Effectof Trichodermaand humic acid on vegetative growth and economics of garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) CV. G-282

ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out to investigate the effect of Trichoderma on growth, yield, quality and economic feasibility of garlicat Under this experiment, the two factors (T_1*Trichodermaviride and* T_2*Trichodermaharzianum)* used in which T_0 Control, T_1*Trichodermaviride*T_2*Trichodermaharzianum and* H_0 Control, H_1 Humic acid 1%, H_2 Humic acid 2%, H_3 Humic acid 3% which were replicated thrice. On the basis of results obtained during the present investigation T2 (*Trichodermaharzianum*)) along with the interaction of H_3 Humic acid 3% was found superior in terms of growth and economy. Treatment T_2 (*Trichodermaharzianum*) registered maximum value of 314918 /ha. with highest B: C ratio (2.69) and minimum value of 248258 /ha. under control with lowest B: C ratio (2.14).

Keywords:*Humic Acid, Trichodermaviride, Trichodermaharzianum, CV. G-282.*

INTRODUCTION

"Garlic (Allium sativum L.) commonly termed as "Lahsun", is one of the most important spices as well as bulb crop grown throughout in India because it's higher nutritive value as compared to other bulbous crops. It is a versatile horticultural commodity consumed for culinary, medicinal and antimicrobial purposes. The aroma in garlic is due to presence of volatile organo-sulfur compound known as allicin. India is second largest garlic producer in the world. The total production of garlic is 12.91 lakh tonnes from the area of 2.44 lakh hectares in the country Lack of manuring and balanced fertilization is one of the important causes of low yield of onion. Chemical fertilizers play a major role in increasing garlic bulb yield. However, the fertilizer application in India is mainly restricted to nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium nutrients, which is the root cause for low yields and declining soil fertility status of the soil. It also causeddecline in organic carbon in the soil" (Singh *et al* 2001)

"Humic acid is a product contains many elements which improve the soil fertility and increase the availability of nutrient elements by holding them on mineral surfaces and, consequently, affect plant growth and yield"(Pettit R E 2004). Humic substances are the subjects of studies in various areas of agriculture such as soil chemistry, fertility, plant physiology and environmental sciences, as the multiple roles played by these materials can greatly improve plant growth and nutrient uptake.Mahmoud and Hafez 2010reported that, application of humic substances led to a remarkable increment in soil organic matter which improve plant growth and increase crop production.

"Trichoderma fungi are well known for their antagonism against several soil-phytopathogens, involving fungi, invertebrates, and bacteria. Their BCA activity is mainly attributable to various anti-microbial/antagonistic compounds they produce, in addition to their aggressive mode of growth and physiology. Full exploitation of the BCA potential of Trichoderma spp. could easily provide growth enhancement of domestic plants, green house plants, and agricultural crops" (Verma *et al* 2007). They produce enzymes such as complex cellulase, xylanase, chitinase, amylase, and pectinase that enable efficient decomposition of soil organic matter, thus supplying plants with nutrients. According to (López-Bucio et al. 2015), "the best studied *Trichoderma*species with regard to their mechanisms of action are *T. asperullum* and *T. artoviride* and *T. harzianum* and *T. virens* and *T. viride*, most of which also show a high percentage of biostimulants".

MATERIALSANDMETHODS

The present investigation entitled"Effect of tricoderma and humic acid on growth, yield and quality of garlic CV. G-282"was conducted at protected cultivation unit, Department of Vegetable Science, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Jhalrapatan City, Jhalawar during *rabi* season 2020-21. Research field of DepartmentofVegetable Science, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Jhalrapatan city, Jhalawar. during the year 2020-21).The experiment was conducted in Factorial Randomized block Design (FRBD).The present investigation the design used for analysis of variables were Factorial Randomized Block Design (FRBD)with12treatment and comprises 3 replication in term of days of storage.

Data collection

Five tagged plant (T1, T2, T3 T4 and T5) were chosen from each treatment and the result are being recorded for the following growth parameters: number of leaves per plant, length of leaves, plant height and chlorophyll content and economy.

Number of leaves per plant

The number of leaves of five tagged plants were counted from each plants 60 days and 90 days after transplanting and the average number of leaves per plant was calculated(Snell and Snell, 1949).

Length of leaves

Leaf length of all the observational plants from each plot was recorded with scale in centimeter (cm) and alter computing mean was considered as length of leaves (cm) at 60 and 90 DAS(Snell and Snell, 1949).

Plant height (cm)

"Plant height was recorded at 60 days and 90 days after transplanting. Height of five tagged plants was recorded from the base level to tip of the leaf with the help of meter scale and average was calculated"(Snell and Snell, 1949).

Chlorophyll content

"SPAD value in leaves of five tagged plants were estimated from each plot with using chlorophyll meter (SPAD) by simple clamping the device over the leaf tissue at 60 days after transplanting" (Snell and Snell, 1949).

