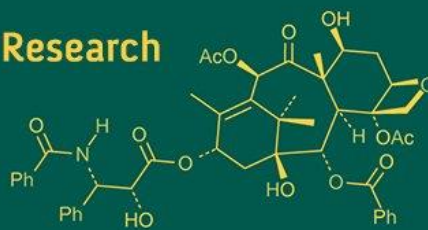


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Effect of plant growth regulators on vegetative growth and leaf yield of radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) var. Kashi Ardra in Chhattisgarh plain

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Abstract

The present study entitled “Effect of plant growth regulators on vegetative growth and leaf yield of Radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) var. Kashi Ardra in Chhattisgarh plain.” was carried out during Rabi season 2023-24 in the Pt. K.L.S. College of Horticulture and Research Station, Rajnandgaon (C.G.). The field experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with three replications and thirteen treatments consisting a control viz. (T₀) Control (Water spray), (T₁) GA₃ @ 100 ppm, (T₂) GA₃ @ 150 ppm, (T₃) GA₃ @ 200 ppm, (T₄) IAA @ 50 ppm, (T₅) IAA @ 100 ppm, (T₆) IAA @ 150 ppm, (T₇) NAA @ 100 ppm, (T₈) NAA @ 150 ppm, (T₉) NAA @ 200 ppm, (T₁₀) IBA @ 50 ppm, (T₁₁) IBA @ 100 ppm, (T₁₂) IBA @ 150 ppm. The finding of the present investigation clearly indicated that the foliar application of GA₃ 200 ppm gave significantly better performance at vegetative character like maximum plant height (41.93 cm), number of leaves per plant (15.53), leaf length (39.27 cm), Leaf yield per plot (8.19 kg) and maximum leaf yield per ha (25.27 t). Hence, the treatment T₃ (GA₃ 200 ppm) was found to be most suitable for higher production of radish.

Keywords: Radish, plant growth regulators, vegetative character, leaf yield

Introduction

The radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.) is diploidy (2n=18) in nature, belongs to Cruciferae family and can be considered as an annual as well as a biennial crop. It is cool season vegetable. It's green leaves and immature pods are also cooked as a vegetable. It is a cross-pollinated (entomophilous) vegetable. (Alam *et al.*, 2010) [3]. Radish is a good source of vitamin-C (14.8 mg/100 gm of edible portion) and supplies types of minerals. The characteristic pungent flavour of radish is due to isothiocyanate (Kushwah, 2019) [11]. It is useful in liver and gall bladder troubles. In homoeopathy, radish is used for neuralgic headache, sleeplessness and chronic diarrhoea. Radish is mainly grown in West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra and Assam. In India, radish is cultivated an area of 206 mha with an annual production of 3304 MT. (Anon., 2022) [4, 5]. In Chhattisgarh, Kondagaon, Korba, Surguja, Kanker, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Raipur and Korea are particularly important radish producing districts. The area and production of white radish in Chhattisgarh was 13,833 ha and 179.378 MT. (Directorate of Horticulture and Farm Forestry C.G., 2022) [4]

Plant growth regulators have been shown to be an effective approach to boost vegetable yield without sacrificing quality or soil health. Gibberellins are plant growth hormones which promote cell division and regulate numerous physiological processes including, leaf, root and reproductive organs expansion (Achard *et al.*, 2009, Schwechheimer and Colebrook *et al.*, 2014) [2, 15, 7]. IAA increases the growth of root and sometimes also shoot of plants (Chaudhary and Rasheed, 2003) [6]. Indole-3-butyric acid (IBA) is a plant growth promoter, used to regulate and accelerate the formation of roots of young plant and to elevate crop yields. NAA is basically used for vegetative growth particularly flowering but NAA at higher concentrations enhance the yield of radish (Singh *et al.*, 1989) [19]. Synthetic auxins such as 1-naphthalene acetic acid (NAA) induce similar physiological responses as natural auxins in bioassays (Imin *et al.*, 2005) [9]. Plant growth and development are influenced by growth regulators at low concentrations, whereas they are inhibited at high doses.

Materials and Methods

The investigation was carried out at Pt. K.L.S. College of Horticulture and Research Station, Pendri, Rajnandgaon (C.G.) during *Rabi* season 2023-24. The field experiment was conducted in Randomized Block Design with three replications having thirteen different treatments with four plant growth regulators concentration *i.e.*, GA₃ @ 100, 150 and 200 ppm, IAA @ 50, 100 and 150 ppm, NAA @ 100, 150 and 200 ppm and IBA @ 50, 100 and 150 ppm. The soil was made to fine tilth by continuous harrowing after the area had been carefully ploughed, weeds, stubbles, stones etc., were completely removed. The chemical fertilizers (NPK) were administered at a rate of 50:100:50 kg/ha, with urea providing half of the nitrogen, single super phosphate providing the whole phosphorus and Murata of potash providing half of the potassium as the basal dose. Protective irrigations were done every five to seven days during the cropping period. The desired concentrations of plant growth regulators were prepared and 1st spraying was done at 15 days and 2nd at 30 days after the sowing of radish crop.

Results and Discussion

Vegetative character

Plant growth regulators GA₃ 200 ppm gave significantly better performance at vegetative character like maximum plant height, number of leaves per plant, leaf yield per plot (kg) and maximum leaf yield per ha (t). The interpretations were recorded on various vegetative character are presented in Table 1.

Plant height

At 30 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded significantly the highest plant height (26.33 cm) which was statistically at par with treatments T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (25.05 cm) respectively. However, Control (Water spray) recorded the lowest plant height (16.66 cm) among the others.

