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Effect of bio enzymes on growth parameters of cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. *Capitata* L.)” var. golden acre

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Abstract

The experimentation was conducted during 2007-2008, on the experimental field of Horticulture Research Scheme (Vegetable), V. N. M. K. V, Parbhani, The experiment was laid out in randomized block design with ten treatments and three replications, the experiment was conducted on Cabbage crop, Golden acre cultivar. The result revealed that, the control treatment (water spray) against all other treatments not performs well in increasing growth quality of cabbage var. golden acre. Among the various concentrations of bio enzymes sprayed at different intervals and recorded observations at regular intervals of 15, 30, 45, and 60 days after transplanting. The treatment T6 (Synzyme 3ml. /l) spray of bio enzyme performed well in overall characters of growth parameters over other treatments.

Keywords: Golden acre, bio enzymes, Synzyme, cabbage, RBD

Introduction

Vegetables are high yielding and provide nutritional security, employment, cash, and more foreign exchange. India is the second largest producer (next to china) of vegetable in year 2002-2003 area 5.9 million hectares and production 84.8 million tonnes, in year 2003-04 area 6.7 million hectares and production 101.4 million tons in 2004-05 area 7.1 million hectares and production 108.2 million tones and in year 2005-06 7.2 million hectares area and production 113.5 million tones. During the year 2006-07 vegetables has 108.00 million tonnes production (Anonymous 2008) [2]. Per capita consumption has also increased from 95 g to 175 g per day as against 280g, recommended dietary requirement per day.

In Maharashtra area under vegetable 4.05 lakh hectares with production of 47.69 lakh tone with productivity of 11.8 tone /hectares (Anonymous 2007) [1] With improved varieties and hybrids, improved production technologies, better infrastructure, ensured genuine seed production, supply policy and participation of all entrepreneurs, India is poised achieve a revolution in vegetable production to fulfil the largest of 220 million tonnes by7 the end of 2020 AD (Som Dutt, 2001) [6].

Among different vegetables cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. *Capitata*) is one of the most important winter vegetable among the Cole crops which belongs to the genus *Brassica* of the family, *Cruciferae*, Cabbage is essentially a cold weathers hardy crop and thrives best in cool and moist climate. Cabbage having cross pollination system.

The group Cole crops is said to be derived from the wild cabbage Cole warts Coastal region of England, Southern and Western Europe are native place. Cabbage was introduced in our country much earlier than cauliflower. Though exact date of introduction is not available but it was reported to be grown during Mughal period. It appears to have been introduced by Portuguese through the crop became popular during British rule.

This was originated from Cyprus and the first crop of cabbage was introduced in India in 6th century A.D and India occupies third position in cabbage production of world. In India area 3.34 lakh hectares with annual production of 53.92 lakh tones and productivity of 23.1 t/ha.

Area under cabbage in Maharashtra for the year 2004 is estimated around 13.125 (thousand hectare) with production of 328.13 (thousand tonnes) with productivity of 25 tons /hectare (Anonymous 2007) [1] Cabbage is the fifth most important vegetable crop of the country primarily grown in winter season. In India among vegetable cabbage having an area of 0.28 million hectares with production of 4.80 million tons during the year 2002-03.

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Cabbage grown for its thickened main bud called head. It contains adequate quantity of vitamins like A, B, C and minerals like phosphorus potassium calcium sodium iron It is used as salad boiled vegetables cooked in curried, pickles as well as dehydrated vegetables.

During the last two or three decades there is rapid increase in the population which increased the heavy demand for vegetable production, Efforts have been made to increase the vegetable production by developing large number of high yielding quality and disease resistant varieties and hybrids and production and protection technologies. However there is need to achieve over target to meet the requirements of 1 billion population reached by 2000 A.D. All these are tried and there appears to be limit in application of these technologies for increasing yield. Moreover excessive use of fertilizers reduces quality of crop and now a day people are demanding fruit and vegetables. Without the use of pesticides or in other words vegetables produced with use of organic manures and biopesticides.

