



### RESEARCH ARTICLE

## TRICHODERMA VIRIDE CRUCIAL ROLE IN PLANT DEFENCE AND REPLACE THE CHEMICAL FUNGICIDE THAT HIGH HEALTH RISK TO FARMER LIFE

Yashpal

### Manuscript Info

#### Manuscript History

Received: 05 May 2021

Final Accepted: 10 June 2021

Published: July 2021

### Abstract

The plant-Trichoderma-pathogen triangle is a complex net of several techniques. Trichoderma spp. are avirulent opportunistic plant symbionts. In addition to being a hit plant symbiotic organisms. Trichoderma spp. additionally behave as a low cost, powerful and ecofriendly biocontrol agent. They can set themselves up in numerous patho-systems, have minimum effect at the soil equilibrium and do now no longer impair beneficial organisms that make contributions to the manipulate of pathogens. This symbiotic affiliation in plant life results in the purchase of plant resistance to pathogens, improves developmental techniques and yields and promotes absorption of nutrient and fertilizer use efficiency. Among different biocontrol mechanisms, antibiosis, opposition and mycoparasitism are a number of the major capabilities through which microorganisms, including Trichoderma, react to the presence of different aggressive pathogenic organisms, thereby stopping or obstructing their development. Stimulation of each system tails the biosynthesis of centered metabolites like plant increase regulators, enzymes, siderophores, antibiotics, etc. This evaluation summarizes the organic manipulate past time exerted by Trichoderma spp. and sheds mild at the current development in pinpointing the ecological importance of Trichoderma on the biochemical and molecular stage within the rhizosphere in addition to the blessings of symbiosis to the plant host in phrases of physiological and biochemical mechanisms. From an applicative factor of view, the proof furnished herein strongly helps the opportunity to use Trichoderma as a safe, ecofriendly and powerful biocontrol agent for one-of-a-kind crop species.

Copy Right, IJAR, 2021., All rights reserved.

### Introduction:-

*T. viride* is a mold which produces spores asexually, by mitosis. It is the anamorph of *Hypocrea ufa*, its teleomorph, which is the sexual reproductive stage of the fungus and produces a typical fungal fruiting body. The mycelium of *T. viride* can produce a variety of enzymes, including cellulases and chitinases which can degrade cellulose and chitin respectively. The mould can grow directly on wood, which is mostly composed of cellulose, and on fungi, the cell walls of which are mainly composed of chitin. It parasitizes the mycelia and fruiting bodies of other fungi, including cultivated mushrooms, and it has been called the "green mould disease of mushrooms". The affected mushrooms are distorted and unattractive in appearance and the crop is reduced. Trichoderma viride is the causal agent of green mold rot of onion.<sup>1</sup> A strain of Trichoderma viride is a known cause of dieback of Pinus nigra seedlings.

