



SCREENING OF LENTIL GERMPLASM AGAINST STEMPHYLIUM BLIGHT BY OBSERVING DISEASE REACTION IN THREE DIFFERENT STAGES

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ABSTRACT

Stemphylium blight of lentil (*Stemphylium botryosum*) a standout amongst the most vital constraints of lentil production in Bangladesh. An investigation was carried out at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI), Rahmatpur, Barisal to pick out lentil germplasms against Stemphylium blight. Under the present study 100 lentil lines and 2 check varieties were evaluated for their reaction to Stemphylium blight and yield performance under natural epiphytotic condition at three growth stage namely flowering stage, pod setting stage and maturity stage. Altogether 102 lines/varieties were screened where 5, 91 and 6 lines were selected as Highly Resistant (HR), Resistant (R) and Moderately Resistant (MR) respectively at flowering stage. The highly resistant 5 lines were BD-3921, BD-3930, BD-3931, BARI Masur-7 and Local check. In pod setting stage, out of 102 lines/varieties, 16, 78 and 8 lines were showed Resistant (R), Moderately Resistant (MR) and Moderately Susceptible (MS) reaction, respectively, to stemphylium blight disease of lentil. During maturity, 40, 52 and 10 lines out of 102 lines/varieties were expressed as Moderately Resistant (MR), Moderately Susceptible (MS) and Susceptible (S) reaction, respectively.

KEYWORDS

Stemphylium blight, Lentil, Resistant, Growth stages and Yield.

1. INTRODUCTION

Lentil (*Lens culinaris* L.) is one of aged crops in earth. This legume crop has been grown mainly to fulfill quality protein need in regular human diets, especially in Asia. This crop mainly grown in winter season under rainfed conditions in different regions of Bangladesh. Among the crops grown in Bangladesh, pulses ranks second in area (6.74 lakh ha) and third in production (7.16 lakh MT). With the mean yield of pulses is 0.89-ton ha⁻¹ [1]. Current production does not able to fulfill the requirement that is needed by the people of Bangladesh. That's why, it is imported in a substantial amount to meet domestic prerequisite putting enormous burden on the national exchequer [2]. The daily per capita consumption of all pulses in this country is comparatively lower (only 12 gm) than India (45gm) [3].

The reason behind irregular yield in lentil is the infection of several disease like Stemphylium blight, Rust and foot and root rot. Among them Stemphylium blight caused by *Stemphylium sarciniformis* has created panic in the lentil producers and also scientists in the country. Previous researches that conducted in Bangladesh and India assessed yield losses of 62% and total crop failure have been accounted for at times where the disease defoliated the crop in the early pod setting stage [4,5]. Infected crop debris and seed happens to be a significant sources of stemphylium inoculum. Infected crop debris can likewise turn into a fountain of primary

inoculum as of air-borne ascospores or as resting mycelium. It is also known to be carried on but the purport of seed borne inoculum isn't unmistakably characterized on disease initiation in lentil [6].

It has revealed that the pathogen commences disease infection when the surrounding temperature at night stays over 8°C; and the mean day temperature surpasses 22°C and in addition, canopy RH must reach 94% likewise [7]. There are many options to control the disease. Among the different alternate means of disease management, development of resistant/tolerant varieties is the most widely preferred method. To identify the resistant/tolerant source of lentil germplasms against stemphylium blight was the view of this research.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Experiment details

The experiment was conducted at experimental field of Pulses Research Centre (PRC), Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Instituted (BARI), Rahmatpur, Barisal. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with two replications. The individual plot size was 2m² (4 m × 0.5 m). Block to block distance was 0.5 m. The length of each row was 4m and width was 0.25 m. BARI masur-7 and local variety was sown as check. Provax-200 @ 5g/kg was used to treat lentil seed to reduce seed borne pathogen. Furrows were made with power tiller driven furrows maintaining a

distance of 40 cm. Seeds were sown in the furrow using a polybag containing required amount for each plot. The furrows were covered with soil soon after sowing. The length of line was 4 m with continuous sowing of seed in the lines. All intercultural operations were followed as per BARI Handbook. The weather of the experimental site during the study period was collected from the Metrological Department. Barisal, Bangladesh.

