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Evaluation of Bio-Intensive Pest Management (BIPM) module in rice *var.* Swarna at Raipur, Chhattisgarh

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ABSTRACT: Bio-Intensive Pest Management (BIPM) was tested in rice *var.* Swarna at the Instructional Research Farm and field behind the Biocontrol laboratory, IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh for two years *i.e.* 2018-19 and 2019-20 in comparison with farmer's practice and control as per the protocol given by ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, under AICRP on Biocontrol. Results revealed that BIPM was significantly superior in comparison to the other two treatments as it recorded maximum yield during both the years. Also, significantly more number of natural enemies *i.e.* coccinellid beetles and spiders were recorded in BIPM treatment during both the years indicating its safety towards the native bioagents.

KEY WORDS: Bioagents, Bio-Intensive Pest Management, rice

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INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is an essential source of food for more than three billion individuals and is one of the world's most significant staple crop. Rice is rich in significant amounts of B vitamins like thiamin, riboflavin, nicacin, essential trace element, zinc and other micronutrients apart from carbohydrates and proteins. India is the largest rice producing nation in the world after China.

Chhattisgarh popularly known as the rice-bowl of India, has been among country's five states, which ranked as major contributors of rice to the central pool occupying an area of 3760.50 lakh hectare with a production potential of 65.27 lakh tons (Indian Stat- 2018-19).

More than 100 species of insects are known to attack rice crop, of which the yellow stem borer, *Scirpophaga incertulas* Walker is one of the most destructive monophagous pests of this crop and is widely distributed in the Indian subcontinent (Atwal & Dhaliwal, 2008). Though more than 28 insect species have been reported to attack rice in Chhattisgarh, the distribution and intensity of insect pest attack varies from zone to zone. In general, it has been estimated that about 25% of yield loss is due to insect pests of rice (Dhaliwal,

et al. 2010). Leaf folder indicated maximum infestation at reproductive stage and decreases yield up to 6.2% (Chhavi, *et al.*, 2016).

Bio-Intensive Pest Management (BIPM) is a systems approach that deals with management of pest based on understanding of pest ecology. It starts with steps to precisely analyse the nature and source of pest difficulties, and then depends on a range of preventive strategies and biological controls to maintain pest populations within acceptable limits. Pesticides at reduced risk are used if different strategies have not been sufficiently compelling, if all else fails, and with care to limit danger (Benbrook, 1996). BIPM targets on proactive measures to update the agricultural environment to deter a pest and to benefit its natural enemies (Dufour, 2001).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental Layout

The field trial was laid out in *kharif* season of 2018 and 2019 at the field behind Biocontrol laboratory, Department of Entomology and Instructional Research farm of College of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, with the rice variety 'Swarna' in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with three treatments and eight replications (Plate 3). The

treatments were BIPM, Farmer’s Practice (FP) and control. The BIPM and FP comprised of a number of practices as mentioned below. Later the seedlings of appropriate age were transplanted to main field with a spacing of 20 × 15 cm² and all the recommended agronomic practices were followed to grow the rice crop. In BIPM plot, to enhance natural pest incidence on the crop, no application of pesticide was done throughout the crop period and chemical pesticides were applied in farmer’s practice plot. Control plot was lacking both chemical and non-chemical practices.

Experimental Details

Details

Location	:	Entomology research farm of IGKV, Raipur (C.G.)
Season	:	Kharif 2018 and 2019
Crop	:	Rice
Variety	:	Swarna
Treatments	:	3 (BIPM, Farmer’s Practice and Control)
Replications	:	08
Design	:	RBD
Plot size	:	2023 m ² x 3
Spacing	:	20 × 15 cm ²
Date of sowing	:	07/07/2018; 09/07/2019
Date of transplanting	:	06/08/2018; 16/08/2019

Treatment details

1. BIPM Module (T1)

- Seed treatment with *T. harzianum* @15g/Kg,
- Seedling dip with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 2% solution (Plate 1),
- Spray of Azadirachtin 1500ppm @3ml/litre at 45 & 65 DAT against foliar and sucking pests,
- Erection of bird perches,
- Spray of *P. fluorescens* @ 1.5 Kg/ha against foliar diseases, and



Plate 1. Treatment of rice seedlings



Plate 2. Application of Trichocard

- Release of *T. japonicum* @ 1,00,000/ha (6 releases at 10 days interval starting from 25 DAT) (Plate 2)

2. Farmer's Practice (T2)

- Seed treatment with Carbendazim 50% WP @ 2gm/Kg, and
- Spray of Chlorpyrifos 50% + Cypermethrin 5% EC.