**T. viride useful as a biological control against plant pathogenic fungi:**

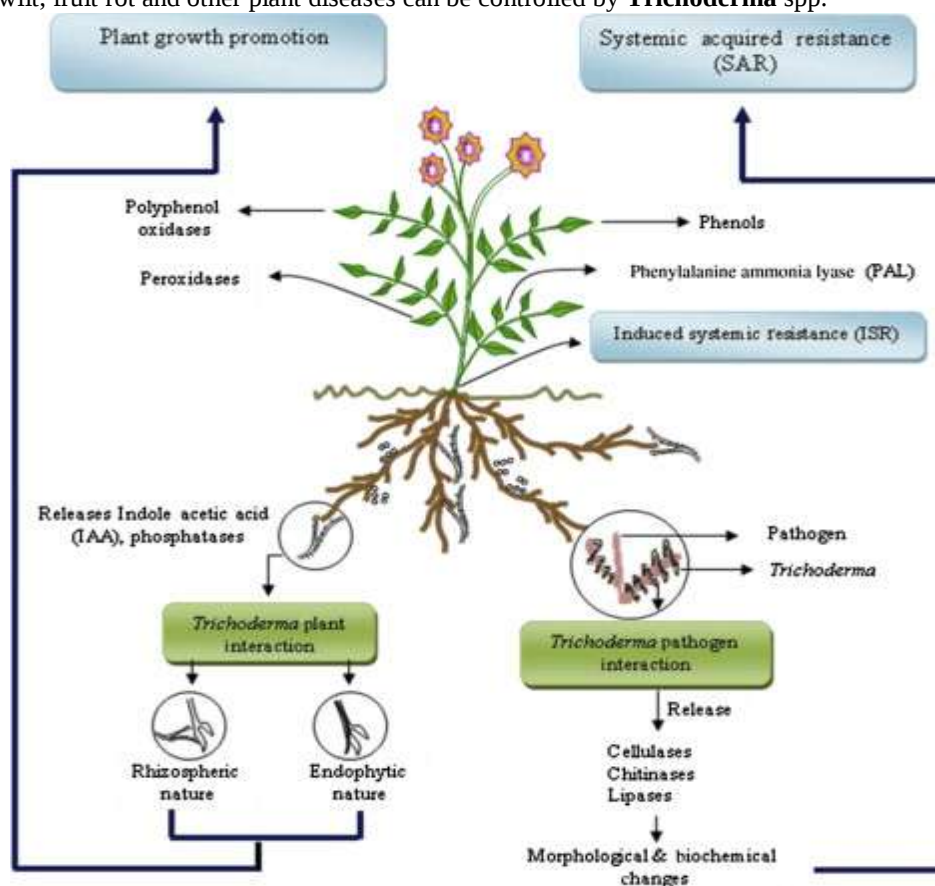
It has been shown to provide protection against such pathogens as *Rhizoctonia*, *Pythium* and even *Armillaria*. [2] It is found naturally in soil and is effective as a seed dressing in the control of seed and soil-borne diseases including *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Macrophomina phaseolina* and *Fusarium* species. When it is applied at the same time as the seed, it colonizes the seed surface and kills not only the pathogens present on the cuticle, but also provides protection against soil-borne pathogens.

A closely related species, *Trichoderma reesei*, is used in the creation of stonewashed jeans. The cellulase produced by the fungus partially degrades the cotton material in places, making it soft and causing the jeans to look as if they had been washed using stones.

| Scientific classification |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kingdom:                  | Fungi                   |
| Division:                 | Ascomycota              |
| Class:                    | Sordariomycetes         |
| Order:                    | Hypocreales             |
| Family:                   | Hypocreaceae            |
| Genus:                    | <i>Trichoderma</i>      |
| Species:                  | <b><i>T. viride</i></b> |