Economics of treatments

The economics of the treatments is the most important consideration for making any recommendation to the farmers for its wide adoption. For calculating economics, the average treatment yield along with prevailing market rates of the produce and cost of inputs were used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Effect of *Tricoderma*and humic acid on growth, of garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) CV. G-282.The result of the experiment are summarized below.

Growth parameters

Effect of *Trichoderma* onSoil application of *humic acid*had significant effect on growth attributes compared to control. The treatment T2 (*Trichodermaharzianum*) increased the number of leaves per plant, leaf length, plant height and chlorophyll content in leaves over control. T1 (*Trichodermaviride*) was found statistically at par with T2 (*Trichodermaharzianum*).

The maximum value of growth parameters *i.e.*, number of leaves per plant both at 60 and 90 DAS (8.11 and 9.90), length of leaves at 60 and 90 DAS (41.36cm and 52.04cm), plant height both at 60 and 90 DAS (48.77cm and 69.48cm) and chlorophyll content at 90 DAS (0.80 mg/g in leaves), was recorded under application of (*Trichodermaharzianum*) and the minimum value of growth parameters *i.e.* number of leaves per plant both at 60 and 90 DAS (6.40 and 7.76), length of leaves at 60 and 90 DAS (33.78 cm and 42.95 cm), plant height both at 60 and 90 DAS (41.85 cm and 67.91 cm) and chlorophyll content (0.57 mg/g in leaves), were recorded under control, respectively.The similar result was recorded Pratap *et al (*2012) "growth parameters of garlic viz., plant height, number of leaves per plant, length and width of leaf, fresh and dry weight of plant and leaf area index were recorded, while in case of productive parameters, weight per bulb, weight of cloves per bulb and number of cloves per bulb and maximum bulb yield were recorded".

Plant growth enhancement by Trichoderma as a result of plant growth enhancement of different mechanisms such as exudation of plant growth regulators and/or their similarity with the fungi (Vinale*et al.,* 2008), solubilization of phosphates, micronutrient and minerals such as Fe, Mn and Mg that have important role in plant growth (Altomare *et al.*, 1999), secretion of exogenous enzymes, siderophores and vitamins, as well as indirectly with the control of the major and minor root infesting pathogens (Harman *et al.*, 2004) in rhizosphere. The variety of some of these mechanisms indicate multiple modes of action (Harman, 2006; Harman *et al.*, 2004) that lead to increase in nutrient availability and uptake, resulting in the stronger nutrient uptake by plant, and thereby increasing its growth attributes.

Effect of Humic acid on

The result of present study clearly indicates that number of leaves per plant, leaf length, plant height and chlorophyll content of leaves increased significantly due to application of humic acid. The maximum value of growth parameters *i.e.* number of leaves per plant both at 60 and 90 DAS (8.10 and 10.15), length of leaves at 60 and 90 DAS (42.46cm and 52.36cm), plant height both at 60 and 90 DAS (49.92cm and 70.92cm) and chlorophyll content at 90 DAS (0.81 mg/g in leaves), was recorded with treatment H3 (Humic acid 3%) and the minimum value of growth parameters *i.e.* number of leaves per plant both at 60 and 90 DAS (6.10 and 7.25), length of leaves at 60 and 90 DAS (32.99cm and 42.91cm), plant height both at 60 and 90 DAS (40.15cm and 60.28cm) and chlorophyll content at 90 DAS (0.59 mg/g in leaves), were recorded under control (H0), respectively.

The positive influence of Humic acid fertilization appears to be due to improve nutritional environment both in the root zone and plant system. Thus, adequate supply of humic acid as soil drenching in different doses resulted in greater availability of nutrients particular in crop root zone. Increased availability of nutrients in the root zone coupled with increased metabolic activity at the cellular level might have increased the nutrient uptake and accumulation in the vegetative plant parts which in turn resulted in improved plant growth attributes. These results are in close proximity with earlier researches of Abdel-Razzak *et al*., (2013) in garlic, Samy *et. al*., (2015) in Jerusalem artichoke.

Interaction effect of *Trichoderma*viride and humic acid.

The combined effect of different levels of trichoderma and humic acid (T x H) on number of leaves per plant at 60 and 90 days after sowing exhibited non significant.

Economics

The result of present investigation shows that the net returns and B:C (Benefit cost ration) ratio has been increased with Trichoderma. and Humic acid. This result can be directly correlated with the corresponding increase in the yield of garlic due to *Trichodermaviride* and Humic acid as a direct effect on net returns and benefit cost ratio.

Treatment T2 (*Trichodermaharzianum*) registered maximum value of 314918 /ha. with highest B: C ratio (2.69) and minimum value of 248258 /ha. under control with lowest B: C ratio (2.14).