3. Control (T3): No treatment

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

(i) Per cent damage due to rice yellow stem borer, *Scirpophaga incertulas* (Walker) in the form of dead heart (DH) and white ear head (WEH)

Maximum percent of dead heart was recorded in control (13.73) and (12.20) in 2018 and 2019, respectively with a pooled mean per cent DH of 12.96, while minimum (8.024) and (8.50) was recorded in BIPM trial in 2018 and 2019, respectively (Table 1). Similarly maximum white ear head was recorded in control (22.40) and (20.51) in 2018 and 2019, respectively with a pooled mean of 21.45 per cent, while minimum 15.68 and 15.58 was recorded in 2018 and 2019 in BIPM trial respectively, with a pooled average of 15.68 per cent. These findings are in agreement with Kaur. *et al.* (2008) where the organic practices and integrated practice with (seven releases of *T. japonicum* @ 1,00,000 each at weekly interval starting 30 DAT) proved to be effective in the management of stem borer in both the rice varieties *viz.*, PR 116 and Basmati 386.

(ii) Percent leaf damage due to rice leaf folder, *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis* (Guenee)

Maximum damage due to rice leaf folder, *C. medinalis* in the form of percentage leaf folds was maximum in control (3.55) and 3.84 in 2018 and 2019 respectively, with a pooled mean of 3.69 percent while it was minimum in BIPM treated plot with 1.41 and 1.51 in 2018 and 2019 respectively, with a pooled average of 1.46. This is in line with the findings of Lyla *et al.* (2010), who concluded after pooled analysis

of three years data that, significantly lower incidence of leaf folder (0.54 %) was recorded in BIPM as compared to non BIPM practice (0.96 %) (Table 2).

(iii) Percentage damage by case worm, *Parapoynx stagnalis* (Zeller) in rice var. Swarna in Kharif 2018 and 2019.

As per the data presented in Table 3 maximum damage due to case worm, *P. stagnalis* in the form of percentage of cases was maximum in control (0.255) and (0.33) in 2018 and 2019 respectively with a pooled average of 0.295 per cent while it was minimum in BIPM treated plot with (0.094) and 0.20 in 2018 and 2019 respectively with an average of 0.147 per cent cases.

(iv) Damage due to rice hispa, *Dicladispa armigera* (Olivier)

Non significant population of rice hispa, *D. armigera* was observed in 2018 but in 2019, it was significant with minimum population in BIPM (3.77) and maximum in control (4.64) while the pooled mean also depicted lowest population of hispa in BIPM treated plot (2.08) while maximum pooled mean population was recorded in control (2.54) (Table 4) (Plate 4 & 5).

(v) Population of BPH, *Nilaparvata lugens* (Stal)

Data presented in Table 5 shows significant maximum damage due to BPH, *N. lugens* in control (5.43) with a pooled mean of 2.71 per cent and minimum population was in BIPM treated plot of recorded (2.00) with a pooled mean of 1.00. No population of BPH was observed in 2019.

(vi) Population of GLH, *Nephotettix* sp.

As per the Table 6 in 2018, significant maximum damage due to GLH, *Nephotettix* sp. was observed in control (1.33) nymphs and adult/plant with a pooled mean population of 0.66 and minimum (0.22) nymphs and adult/plant was recorded in BIPM treated plot with a pooled average of 0.11 nymphs and adult/plant. No incidence of GLH was observed in the year 2019.