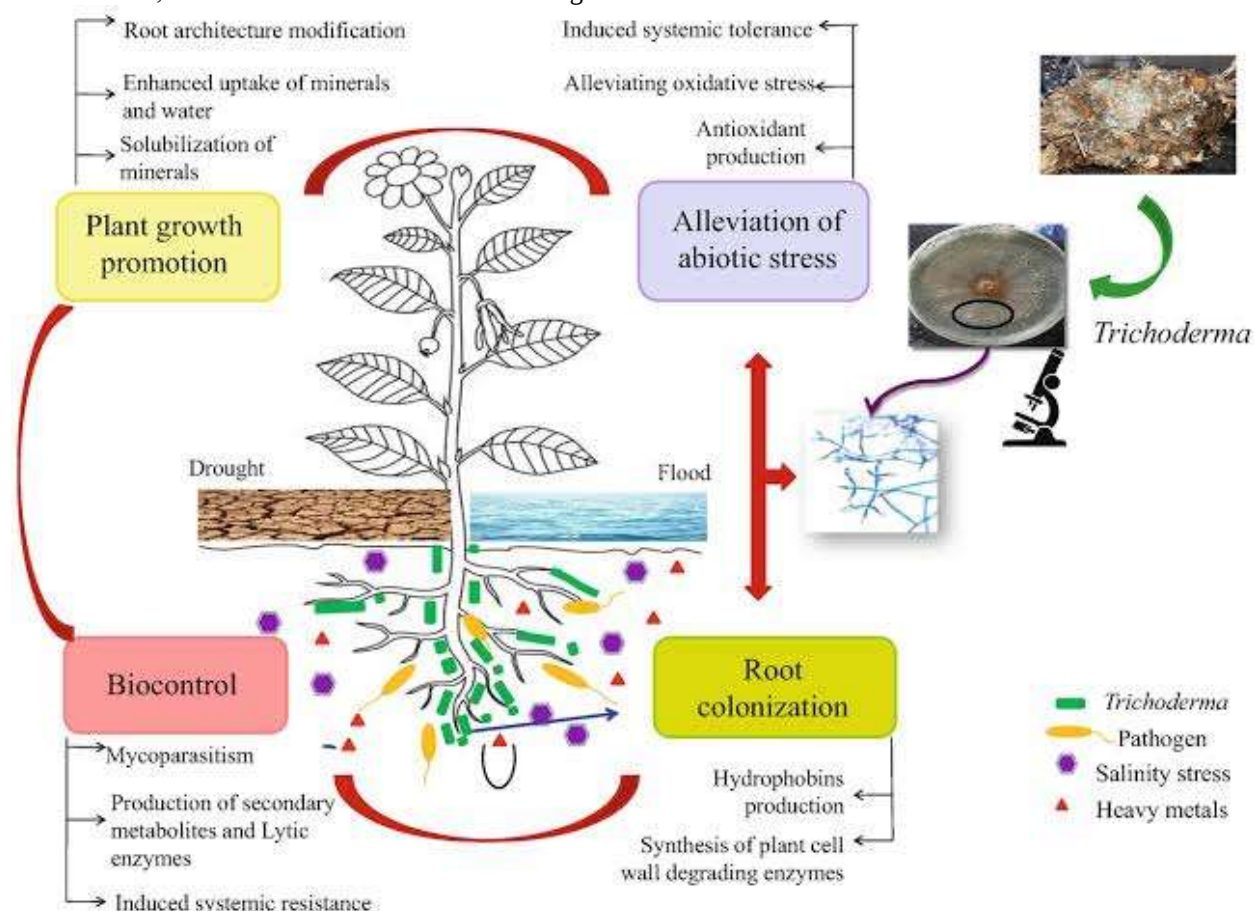
***Trichoderma*** spp. are the most widely used fungal **biocontrol agents** against fungal diseases of pulses, grapes, cotton, onion, carrot, peas, plums, maize, apple, etc. ***Trichoderma*** spp. grow very fast and can produce polysaccharide-degrading enzymes, so it can be grown on a large number of substrates.

In agricultural products, ***Trichoderma*** spp. significantly suppress the growth of plant pathogenic microorganisms and regulate the rate of plant growth. Recent works have shown that common plant disease such as root rot disease, damping off, wilt, fruit rot and other plant diseases can be controlled by ***Trichoderma*** spp.



### Trichoderma may suppress the growth of the pathogen population in the rhizosphere:

The **Trichoderma** may suppress the growth of the pathogen population in the rhizosphere through competition and thus reduce disease development. It produces antibiotics and toxins such as trichothecin and a sesquiterpene, Trichodermin, which have a direct effect on other organisms.



### Largest group of fungal secondary metabolites:

Polketides is the largest group of fungal secondary metabolites. These originate from the repetitive connections of short chain fatty acids ex. acetate or propionate, by pathways very similar to those of fatty acid biosynthesis. Terpenes are the most abundant and widely distributed secondary metabolites in nature. *Trichoderma* spp. form volatile terpenes.