2.2 Plant materials

Seeds of 100 lentil varieties/lines were collected from Plant Genetic Resource Centre (PGRC) Gazipur and Pulses Research Centre (PRC), Ishurdi, Pabna for this experiment. The collected seeds were stored in a well-ventilated room at room temperature immediately after receiving. Seeds were preserved in a refrigerator at controlled temperature in the Plant Pathology laboratory of RARS followed by registration till field experiment starts.

Table 1: Lentil lines or materials are used in this experiment

SL. No.	Entry name	SL. No.	Entry name
1.	BD-3916	51	BD-4023
2.	BD-3917	52	BD-4024
3.	BD-3918	53	BD-4026
4.	BD-3920	54	BD-4028
5.	BD-3921	55	BD-4046
6.	BD-3922	56	BD-4047
7.	BD-3924	57	BD-4049
8.	BD-3925	58	BD-4050
9.	BD-3926	59	BD-4051
10.	BD-3927	60	BD-4053
11.	BD-3928	61	BD-4054
12.	BD-3929	62	BD-4062
13.	BD-3930	63	BD-4069
14.	BD-3931	64	BD-4087
15.	BD-3932	65	BD-4088
16.	BD-3936	66	BD-4090
17.	BD-3938	67	BD-4091
18.	BD-3940	68	BD-4093
19.	BD-3941	69	BD-4094
20.	BD-3943	70	BD-4095
21.	BD-3945	71	BD-4097
22.	BD-3948	72	BD-4102
23.	BD-3950	73	BD-4105
24.	BD-3961	74	BD-4115
25.	BD-3961	75	BD-4122
26.	BD-3963	76	BD-4127
27.	BD-3964	77	BD-4130
28.	BD-3965	78	BD-4134
29.	BD-3966	79	BD-5976
30.	BD-3970	80	BD-5982
31.	BD-3972	81	BD-5983
32.	BD-3974	82	BD-5986

SL. No.	Entry name	SL. No.	Entry name
33	BD-3975	83	BD-5989
34	BD-3977	84	BD-5991
35	BD-3978	85	BD-5992
36	BD-3979	86	BD-5993
37	BD-3980	87	BD-5994
38	BD-3981	88	BD-5996
39	BD-3983	89	BD-5997
40	BD-3984	90	BD-5998
41	BD-3985	91	BD-6002
42	BD-3986	92	BD-6007
43	BD-3987	93	BD-6008
44	BD-3988	94	BD-6010
45	BD-3989	95	BD-6017
46	BD-3990	96	BD-6018
47	BD-3995	97	BD-6019
48	BD-4009	98	BD-6020
49	BD-4010	99	BD-6021
50	BD-4013	100	BD-6022

2.3 Assessment of Stemphylium blight

Disease severity data was recorded in three times on the basis of 0-5 scale where, 0= No infection (HR), 1= Few scattered leaf but no twig blighted (R), 2= 5-10% leaflets infected and/or few scattered twig blighted (MS), 3= 11-20% leaflets infected and/or 1-5% twig blighted (MS), 4= 21-50% leaflet infected and/or 6-10% twig blighted (S) and 5= above 51% leaflet infected and/or more than 10% twig blighted (HS) [8,9].

2.4 Weather data

The weather of the experimental site during the study period was collected from the Meteorological Department, Barisal, Bangladesh.

Table 2: The minimum and the maximum temperature and relative humidity as well as mean rainfall at Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), BARI, Rahmatpur, Barisal

Month	Temperature (°C)		Relative Humidity (%)		Rainfall (mm)
	Max	Min	Max	Min	
November 2011	29.38	19.63	94.56	50.63	0.00
December 2011	24.26	15.52	96.32	57.06	0.00
January 2012	23.81	15.58	86.35	51.52	22.20
February 2012	28.17	18.62	82.21	34.66	0.00
March 2012	32.45	22.81	95.32	44.77	0.00
April 2012	32.37	24.37	94.13	59.90	144.00

Source: Metrological Department. Barisal, Bangladesh

2.5 Data analysis

MSTAT-C program was used to analyze the collected data. ANOVA as well as LSD test were done to determine the huge variation among the treatment means.