Plate 3. Experimental site of BIPM trials of rice var. Swarna in 2018 and 2019

Table 1. Per cent dead heart and white ear head recorded in rice var. Swarna in Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treat-ments	Pre-treatment mean	Mean Dead Heart (%)		Pooled mean DH %		Mean White ear head (%)		Pooled Mean WEH %
	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019	
T1	6.397 (14.621)	6.10 (10.218)	8.024 (16.447)	8.50 (16.937)	8.262	15.68 (23.308)	15.58 (23.234)	15.68
T2	6.648 (15.00)	7.40 (12.573)	11.89 (20.166)	11.24 (19.574)	11.56	19.22 (25.988)	18.01 (25.099)	18.61
T3	6.755 (14.776)	8.61 (13.590)	13.73 (21.742)	12.20 (20.406)	12.96	22.40 (28.236)	20.51 (26.910)	21.45
CD	N/A	NS	0.353	0.943		0.503	0.522	
SEm+	0.249	1.549	0.118	0.308		0.168	0.171	

Table 2. Per cent damage caused by leaf folder, *C. medinalis* in rice var. Swarna in Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment Mean		Post treatment Mean leaf folder damage %		Pooled Mean leaf folder damage %
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
T1	0.586 (3.333)	0.75 (4.638)	1.41 (6.790)	1.51 (7.040)	1.46
T2	0.704 (3.672)	0.96 (5.552)	2.77 (9.570)	2.95 (9.886)	2.86
T3	0.7802 (4.277)	0.98 (4.888)	3.55 (10.851)	3.84 (11.298)	3.69
CD	NS	NS	0.370	0.284	
SEm+	0.525	0.726	0.123	0.093	

Table 3. Per cent damage caused by case worm, *P. stagnalis* in rice var. Swarna in Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treatment	Pre-treatment Mean		Post treatment Mean percentage cases		Pooled mean of percent cases
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
T1	0.32847 (1.987)	0.29 (2.107)	0.094 (1.232)	0.20 (2.529)	0.147
T2	0.18987 (1.548)	0.18 (1.467)	0.299 (3.078)	0.29 (3.050)	0.294
T3	0.25917 (2.366)	0.23 (1.920)	0.255 (2.184)	0.33 (3.258)	0.295
CD	NS	NS	1.418	0.361	
SEm+	0.643	0.650	0.473	0.118	

Table 4. Population of hispa, *Dicladisa armigera* recorded on rice var. Swarna during Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment mean		Post treatment mean		Pooled mean
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
T1	0.88 (1.165)	8.47 (16.886)	0.40 (1.182)	3.77 (11.195)	2.08
T2	0.68 (1.291)	5.91 (14.045)	0.39 (1.177)	3.92 (11.407)	2.15
T3	0.86 (1.361)	7.69 (16.079)	0.45 (1.202)	4.64 (12.426)	2.54
CD	NS	1.120	NS	0.361	
SEm+	0.033	0.366	0.022	0.118	

Yield

As far as yield was concerned, data presented in Table 7 indicates significant maximum grain yield (28.41 kg/plot) and 31.56 Kg/plot was obtained in BIPM in 2018 and 2019, respectively with maximum pooled mean of (29.98Kg/plot) also recorded in BIPM treatment. Minimum grain yield

of 22.98kg/plot and 25.25 kg/plot was recorded in control during 2018 and 2019, respectively with a minimum pooled grain yield of 24.11 kg/plot.

As far as grain yield/acre was concerned, it was maximum in BIPM of 1280.44 and 1303.22 in 2018 and 2019, respectively,



Plate 4. Adult hispa with leaf damage

Table 5. Population of BPH, *N. lugens* recorded on rice var: Swarna during *Kharif* 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment		Post treatment		Pooled mean
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
	mean	mean	mean	mean	
T1	0.67 (1.289)	-	2.00 (1.731)	-	1.00
T2	0.71 (1.307)	-	1.69 (1.637)	-	0.845
T3	0.73 (1.313)	-	5.43 (2.535)	-	2.71
CD	NS	-	0.057	-	
SEm+	0.015	-	0.019	-	

where as it was minimum in control with 1041.69 and 1122.87 kg/acre in 2018 and 2019, respectively. In case of pooled mean of grain yield /acre also, it was maximum in BIPM (1291.83kg) and minimum in control (1082.28kg). The present finding is in match with Mohapatra (2008), which stated that the yield data of various treatments indicated that the BIPM plots recorded highest yield i.e., 4.6 t ha⁻¹ in comparison to FP (3.1 t ha⁻¹) and CBP (4.4 t ha⁻¹).

