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## THE SPREAD OF ENTOMOPATHOGENIC FUNGI IN GREENHOUSES OF TASHKENT REGION

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### ABSTRACT

*The article provides information about entomopathogenic fungi that parasitize insect pests. 32 species of entomopathogenic fungi were isolated from greenhouses in three territories of the Tashkent region. In the samples of dead sucking pests *Paecilomyces varioti* fungus type was most frequently found, *Beauveria bassiana*, *Entomophthora thaxteriana*, *Scopulariopsis brevicaulis* types were mostly met.*

**KEYWORDS:** *entomopathogenic fungi, sucking pests, *Paecilomyces varioti*, *Beauveria bassiana*,*

### INTRODUCTION

Entomopathogenic fungi are a group of heterotrophic microorganism that parasitize in insects and develop depending on them [2]. The data about entomopathogenic fungi was analyzed thoroughly in the works of A.A.Yevlakhova (1974), E.Z.Koval (1974) and N.Yu.Geshtaut (2002).

Infectious diseases of insects that are caused by virus, bacteria and fungi have already been defined at the beginning of XVII century. The first data about fungus epizooty was presented in 1734. Etiological role of fungi in insect diseases was studied later. Microorganisms caused diseases of harmful insects were firstly identified in 1879 by I.I.Mechnikov [1].

As it was stated in references, specific parasitism of entomopathogenic fungi in harmful insects is divided into biotroph, facultative and necrotrophic species [1, 2, 3].

Biotroph type development of entomopathogenic fungi – is a development by using host organism as a source of feed. When obligate parasites infect sucking insects they penetrate into host body and develop in its live tissue, they infect insect's necessary internal body parts that can lead to dying. After that, vegetative

growth of fungi stops and reproductive development starts, that is, spore-bearing period begins.

Spores damage new insects and continue pathogen biotroph development. If microorganism cannot find host pest, then it forms spore for dormancy.

Facultative parasites also penetrate into sucking insects and infect them, use internal organism of host as a source of food then kill the host with metabolites. When the host organism nutrient finishes the microorganism undergoes next stage – spore-bearing stage. Spores, in their turn, infect new insects and continue pathogen development. If facultative parasites don't meet with insects they survive in soil and plant residues in the form of necrotrophic, continue to live or pass to dormancy period.

Necrotrophic type development of entomopathogenic fungi – is a development in a dead tissue by penetrating into dead host organism through its pellicle. When the host organism nutrient finishes the microorganism undergoes next stage – spore-bearing stage. These spores, in their turn, infect new insects and continue pathogen development. Parasite fungus infect the host organism and continue necrotrophic life. If the spores don't meet with insects they survive in soil and

plant residues, continue to live or pass to dormancy period (Geshtaut, 2002).

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Dead samples of sucking insects collected from greenhouses have been used as experimental materials.

With wet filter paper spread and beer wort nutrient medium, potato nutrient medium and starvation agar nutrient medium placed Petri plates have been used for isolating fungi from samples. These agar nutrient media pH value was 6,5-6,7. Infected insect samples were sown in moisture camera and nutrient media under sterile condition. Petri plates with moisture camera and nutrient media were placed in 24-20°C degree thermostat for the germination of fungi in insect samples and observed during 15 days from the third day after the sowing.

The fungi germinated in insect samples were inoculated one by one in testing tubes with beer wort nutrient medium and these tubes were placed in thermostat with 24-26°C degree for the growth of fungi.

The species of fungi germinated in testing tubes were identified with determiners.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The fungi of 32 species were isolated from the collected samples of dead sucking pests of vegetable crops by disease which are spread in greenhouses of Kibray, Tashkent, Zangiota and Urta Chirchik district of Tashkent region (Table-1).

When the inter-relations between host insect and the fungi that were isolated in the experiments have been analyzed on the base of references [1, 3], *Aspergillus flavus*, *A.niger*, *A.ochraceus*, *A.oryzae*, *Beauveria bassiana*, *Cephalosporium acremonium*, *Entomophtora coronata*, *E.thaxteriana*, *E.virulenta*, *Fusarium lateritium*, *F.sambucinum*, *Mucor hiemalis*, *Paecilomyces javanicus*, *P. varioti*, *Rhizopus nigricans*, *Scopulariopsis brevicaulis*, *Stachybotrys alternans* were found to be biotroph type isolated from sucking pests, *Alternaria alternata*, *Aspergillus candidus*, *A.fischeri*, *A.insultus*, *A.repens*, *Cladosporium herbarum*, *Penicillium chrysogenum*, *P.citrinum*, *P.lanoso-coeruleum*, *P.nigricans*, *P.notatum*, *P.purpurogenum*, *P.terrestre*, *Stachybotrys alternans*, *Trichoderma viride*, *Verticillium lateritium* were known to be necrotrophic species.