3. RESULT

3.1 Disease Reaction of Stemphylium Blight of lentil

3.1.1 Flowering stage

The lentil lines/varieties were evaluated for their reaction to *Stemphylium* blight under natural epiphytotic condition during the winter season of 2011-12 and showed significant difference in reaction to *Stemphylium botryosum* (Figure 1). In flowering stage, out of 100 lines/varieties 5, 91 and 6 lines/varieties were showed Highly Resistant (HR), Resistant (R) and Moderately Resistant (MR) reaction. In this stage 5 lines viz. BD-3921, BD-3930, BD-3931, BARI masur-7 and Local check in the flowering stage (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Conidia and conidiophores of *Stemphylium botryosum* of lentil

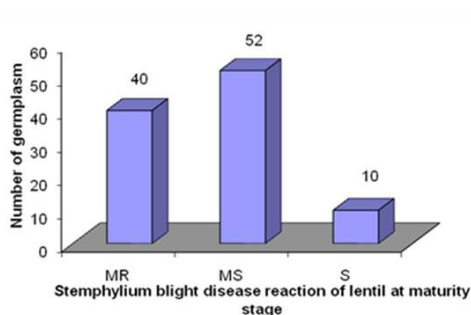
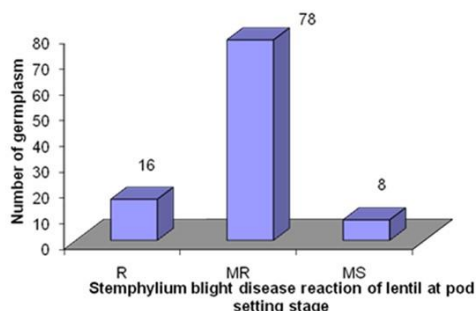
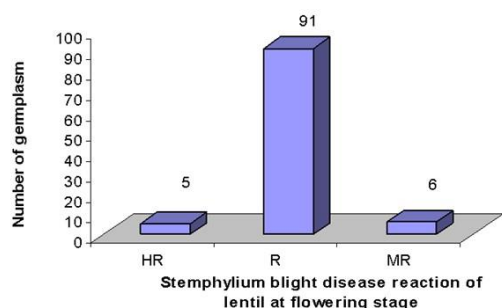


Figure 2: *Stemphylium* blight disease reaction of selected lentil lines/varieties at flowering stage, pod setting stage and maturity stage.

3.1.2 Pod setting stage

The lentil lines/varieties were showed wide variation in reaction to *S. botryosum* in pod formation stage. Out of 102 lines/varieties, 16, 78 and 8 lines were showed Resistant (R), Moderately Resistant (MR) and Moderately Susceptible (MS) reaction in the pod setting stage respectively (Figure 2). The resistant 16 lines were BD-3929, BD-3930, BD-3931, BD-

3932, BD-3936, BD-3938, BD-3941, BD-3963, BD-3965, BD-3980, BD-3981, BD-3983, BD-3984, BD-3984, BARI masur-7 and Local check.

3.1.3 Maturity stage

In this stage, lentil lines/varieties were showed wide variation in reaction to *Stemphylium botryosum*. Among 102 lines/varieties, 40, 52 and 10 lines were expressed Moderately Resistant (MR), Moderately Susceptible (MS) and Susceptible (S) response respectively (Figure 2). The moderately resistant 40 lines were selected for yield and yield contributing characters (Plate no.2-7).