Natural enemies recorded

(i) Population of coccinellids

Significant maximum number of coccinellid (*Micraspis* sp.) were observed in BIPM (0.60) and (0.57) minimum (0.26) and (0.26) in farmers practice in the year 2018 and 2019 respectively, while the pooled mean



Plate 5. Grub of hispa with leaf scragging

Table 6. Population of GLH, *Nephotettix* sp. recorded on rice var: Swarna during *Kharif* 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment mean		Post treatment mean		Pooled mean
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
	T1	0	-	0.22 (1.104)	
T2	0	-	1.33 (1.525)	-	0.66
T3	0	-	1.33 (1.525)	-	0.66
CD	-	-	0.027	-	
SEm _±	0.015	-	0.009	-	

population also depicted maximum number of coccinellids in BIPM (0.58) and minimum in Farmer’s practice (0.26) (Plate 7).

Lyla *et al.* (2010) also stated that higher population of coccinellid beetles/hill was found in BIPM (0.40%) than (0.06%) in non-BIPM which is in agreement with the present finding (Table 8).

(ii) Population of spiders (*Tetragnatha* sp.)

Significant maximum number of spiders was observed in BIPM (0.35) and (0.41) in 2018 and 2019 respectively, with maximum pooled mean of (0.38) spiders, while minimum (0.18) and (0.23) spiders were recorded in farmers practice in 2018 and 2019, respectively with a pooled minimum population of (0.20). This matches with Lyla, *et al.* (2010),

Table 7. Mean grain yield of paddy (var. Swarna) in different treatments during Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treatments 2018		Mean grain yield (Kg/plot)		Pooled mean grain yield (Kg/plot) 2018	Mean grain yield (Kg/acre)		Pooled mean grain yield (Kg/acre)
		2019			2019		
T1	BIPM	28.41	31.56	29.98	1280.44	1303.22	1291.83
T2	Farmer's Practice	25.25	28.88	27.06	1122.62	1284.63	1203.62
T3	Control	22.98	25.25	24.11	1041.69	1122.87	1082.28
CD		2.934	3.054		140.96	136.652	
CV		12.131	9.874		12.96	10.203	



Plate 6. Natural enemies- Coccinellid, *Micraspis* sp. and Spider, *Tetragnatha* sp. recorded in BIPM field

Table 8. Population of coccinellid (*Micraspis* sp.) recorded in rice var. Swarna during Kharif 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment (Mean popln)		Post treatment (Mean popln)		Pooled mean popln
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
T1	0.03 (1.013)	0.05 (1.024)	0.60 (1.265)	0.57 (1.251)	0.58
T2	0.02 (1.010)	0.04 (1.018)	0.26 (1.121)	0.26 (1.120)	0.26
T3	0.03 (1.013)	0.03 (1.012)	0.47 (1.211)	0.43 (1.194)	0.45
CD	NS	NS	0.042	0.017	
SEm+	0.007	0.012	0.014	0.006	

Table 9. Population of spiders recorded in rice var. Swarna during Kharif of 2018 and 2019

Treatments	Pre-treatment mean		Post-treatment mean		Pooled mean
	2018	2019	2018	2019	
T1	0.47 (1.211)	0.45 (1.203)	0.35 (1.159)	0.41 (1.188)	0.38
T2	0.47 (1.211)	0.25 (1.118)	0.18 (1.087)	0.23 (1.108)	0.20
T3	0.32 (1.149)	0.28 (1.128)	0.21 (1.100)	0.25 (1.120)	0.23
CD	0.028	0.046	0.038	0.012	
SEm ₊	0.009	0.015	0.013	0.004	

where significantly higher population of (0.31%) spiders/hill in BIPM was recorded as compared to (0.06%) in non-BIPM. Similarly, Sharma, *et al.* (2018) also reported that the mean population of spiders (4.25/plot) was significantly higher in BIPM practiced plots whereas, in farmer's practice plot it was (3.63/plot) which is in line with the present finding. This indicates that BIPM practices were safer for spiders as compared to farmer's practice (Table 9).

CONCLUSION

Thus, from the above studies it can be concluded that BIPM module were significantly superior than farmer's practice and control in both the years *viz.*, 2018 and 2019. Significantly higher yield and more number of natural enemies *viz.*, coccinellids and spiders were recorded in both the years in BIPM treated plots, which proves that BIPM is safer against naturally occurring bioagents.

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