Plant growth regulators play an important role in modifying various parameters in horticultural crops. Recently bio enzymes are extensively which are the products containing enzymes Auxins and hydrolysed proteins.

In recent years bioenzyme a commercial product obtained from *Asephyllum modosum*, a seaweed algae known to rich in cytokinin and auxin precursors. Wide range of trace elements (B, Mo, Fe, Zn, Cu, Mn and Cl). Enzymes and hydrolysed proteins foliar spray of bio enzymes at 1 to 4 ml/lit. of water have enhanced vegetative growth and fruits per plant with good quality. Thus Bio enzymes is a new tool to increase yield of vegetables (More, 2000) [3].

There are different bio enzymes reported to promote the vegetative growth of plant and affect the quality of produce in different crops. Maxitalol and vipul increased growth flowering and yield of okra (Pandita *et al.* 1991) [4]. In this context use of bio enzymes, which does not have any residual effect appears to be most important new tool in increasing the

yield of vegetables (Rana and Vasishtha, 1985: More 2000) [5, 3].

Materials and Method

The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with ten treatments and three replication at Horticulture Research Scheme (Vegetables), Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani during 2007-2008, treatment details given in Table no. 1.

Table 1: Treatment details.

S. No.	Treatment No.	Treatments
1	T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.
2	T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme.
3	T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme.
4	T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme
5	T ₅	2ml/lit Synzyme
6	T ₆	3ml/lit Synzyme
7	T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold
8	T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold
9	T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold
10	T ₁₀	Water sprays (control)

Results and discussion

The present experiment entitled “Effect of bio enzymes on growth, yield and quality of cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. Capitata L.)” data obtained in the present investigation in respect of number of leaves, plant spread, stem diameter, height of plant, days required for head initiation and maturity, head diameter, stem diameter, were studied. An obtained data in present investigation were analysed statistically and results of each character are presented in this chapter under suitable heads with proper interpretation.

1. Number of leaves per plant

Number of leaves per plant was recorded at 15, 30, 45 and 60 DAT and data in presented in table 2.

Table 2: Effect of bio enzymes on mean number of leaves per plant

T. no	Treatments	Days after transplanting			
		15	30	45	60
T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.	8.33	13.60	17.60	19.07
T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme.	7.87	13.80	17.53	18.67
T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme.	7.93	16.20	20.13	21.07
T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme	8.13	14.13	18.20	20.27
T ₅	2ml/lit Synzyme	7.80	14.87	18.73	19.27
T ₆	3ml/lit Synzyme	8.20	18.13	22.07	22.60
T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold	7.80	13.33	18.07	19.53
T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold	7.73	14.93	18.87	19.40
T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold	8.27	16.07	20.67	21.53
T ₁₀	Water sprays (control)	7.73	12.27	16.13	17.20
	S.E.+	0.17	0.26	0.33	0.47
	CD at 5%	NS	0.77	0.99	1.41

The observations recorded at 15 DAT showed that all the treatments were non-significant. At 30 DAT highest numbers of leaves per plant were observed in treatments Synzyme 3 ml/lit (T₆) it was significant over all the treatments. Whereas, the minimum number of leaves observed in the control (T₁₀). At 45 DAT highest number of leaves per plant were observed in treatment (T₆) (Synzyme 3ml/lit) which is significantly superior over the rest of treatments. While the lowest number of leaves was observed in control (T₁₀). In case of 60 DAT,

treatment Synzyme 3ml/lit. (T₆) recorded the highest number of leaves per plant which is at par with the treatments (T₉) zymegold 3ml/lit and significantly showed the lowest number of leaves in the control (T₁₀).

2. Plant height (cm)

The height of plant were recorded at 15, 30, 45 and 60 DAT and data is presented in table 3.