These are grouped as monoterpenes, sesquiterpene, diterpene, triterpene and tetra terpene. Mycoparasitism There are four stages in direct interaction between *Trichoderma* spp. and other fungi. These are:

1. Chemotropic growth - A chemical stimulus produced by the target fungus attracts the antagonist.
2. Specific recognition - Lectins present on cell surfaces of both pathogens and antagonist are responsible for this process.
3. Attachment and coiling of *Trichoderma* around its host.
4. Secretion of lytic enzymes.

### Competition:

The antagonistic organism when applied to the field, it compete with the pathogen and other fungi for food. This competition leads to control of disease. *Trichoderma* spp. are aggressive in nature and can even survive as chlamydospores and conidia in the absence of sufficient nutrients. Ecological concepts of exploitation, competition and interference, competition to inter-actions between fungal populations. Exploitation competition is depletion of a resource by any organism without directly limiting the resources for other organisms. In interference competition either chemicals or behavioural mechanisms by which one organism directly limits the activity of another organism.

a) Competition for necrotic tissue. *Trichoderma* sp. when applied to the aerial parts of plants viz. leaves known to control pathogens that invade the dead tissues as base and from this base they enter into the healthy tissues.

*Botrytis* spp. and *Sclerotinia* spp. are best controlled by this method. *Trichoderma* is reported to control *Botrytis* and *Sclerotinia* on Strawberry and Apple. Environmental factors play an important role in successful control of pathogen by this method. *Trichoderma* spp. when sprayed on grape flowers at the time of blossoming are able to colonize tissues as it senesces, thereby delaying colonisation by *Botrytis*, and later disease level in the fruit. He laid emphasis on the importance of timing of applications and importance of repeated applications of the antagonist during flowering. The most important spray according to him is during late flowering.

#### **Competition for plant exudates:**

Sometimes, the pathogen response to the plant exudates is very rapid thereby causing disease. Damping off of cereals and vegetable seedling is initiated by the rapid response of the pathogen to the seed exudates. The response is so rapid, that within a short period of hours. Sporangia in *Pythium* infested soil germinate and cause infection. Seeds treated with *Trichoderma* sp. inhibit germination of sporangia. *Trichoderma* sp. compete for germination stimulants. *Tharizianum* (T-35) is reported to control *Fusarium oxysporum* in the rhizosphere of cotton and melon by the method of nutrient competition. For this type of competition process, bio-control agents should be able to colonise or establish in the root zone first and utilize root exudates and other substrate/ nutrients efficiently. Competition on wound sites. The most vulnerable site for pathogen attack is wound site in a plant. Bio-control agents when introduced to such sites can be very helpful in controlling a list of pathogens causing disease. Successfully controlled silver leaf pathogen (*Chondrostereum purpureum*) by using *T. viride* in spray or via pruning shears. *Armillaria luteobubalina* (a root pathogen) entry in the freshly cut stumps can be prevented by *Trichoderma* application.

*Tharizianum* strain T3 is reported to colonize wound site in cucumber roots and the phenomenon of control of *Pythium* is competition for nutrients discharged from wound. Integrated control According to the integrated approach in controlling plant diseases. Rationalisation of chemicals is advocated. As the wide range of chemicals use have long residual effects and the pathogens become resistant or develop resistance after a period of time, these (bio-control) when combined with other cultural methods of control can be of much use. Use of bio-control agents may result in improved disease control. The low doses of fungicide combined with antagonist application can prove to be more effective as the pathogen initially gets weakened and then subjected to subsequent attack by the antagonist. Two to three sprays with an antagonist and one spray of benzimidazole or dicarboximide fungicide is more effective than antagonists alone. Thus, it is concluded that *Trichoderma* is a very potential fungus for the control of many plant diseases, specially soil and seed borne diseases, and should be used to save our environment from pollution by hazardous chemicals which have long residual effect.

#### **Causal agent:**

*Trichoderma viride* is the causal agent of inexperienced mould rot of onion. A stress of *Trichoderma viride* is a acknowledged purpose of dieback of *Pinus nigra* seedlings.

