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**Rabindra Prasad** BAU, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India Relative resistance of aromatic rice against Gundhi bug, *Leptocorisa acuta* (Thunberg) under agro-climatic condition of Jharkhand

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#### Abstract

The field experiment was conducted to evaluate aromatic rice varieties against gundhi bug, *Leptocorisa acuta*. The incidence of gundhi bug was recorded highest at the milky stage of the crop. Among thirteen tested aromatic rice varieties BR-9, BR-10, Assam Culture and Badshah Bhog was found relatively more resistance. The population of Gundhi bug reduced when grain become harder.

Keywords: Gundhi bug, aromatic rice

#### Introduction

Rice gundhi or earhead bug, *Leptocorisa acuta* (Coreidae: Hemiptera) is one of the serious pests of rice in India and reduce yield by as much as 30 per cent (Tiwari *et al.*, 2014)<sup>[1]</sup>. Both nymphs and adults suck sap from an individual rice grains through mouthpart at milking stage when the starches within the grains are not yet fully formed resulting individual grain became chaffy (Sugimoto and Nugaliyadde 1995)<sup>[2]</sup>. In the process of feeding, rice bugs also contaminate the grain endosperm with microorganisms (Shepard *et al.*, 1995)<sup>[4]</sup>. The site of feeding/ puncturing appeared as black. Morita and Dhanapala (1990)<sup>[3]</sup> observed that "grain sterility" in rice was actually due to unfilled grains caused by feeding of rice gundhi bug.

### **Material and Methods**

The field experiments was conducted at Rice Research Farm of BAU, Kanke, Ranchi to screen out total of sixteen rice varieties including one aromatic resistant check *i.e.* Pusa Basmati-1 and two non-aromatic check *i.e.* Suraksha (resistant) and TN-1 (susceptible) against gundhi bug, *Leptocorisa acuta* (Thunberg) during *Kharif* 2018 and 2019. During both the year of experiment 21 day old seedling were transplanted in three replication on  $26^{th}$  July to main plot with spacing 20 cm  $\times$  15 cm in Randomized Block Design. All the recommended package for cultivation were followed but none of the insecticide were applied in the field either as soil application or seed treatment or foliar application to allow natural population on the insect pests. In each plot ten hills was selected randomly and total number of nymph and adult of Gundhi bug was counted at 80 days after transplanting (DAT) during both the year and their pooled mean was also calculated for computation of experimental finding

#### **Results and Discussion**

The number of GB per ten hills was varied from 12.33 to 36.67 and 10.33 to 31.00 during 2018 and 2019, respectively with lowest incidence was recorded in BR-9 which was at par with PS-5, BR-10 and Suraksha and followed by Assam Culture with 19.33 and 15.00 GB/10 hills during the first and second year of the experiment. Among aromatic test varieties minimum incidence of GB was recorde in Katarani with 28.67 and 25.00 GB/ 10 hills during 2018 and 2019, respectively. In the first year of experiment Katarani was at par with PS-4, Pusa 1176, PS-3, Birsamati, BVS-1, R. Kasturi and R. Subhasani while during the second year of investigation Pusa 1176, BVS-1 and R. Kasturi were significantly superior over Ktarani. The range of pooled mean of number of GB per ten hills among test varieties varied from 11.33 to 33.83 with minimum incidence in BR-9 and it was significantly superior over other test varieties.

**Corresponding Author:** Sudeepa Kumari Jha BAU, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India On the basis of pooled mean of two year data the descending order of resistant against gundhi bugs in terms of number of GB per 10 hills was following:BR-9 (11.33) > Suraksha (13.17) > BR-10 (14.50) > PS-5 (15.50) > Assam Culture (17.16) > Badshah Bhog (18.00) > BVS-1 (20.33) > Pusa 1176 (20.83) > R. Kasturi (21.83) > R. Subhasani (22.00) >

Birsamati (22.33) > PS-3 (23.33) > PS-4 (24.67) > Katarani (26.83) > Pusa Basmati-1 (30.33) > TN-1 (33.83).

Gupta *et al.* (1993) reported that rice varieties Annada and other up land variety of 105 days duration showed higher damage (3.39 to 6.21%) than other up-land varieties of short duration. Ghule (2006) <sup>[6]</sup> found that none of the varieties was free from incidence of rice earhead bug.

Var.	<b>Rice Varieties</b>	No. of GB /10 hill (80 DAT)		
		2018	2019	Pooled Mean
$V_1$	PS-4	27.00 (5.29)	22.33 (4.83)	24.67 (5.07)
$V_2$	Pusa 1176	22.67 (4.86)	19.00 (4.46)	20.83 (4.67)
<b>V</b> <sub>3</sub>	PS -3	24.67 (5.06)	22.00 (4.77)	23.33 (4.92)
$V_4$	PS -5	17.33 (4.26)	13.67 (3.83)	15.50 (4.05)
V5	Birsamati	24.00 (5.00)	20.67 (4.65)	22.33 (4.83)
V6	BVS-1	22.67 (4.86)	18.00 (4.35)	20.33 (4.62)
<b>V</b> <sub>7</sub>	BR-9	12.33 (3.62)	10.33 (3.36)	11.33 (3.50)
$V_8$	BR-10	16.00 (4.11)	13.00 (3.73)	14.50 (3.94)
V9	Katarani	28.67 (5.44)	25.00 (5.10)	26.83 (5.28)
V10	Badshah Bhog	20.00 (4.57)	16.00 (4.11)	18.00 (4.36)
V11	Assam Culture	19.33 (4.50)	15.00 (3.97)	17.16 (4.26)
V <sub>12</sub>	R. Kasturi	24.33 (5.02)	19.33 (4.50)	21.83 (4.78)
V <sub>13</sub>	R. Subhasani	24.00 (4.97)	20.00 (4.58)	22.00 (4.78)
V <sub>14</sub>	Pusa Basmati-1 (SC)	33.00 (5.83)	27.67 (5.35)	30.33 (5.60)
V <sub>15</sub>	Suraksha (RC): Non aromatic	15.67 (4.08)	10.67 (3.40)	13.17 (3.73)
V <sub>16</sub>	TN-1 (SC): Non aromatic	36.67 (6.13)	31.00 (5.65)	33.83 (5.90)
S.Em. (±)		(0.25)	(0.20)	(0.13)
CD (P=0.05)		(0.71)	(0.57)	(0.39)
C.V. (%)		(8.91)	(7.84)	(5.02)
Figures in parentheses are square root transformed value				

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