, Pyriproxyfen was showed the maximum (68.01 cm) plant length and Zinc sulphate showed the minimum plant length (60.83 cm). The remaining treatments such as Boric acid and Flonicamid showed the 63.37 cm and 64.51 plant length, respectively. Pyriproxyfen was showed the maximum (58.33) number of pod per plant and

Zinc sulphate showed the minimum number of pod per plant (41.03). Boric acid and Flonicamid showed 46.04 and 51.11 number of pods per plant respectively. The highest number of seeds per pod (13.33) was recorded from plants treated with pyriproxyfen while minimum (1167) in zinc sulphate treated plants. Pod with maximum length (09.33 cm) was found in pyriproxyfen sprayed mungbean plants while rest of the treatments were less effective. Similarly, pyriproxyfen gave increased root length and seed weight as compared to untreated control.

Table 2. Effect of insecticides, boric acid and zinc sulphate on MYMV disease severity and whitefly infestation.

| Treatments | Disease severity | Decrease over control (%) | Whitefly population | Decrease over control (%) |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Pyriproxyfen | 16.35 | 70.49a | 09.73 | 74.96a |
| Boric acid | 21.48 | 61.24c | 13.88 | 64.28c |
| Flonicamid | 18.95 | 65.81b | 11.94 | 69.27b |
| Zinc sulphate | 24.89 | 55.08d | 16.27 | 58.13d |
| Control | 55.42 | | 38.86 | |

LSD= 1.4 Similar letters in a column indicate significantly different means at $p = 0.05$.

Discussion

Mungbean is severely infected by mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease (Kang *et al.*, 2005). The economic damages because of YMVD holds up to 82%

in case of green gram which is scattering rapidly in different new areas (Haq *et al.*, 2011). The recent experiment has based on the management of mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease and number of

whitefly population by the application of insecticides and nutrients but screening trial is without the involvement of any chemical spray.

Under field conditions none of the varieties was found to be highly resistant while only one variety was resistant. Among the tested genotypes, moderately resistant, moderately susceptible and susceptible groups received two entries each whereas rest were regarded as highly susceptible according to disease rating scale. The lack of resistance was also noted by Akhtar *et al.*, (2011) who screened one hundred fifty five genotypes of mungbean against mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease from different regions of world

and its vector whitefly. The level of resistance was evaluated by examining the symptoms in the field, no genotype was found resistant against disease. It was also thoroughly linked to the experimentation of Habib *et al.*, (2007) who screened 107 lines of mungbean under usual environmental circumstances in randomized completed block design. There was no test entry that seemed to be moderately resistant, highly resistant and resistant, all of 107 test records were graded as highly susceptible. Bashir (2003) analyzed 278 lines and only 12 were regarded as resistant. Some of the stated resistant lines found to be extremely susceptible when there was low rainfall and favorable temperature for whitefly infestation.

Table 3. Comparison of growth and yield parameters in treated and untreated mungbean plants

| Treatments | | Plant length (cm) | Pod length (cm) | No. of pods/plant | Root length (cm) | No. of seeds/pod | Seed weight (g) |
|---------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Pyriproxyfen | Treated | 68.01a | 09.33a | 58.33a | 07.83a | 13.33a | 171.33a |
| | Control | 56.52 | 05.01 | 39.09 | 05.19 | 09.23 | 120.31 |
| Boric acid | Treated | 63.37c | 07.41c | 46.04c | 07.45c | 12.03c | 161.00c |
| | Control | 58.83 | 05.12 | 39.86 | 05.81 | 09.17 | 118.95 |
| Flonicamid | Treated | 64.51b | 08.47b | 51.11b | 07.63b | 12.42b | 164.02b |
| | Control | 54.22 | 05.93 | 39.27 | 05.44 | 09.62 | 121.73 |
| Zinc sulphate | Treated | 60.83d | 06.53d | 41.04d | 07.16d | 11.67d | 147.67d |
| | Control | 55.48 | 05.22 | 40.13 | 05.89 | 09.53 | 119.55 |

LSD= 0.85 Similar letters in a column indicate significantly different means at $p = 0.05$.

In trial of management the result of these chemical was visualized on whitefly, disease severity and rate of disease of mungbean yellow mosaic virus disease especially in mungbean. The pyriproxyfen showed the minimum disease incidence, disease severity and whitefly infestation followed by flonicamid while the zinc sulphate showed the maximum disease incidence, disease severity and whitefly infestation followed by boric acid. Due to reduced whitefly infestation and yellow mosaic disease; growth and yield parameters were significantly better in insecticide treated plants than zinc sulphate and boric acid. These results could be endorsed by the findings of Ghosh *et al.*, (2009) who sprayed chlorpyrifos, imidacloprid, Monocrotophos, Thimethoxam, Dimethoate and Econeem in mungbean crop and recorded minimum whitefly population and YMVD as compared to control. Singh and Bhan (1998) and Debnath and Nath (2002) reported that there was

reduction in yellow mosaic disease severity after the use of insecticides. Zeshan *et al.*, (2017) estimated that number of whitefly was lesser in plots treated with acetamiprid in comparison with control. Hossain *et al.*, (2010) conducted a trial to calculate the severity of few selected extracts of plant, cultural practices and insecticides for the decreasing disease incidence of mungbean yellow mosaic virus.

The minimum symptoms of disease showed in true leaves recorded from Admire treated plot as compare to the control at forty eight days after growing.

The insecticide Admire 200SL treated plot showed minimum severity of disease and maximum plant as compare to control. There was also calculated pods per plant and in control also. The pod length increased by plot treated by Admire while it was lesser treated with tape reflective.

Boric acid and zinc sulphate reduced the disease severity and whitefly population as compared to control. The active ingredients in both of these compounds, boron and zinc boost up the defense system of the plant and manages to repair the damages incited by viral attack (Pramanik and Ali, 2001). Nutrients helps in stimulation of plant defense mechanism and enhancement of growth and development (Sunil *et al.*, 2011).

MYMV disturbs the plant physiology by interfering with chloroplast cells and thus reducing the photosynthetic rate. Infected plants exhibit decreased production of photosynthates that leads to reduced metabolic activities and significant reduction in plant height, pod length, seed weight and seed yield (Salam *et al.*, 2011).

Conclusion

The results of the present study showed that treatment with pyriproxyfen followed by flonicamid, boric acid and zinc sulphate are effective against MYMV and whitefly.

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