Figure 3: Several pictures of lentil in plate

4. DISCUSSION

During last two decades *Stemphylium* blight lentil caused by *Stemphylium botryosum* have emerged as devastating pathogen in Bangladesh. It is considered prime limiting factor in lentil production in our country causing huge economic losses and threatening lentil production. The present research was carried out to screen different lentil lines/varieties under natural epiphytotic condition against *stemphylium* blight in the southern region of Bangladesh. The tested lentil lines/varieties exhibited broad variation in reaction to *Stemphylium* blight during different growth stage under field condition. The sensitivity tendency of prevalence of *Stemphylium* was flowering stage > pod setting stage > maturity stage i.e. increased with age of plants. However, all the lines/varieties were not followed the same pattern. Few lines/varieties showed sensitivity during flowering stage [10]. Besides, the lines/varieties which are tested showed variation in tolerance/resistance in research period. These findings justify other researchers' findings. Bakr and Ahmed (1993) study on 110 genotypes and found only one genotype resistant to *Stemphylium* blight and 11 genotypes were tolerant [7]. Beare (2002) screened lentil lines/varieties against *Stemphylium* blight under natural condition and

obtained some lines/varieties as moderately resistance and susceptible [11]. Present research findings disclosed that the tested lentil lines/varieties exhibited several reaction to *Stemphylium* blight in field condition. There are two (2) reasons behind the variation among tested lentil lines/ varieties in three (3) different stages regarding disease reaction. One is the genetic variation which controls the resistance mechanism of plant against *Stemphylium* blight and another is pathogenic strain/races alteration of *S. botryosum* since some materials showed resistant creation, these may be due to exposure of different resistant mechanism of plant. A study reported that the resistance was found to have a thicker cuticle, thickens epidermal cell layer, thicker cuticle layer, fewer stomata and a large number of epidermal hairs compared to the susceptible lines [12]. This result agrees with some study [13-15]. From this study it is clear that none of the tested materials were immune to *S. botryosum*. A group researchers also did not find any material immune lines/varieties to *S. botryosum* [4,11,16-18]. These experiments elicited that temperature, leaf wetness and relative humidity (RH) are the major environmental factors influencing the development of the disease [19]. The surveys and field experiment in India and Bangladesh on *S. botryosum*, have confirmed the necessity of temperature and RH for developing of *Stemphylium* blight in lentil [20]. Species of *Stemphylium* may occur a wide range of environmental conditions [19-21] investigated the reason behind the periodic appearance, every 2-4 years of *Stemphylium* blight of lentil in Bihar, India. Different surveys were also conducted in several locations from December to February 1986-90. Average temperature of $18\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and morning relative humidity of 85-90% appeared to be favourable for the appearance, development and spread of the disease, while afternoon $\text{RH}>50\%$ was essential. An average 7.7 hours of sunshine was favorable but form>8 hours was unfavorable. Number of cloudy and foggy days was most responsible factor in determining the appearance and development of the disease, which was between 30 and 40 days in the favorable years and between 17 and 23 days in unfavorable years. Regarding the findings of the present study it may be concluded that the materials of lentil that showed resistant reaction in November-2011 to April-2012 to *S. botryosum* need to be tested for further conformation of the result of this study.

5. CONCLUSION

Stemphylium botryosum which is responsible for *Stemphylium* blight of lentil is considering at present as one of the most responsible constraints of lentil production in Bangladesh. Under the present study seeds of 102 lentil varieties/lines were evaluated for their reaction to *Stemphylium* blight under natural epiphytotic conditions in the southern region of Bangladesh.

During the experimental period of 2011-12 under field condition it was observed that, out of 102 lines/varieties 5, 91 and 6 lines/varieties were exhibited Highly Resistant (HR), Resistant (R) and Moderately Resistant (MR) reaction in flowering stage respectively. In this stage 5 lines which showed Highly Resistant (HR) are BD-3921, BD-3930, BD-3931, BARI Masur-7 and Local check. But out of 102 lines/varieties, 16, 78 and 8 lines were showed Resistant (R), Moderately Resistant (MR) and Moderately Susceptible (MS) reaction in the pod setting stage and 40 lines/varieties were graded as moderately resistance where 52 and 10 were recorded as moderately susceptible and susceptible at maturity stage.

The tested lentil lines/varieties differed significantly from one to another in respect of growth and yield contributing parameters. During the year 2011-12 performance of plants were very good in 40 lines/varieties which were screened from 102 lines/varieties where 52 are moderately susceptible and 10 are susceptible in maturity or final stage.

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