Table 3: Effect of bio enzymes on height of plant

T. No.	Treatments	Days after transplanting			
		15	30	45	60
T ₁	1ml/lit. Biozyme	11.89	16.67	22.06	29.67
T ₂	2ml/lit. Biozyme	12.23	17.50	23.55	30.47
T ₃	3ml/lit. Biozyme	12.26	18.39	25.83	34.31
T ₄	1ml/lit. Synzyme	12.45	17.81	24.70	30.21
T ₅	2ml/lit. Synzyme	12.13	18.16	24.89	31.56
T ₆	3ml/lit. Synzyme	12.65	20.50	27.30	36.25
T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold	12.81	17.83	22.99	31.34
T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold	12.63	18.11	24.51	32.41
T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold	12.61	19.33	26.27	35.06
T ₁₀	Water spray (control)	11.65	13.17	20.34	23.55
	S.E. ₋ +	0.25	0.92	1.17	1.51
	CD at 5%	NS	2.75	3.50	4.50

The observation recorded at 15 DAT showed that all treatments were non-significant. At 30 DAT, treatment Synzyme 3 ml /lit. showed the maximum plant height (20.50cm) which is statistically at par with the rest of the treatment significantly less height (13.17cm) was recorded in control (T₁₀) i.e. 13.17 cm.

The data in respect of height of plant at 45 DAT the treatment (T₆) Synzyme 3ml/lit showed the maximum height (27.30) which is statistically at par the treatment T₃, T₄, T₈ and T₉. The treatment T₂, T₅, T₇ produced more height which is statistically at par with each other. Significantly less height (20.34 cm) was recorded in control (T₁₀).

At 60 DAT the highest plant height (36.25cm) was recorded in Synzyme 3ml/lit (T₆) treatment which is statistically at par with treatment T₃, T₈, and T₉. The next better treatments were

T₂, T₄, T₅ and T₇ which were similar to each other and superior over control. The treatment T₁₀ (control) produced less plant height (23.55cm).

3. Plant spread(cm)

Spread of plant was recorded at 15, 30, 45 and 60 days after transplanting and data is represented in Table 4. At 15 days all the treatments were non-significant. At 30 DAT highest spread of plant was recorded in T₆ Synzyme 3ml/lit (50.13cm) which were statically at par with all the other treatments except T₁ and T₁₀ (control). The minimum spread of plant observed in T₁₀ control (36.20cm) at 30 DAT. At 45 DAT maximum spread of plant were observed in T₆ Synzyme 3ml/lit (54.07cm) followed by T₉ (53cm) treatment T₆ were statistically found at par with T₉.

Table 4: Effect of bio enzymes on plant spread

S. no.	Treatments	Days after transplanting			
		15	30	45	60
T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.	14.91	44.60	50.10	57.77
T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme	17.39	47.70	51.03	57.57
T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme	18.23	47.23	51.73	59.93
T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme	17.77	46.99	51.17	57.23
T ₅	2ml/lit Synzyme	17.70	47.90	51.07	56.60
T ₆	3ml/lit Synzyme	19.00	50.13	54.07	62.67
T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold	17.51	47.50	51.37	55.47
T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold	16.97	47.88	51.23	55.63
T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold	18.67	49.53	53.00	61.33
T ₁₀	Water sprays (control)	13.97	36.20	38.50	45.00
	S.E+	1.08	1.20	0.40	2.08
	CD at 5%	NS	3.57	1.20	6.18

Treatment T₃ (51.73cm) were found statistically at par with T₂, T₃, T₄, T₅, T₇, T₈ except T₁ (50.10cm). The minimum spread of plant at 60 DAT was recorded in T₁₀ control (38.50cm). At 60 DAT maximum spread of plant recorded by T₆ (62.27cm) which was statistically at par with all other treatments except T₇ (55.47).

4. Days required for head initiation

Significant differences in respect of days required for head initiation were observed in different levels of Biozyme spray can be seen from days after transplanting in Table 5.

The treatments Synzyme 3 ml/lit (T₆) recorded earlier head initiation (36.67 days) as compared to all other treatments under study. The next best treatments for producing early head initiation were T₉ (37.67 days) which were statistically at par with T₃ and T₅ with each other.