At 45 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded significantly the highest plant height (41.93 cm) which was closely followed by the treatment T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (38.43 cm), while, it was the lowest (27.20 cm) in Control (Water spray). The increase in plant height was mainly due to the hormonal action of enhancing cell number, cell division and cell size. These results are in conformity with the findings of Ganapathi (2006)^[8], Abbas (2011)^[1], Priyanka and Nagaich (2019)^[12] in carrot.

Number of leaves per plant

At 30 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the maximum number of leaves per plant (11.60) which was statistically at par with T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (10.83) T₉ (NAA @ 200 ppm) (10.46) and T₆ (IAA @ 150 ppm) (10.36), while, the lowest number of leaves per plant (6.36) was observed in

Control (Water spray).

At 45 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the highest number of leaves per plant (15.53) which was statistically at par with T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (14.86) and T₉ (NAA @ 200 ppm) (14.60), while, the lowest number of leaves per plant (9.56) was observed in Control (Water spray). Gibberellic acid significantly increased the number of leaves on the plant because it has help to stimulate the activity of sub-apical meristem during new-formed growth and the apical meristem during vegetative bud development. Similar result were reported by Abbas (2011)^[1], Singh and Rajodia (2001)^[18], (Karuppaiah *et al.* (2007)^[10], Shweta *et al.* (2018)^[16] and Mishra *et al.* (2019)^[12] regarding in radish.

Leaf length (cm)

At 30 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the highest leaf length (24.27 cm) which was statistically at par with T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (23.60 cm) and T₉ (NAA @ 200 ppm) (23.33 cm). While, the lowest leaf length per plant (15.81 cm) was observed in Control (Water spray).

At 45 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the highest Leaf length (39.27 cm) which was followed by the treatment T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (36.76 cm), while, the lowest leaf length per plant (24.83 cm) was observed in Control (Water spray). Gibberellic acid significantly increased the leaf length on the plant because rise in cell size, cell number and cell division, all of which increase the plant's metabolic activity (Mahabir Singh *et al.*, 1989)^[19].

Leaf yield per plot (kg)

At 45 days, T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the maximum Leaf yield per plot (4.84 kg) which was statistically at par with T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (7.77 kg) T₉ (NAA @ 200 ppm) (7.51 kg) and T₆ (IAA @ 150 ppm) (7.46 kg), while, the lowest Leaf yield per plot (6.66 kg) was observed in Control (Water spray). The hormonal activity (cell elongation and cell division of growing portion of leaf) of promoting maximum plant height, more number of leaves and maximum leaf length was the major cause of the rise in leaf yield per plot. The present findings are in confirmation with the findings of Ola *et al.* (2018)^[13] and Sinchana (2021)^[17] in radish.

Leaf yield per ha (t)

T₃ (GA₃ @ 200 ppm) recorded the highest leaf yield per ha (25.27 t) which was statistically at par with treatments T₂ (GA₃ @ 150 ppm) (23.98 t), T₉ (NAA @ 200 ppm) (23.17 t), T₆ (IAA @ 150 ppm) (23.02 t) and T₁₂ (IBA @ 150 ppm) (22.86 t), while, the lowest Leaf yield per ha (19.38 t) observed in Control (Water spray). The present findings are in confirmation with the findings of Ola *et al.* (2018)^[13] and Sinchana (2021)^[17] in radish.

Table 1: Effect of plant growth regulators on vegetative growth of radish.

Treatment	Plant height (cm) 30 days	Plant height (cm) 40 days	Number of leaves per plant 30 days	Number of leaves per plant 40 days	Leaf length (cm) 30 days	Leaf length (cm) 45 days	Leaf yield per plot (kg)	Leaf yield per ha (t)
T ₀ Control (Water spray)	16.66	27.20	6.36	9.56	15.81	24.83	4.84	14.93
T ₁ GA ₃ @ 100 ppm	23.93	35.10	9.53	13.56	22.73	33.27	7.31	22.56
T ₂ GA ₃ @ 150 ppm	25.05	38.43	10.83	14.86	23.60	36.76	7.77	23.98
T ₃ GA ₃ @ 200 ppm	26.33	41.93	11.60	15.53	24.27	39.27	8.19	25.27
T ₄ IAA @ 50 ppm	23.10	33.98	8.86	13.13	21.86	32.26	6.91	21.35
T ₅ IAA @ 100 ppm	23.30	34.76	9.06	13.4	22.40	32.84	7.12	21.97
T ₆ IAA @ 150 ppm	24.36	36.06	10.36	14.03	23.16	34.46	7.46	23.02
T ₇ NAA @ 100 ppm	22.79	33.33	8.63	12.56	21.51	32.03	6.81	21.01
T ₈ NAA @ 150 ppm	23.86	34.94	9.36	13.53	22.46	33.07	7.35	22.68
T ₉ NAA @ 200 ppm	24.46	37.06	10.46	14.60	23.33	34.90	7.51	23.17
T ₁₀ IBA @ 50 ppm	22.13	32.58	8.30	12.33	21.39	31.33	6.69	20.64
T ₁₁ IBA @ 100 ppm	23.23	34.72	9.03	13.30	22.13	32.65	7.33	22.62
T ₁₂ IBA @ 150 ppm	24.32	35.50	9.66	13.73	22.86	33.46	7.41	22.87
SE(m±)	1.08	1.84	0.47	0.66	0.91	1.72	0.26	0.88
C.D. at 5%	3.16	5.37	1.38	1.94	2.68	5.04	0.77	2.57
CV	8.03	9.10	8.73	8.62	7.19	9.02	6.42	6.93

Conclusion

Thus, it can be concluded that the application of GA₃ 200 ppm is better for radish vegetative growth and leaf yield as well as plant height (cm), number of leaves per plant, leaf length (cm), leaf yield per plot (kg) and leaf yield per ha (t) of cultivation as compared to other treatments tried in this experiment to future crop planning.

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