**Table-1**  
**Fungi types isolated from the samples of dead sucking pests in greenhouses**

№	Isolated fungi		Fungi type frequency
	Genus	species	
1	2	3	4
1	<i>Alternaria</i> Nees	<i>A.alternata</i> (Tr.) Keissl	+
2	<i>Aspergillus</i> Micheli	<i>A.candidus</i> Lk	+
		<i>A.fischeri</i> Wehm.	++
		<i>A.flavus</i> Lk	+
		<i>A.insultus</i> Bain.	+
		<i>A.niger</i> V.Tiegh	++
		<i>A.ochraceus</i> With.	+
		<i>A.oryzae</i> Cohn.	+
	<i>A.repens</i> Sacc.	+	
3	<i>Beauveria</i> Vuill.	<i>B.bassiana</i> (Bals.) Vuill.	++++
4	<i>Cephalosporium</i> Cda	<i>C.acremonium</i> Cda	++
5	<i>Cladosporium</i> Lk	<i>C.herbarum</i> (Pers.) Lk	+
6	<i>Entomophtora</i> Tres.	<i>E.thaxteriana</i> (Petch) Hall et Bell	++++
		<i>E.coronata</i> (Cost.) Kevork.	+++
		<i>E.virulenta</i> Hall et Dunn	+++
1	2	3	4
7	<i>Fusarium</i> Lk	<i>F.lateritium</i> Nees.	+
		<i>F.sambucinum</i> Fuck.	+
8	<i>Mucor</i> Much.	<i>M.hiemalis</i> Wehm.	+
9	<i>Paecilomyces</i> Bain.	<i>P.javanicus</i> Brown et Smith	+++
		<i>P.varioti</i> Bain.	+++++
10	<i>Penicillium</i> Lk	<i>P.chrysogenum</i> Thom	+
		<i>P.citrinum</i> Thom	+
		<i>Penicillium lanoso-coeruleum</i> Thom	+
		<i>P.nigricans</i> Bain.	++

		<i>P.notatum</i> Westl.	+
		<i>P. purpurogenum</i> Tler. Et Stoll	+
		<i>P. terrestre</i> Jens.	+
11	<i>Rhizopus</i> Ehrenb	<i>R.nigricans</i> Ehr	++
12	<i>Scopulariopsis</i> Bain	<i>S.brevicaulis</i> (Sacc.) Bain.	++++
13	<i>Stachybotrys</i> Cda	<i>S. alternans</i> Bon.	+
14	<i>Trichoderma</i> Pers. ex Tr.	<i>T. viride</i> Pers.	++
15	<i>Verticillium</i> Nees	<i>V. lateritium</i> Berk.	+

**Comments:** + - the least frequent; ++ - less frequent; +++ - mean frequent; ++++ - much frequent; +++++ - the most frequent fungus types.

In the samples of dead sucking pests *Paecilomyces varioti* fungus species was most frequently found, *Beauveria bassiana*, *Entomophthora thaxteriana*, *Scopulariopsis brevicaulis* species were mostly met. It was defined that *Entomophthora coronata*, *E.virulenta*, *Paecilomyces javanicus* species had average frequency. It was noted that other isolated fungi species were found less.

### CONCLUSION

The fungi separated from the dead samples of sucking insects of greenhouses can be classified into the following groups according to scientific references data: ectoparasites (external) which parasite in body surface of the pests are *Aspergillus*, *Cephalosporium*, *Fusarium*, *Mucor*, *Penicillium*, *Rhizopus* group representatives and endoparasites (internal) which parasite internal tissue of host are *Beauveria*, *Entomophthora*, *Scopulariopsis* group fungi.

In the results of the research it was determined that the fungi which belong to various systematic groups may cause to diseases of sucking insects of greenhouses.

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