Table 5: Effect of bio enzymes mean number of days required for head initiation.

Tr. no	Treatments	Days required for head initiation
T ₁	1ml/lit. Biozyme.	40.00
T ₂	2ml/lit. Biozyme.	39.00
T ₃	3ml/lit. Biozyme.	38.00
T ₄	1ml/lit. Synzyme.	39.33
T ₅	2ml/lit. Synzyme	38.33
T ₆	3ml/lit. Synzyme	36.67
T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold.	39.67
T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold.	40.67
T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold.	37.67
T ₁₀	Water sprays (control).	43.33
	S.E.+	0.44
	CD at 5%	1.31

The treatments T₁, T₂, T₄, T₇ and T₈ were found statistically at par with each other. Significantly maximum number of days for head initiation (43.33) was recorded in the treatment control (T₁₀).

5. Days required for head maturity

The observations presented in table 6, in respect of days required for head maturity indicated significant different at different levels of bio enzymes spray. The treatments Synzyme 3ml/lit (T₆) recorded the earliness in head maturity (64.33 days) which is statistically at par with treatment T₁, T₂, T₃, T₄, T₇ and T₈. The treatments T₅ and T₉ were significantly at par with each other.

Table 6: Effect of bio enzymes on mean number of days required for head maturity.

T. No	Treatments	Days required for head maturity.
T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.	70.67
T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme.	67.00
T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme.	66.00
T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme	67.00
T ₅	2ml/lit Synzyme	65.00
T ₆	3ml/lit Synzyme	64.33
T ₇	1ml/lit Zymegold	67.67
T ₈	2ml/lit Zymegold	68.33
T ₉	3ml/lit Zymegold	65.33
T ₁₀	Water spray (control)	74.33
	S.E.+	0.53
	CD at 5 %	1.60

Significantly more number of days required for head maturity (74.33) was recorded in treatment (T₁₀) control among all the treatments.

6. Head diameter (cm)

The diameter of head was significantly influenced due to the different bio enzymes treatments presented in table 7. The maximum diameter of head obtained in T₆ (14.93cm) followed by T₃ (14.69cm) and T₉ (14.62cm) the treatment T₅ (14.10 cm) statistically at par with all of the treatments (T₁, T₂, T₄, T₇, T₈). The minimum head diameter was observed in the treatment T₁₀ (12.50).

Table 7: Effect of bio enzymes on mean head diameter (cm).

T. no	Treatments	Head diameter(cm)
T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.	13.30
T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme.	13.40
T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme.	14.69
T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme	13.34
T ₅	2ml/lit zymegold	14.10
T ₆	3ml/lit zymegold	14.93
T ₇	1ml/lit zymegold	13.35
T ₈	2ml/lit zymegold	13.42
T ₉	3ml/lit zymegold	14.62
T ₁₀	Water sprays(control)	12.50
	S.E.+	0.23
	CD at 5%	0.69

7. Stem diameter

Data presented in table 8, revealed significant differences in increasing stem diameter at harvest due to different bio enzymes.

Maximum stem diameter were observed in T₆ Synzyme 3ml/lit. (8.87cm) which were statistically at par over all rest of treatments. Treatments T₉ (7.70) found statistically at par

over T₂, T₃, and T₅. The minimum stem diameter was found in T₁₀ control (6.25cm).

Table 8: Effect of bio enzymes on mean stem diameter (cm).

T. no	Treatments	Stem diameter(cm)
T ₁	1ml/lit Biozyme.	6.65
T ₂	2ml/lit Biozyme.	7.21
T ₃	3ml/lit Biozyme.	7.59
T ₄	1ml/lit Synzyme	7.01
T ₅	2ml/lit zymegold	7.29
T ₆	3ml/lit zymegold	8.87
T ₇	1ml/lit zymegold	6.78
T ₈	2ml/lit zymegold	7.12
T ₉	3ml/lit zymegold	7.70
T ₁₀	Water sprays(control)	6.25
	S.E.+	0.18
	CD at 5%	0.54

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