#### **How do you operate *Trichoderma viride*?**

Soil treatment: Apply five Kg of *Trichoderma* powder according to hectare after turning of solar hemp or dhaincha into the soil for inexperienced manuring. Or Mix 1kg of *Trichoderma* system in a hundred kg of farmyard manure and cowl it for 7 days with polythene. Sprinkle the heap with water intermittently.

#### **What is the significance of *Trichoderma* species?**

*Trichoderma* species promotes the boom of plant life and boundaries the boom of plant pathogens. *Trichoderma* species are powerful bio-fungicides, enzymatically degrading different fungi, generating anti-microbial compounds that kill pathogenic fungi, and outcompeting pathogenic fungi for area and nutrients.

#### **Conclusion:-**

*Trichoderma* spp. is one of the regularly remote fungal genera from soil and plant roots which have been appreciably studied for their huge metabolites with numerous applications (agricultural, industrial, health, etc.). In the sector of agriculture, *Trichoderma* are appropriate antimicrobial marketeers in opposition to pathogenic bacteria, fungi, and yeast. Similarly, they play a critical function in enhancing the vegetative boom of vegetation and nutrient content

material of soil via decomposition and biodegradation. It is a safe, cost-effective, and environmentally benign era to acquire a sustainable agriculture

### Reference:-

1. Akhtar M.S., Siddiqui Z.A. 2008. Biocontrol of a root-rot disease complex of chickpea by *Glomus intraradices*, *Rhizobium* sp., and *Pseudomonas straita*. *Crop Prot.* 27 (3–5): 410–417.
2. Alanio A., Brethon B., Feuihade de Chauvin M., Kerviler E., Leblanc T., Lacroix C., Baruchel A., Menotti J. 2008. Invasive pulmonary infection due to *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* mimicking invasive *Aspergillosis* in a neutropenic patient successfully treated with voriconazole combined with caspofungin. *Clin. Infect. Dis.* 46 (10): 116–118.
3. Arthe R., Rajesh R., Rajesh E.M., Rajendran R., Jeyachandran S. 2008. Production of bio-ethanol from cellulosic cotton waste through microbial extracellular enzymatic hydrolysis and fermentation. *Electron. J. Environ., Agric. Food Chem.* 7 (6): 2984–2992.
4. Batta Y.A. 2004. Effect of treatment with *Trichoderma harzianum* Rifai formulated in invert emulsion on postharvest decay of apple blue mold. *Int. J. Food Microbiol.* 96 (3): 281–288.
5. Benitez T., Rincon A.M., Limon M.C., Codon A.C. 2004. Biocontrol mechanisms of *Trichoderma* strains. *Int. Microbiol.* 7 (4): 249–260.
6. Bettiol W., Morandi M.A.B. 2008. *Trichoderma* in Brazil, history, research, commercialization and perspectives. p. 235–237. In: “Molecular Tools for Understanding and Improving Biocontrol” (B. Duffy, M. Maurhoffer, C. Keel, C. Gessler, Y. Elad, S. Klewnick, eds.). 10th meeting of the working group “Biological Control of Fungal and Bacterial Plant Pathogens”, Interlaken, Switzerland, 9–12 September 2008, 389 pp.
7. Bisby G.R. 1939. *Trichoderma viride* Pers. ex Fries and notes on *Hypocrea*. *Trans. Br. Mycol. Soc.* 23 (2): 149–168.
8. Bissett J. 1991a. A revision of the genus *Trichoderma*. II. Infrageneric classification. *Can. J. Bot.* 69 (11): 2357–2372.
9. Bissett J. 1991b. A revision of the genus *Trichoderma*. III. Sect. *Pachybasium*. *Can. J. Bot.* 69 (11): 2373–2417.
10. Bissett J. 1991c. A revision of the genus *Trichoderma*. IV. Additional notes on section *Longibrachiatum*. *Can. J. Bot.* 69 (11): 2418–2420.