The foliar application of Humic acid reduced the net return and B: C ratio as compared to control. Maximum net returns were observed treatment H1 (Humic acid 1%) and B: C ratio was observed treatment H0 (control).

In interaction effect of *Trichoderma* and Humic the maximum net returns was found treatment T2H1 (*Trichodermaharzianum* + Humic acid 1%) 325947 /ha and maximum B: C ratio in treatment T2H0 (*Trichodermaharzianum* + No Humic acid) 3.89 and minimum net returns and B: C ratio were found under treatment T0H0 (control) and T0H3 (No Trichoderma + Humic acid 3%). The reason for minimum net return and B: C ratio is due to the fact treatment cost of Humic acid was very high.

CONCLUSION

It was concluded from the experiment that individual application of *Trichodermaharzianum*and Humic acid 3% exhibited maximum number of leaves per plant, length of leaves, plant height, total chlorophyll content of leaves, respectively. However, *Trichodermaviride*and Humic acid 2% were found statistically atpar with *Trichodermaharzianum*and Humic acid 3%.

In terms of net return and B:C ratio the individual application of Trichoderma and Humic acid treatment (*Trichodermaharzianum*) registered maximum value of net returns 314918 with highest B:C ratio (2.69) and foliar application of Humic acid reduced the net return and B:C ratio as compared to control. Maximum net return was observed treatment H1 (Humic acid 1%) and B: C ratio was observed treatment H0 (control).

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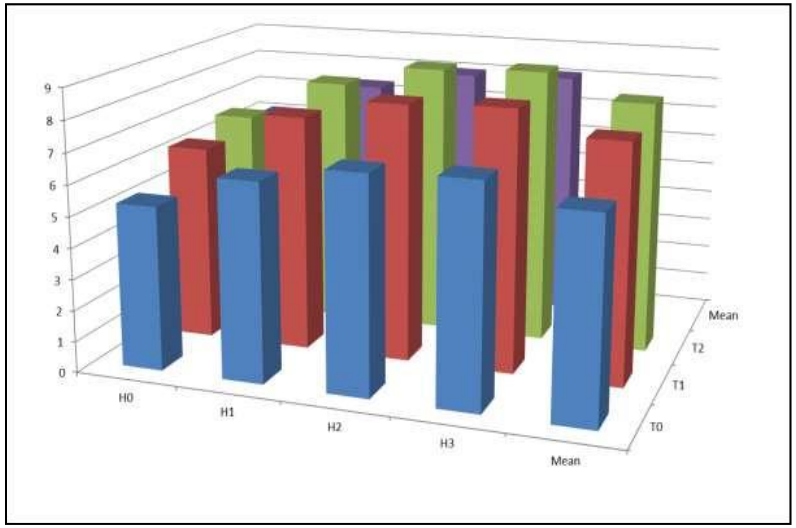
Table 1: Effect of different treatment in term of number of leaves per plant, length of leaves of garlic.

	No. of leaves at 60 Days				**No. of leaves at 90 Days**				**Length of leaves at 60 days**				**Length of leaves at 90 days**			
Trihoderma viride / **Humicacid**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**
H_0	5.28	6.32	6.70	6.10	6.25	7.51	7.98	7.25	28.81	34.88	35.28	32.99	38.01	44.67	46.05	42.91
H_1	6.37	7.61	8.07	7.35	7.50	9.00	9.57	8.69	32.88	39.81	40.26	37.65	42.08	49.46	50.99	47.51
H_2	6.92	8.27	8.77	7.99	8.52	10.24	10.88	9.88	36.35	44.01	44.5	41.62	45.35	53.3	54.95	51.2
H_3	7.02	8.39	8.90	8.10	8.76	10.52	11.18	10.15	37.08	44.9	45.4	42.46	46.38	54.51	56.19	52.36
Mean	6.40	7.65	8.11		7.76	9.32	9.90		33.78	40.9	41.36		42.95	50.49	52.04	
	SEm±	**CD(P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD(P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD (P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD (P=0.05)**		
T	0.110	0.319			0.202	0.583			0.71	2.05			0.84	2.43		
H	0.127	0.368			0.233	0.673			0.82	2.37			0.97	2.81		
Tx H	0.221	NS			0.403	NS			1.42	NS			1.68	NS		

Table2: Effect of different treatment in term of Plant height, chlorophyll content and benefit cost ratio of garlic.

	Plant height at 60 Days				**Plant height at 90 Days**				**Chlorophyll Content**				**Benefit Cost Ratio**			
Trihoderma viride / **Humicacid**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**	**T_0**	**T_1**	**T_2**	**Mean**
H_0	36.48	41.47	42.51	40.15	57.19	61.12	62.53	60.28	0.48	0.629	0.676	0.595	2.81	3.84	3.89	3.51
H_1	41.14	46.77	47.94	45.28	62.54	66.84	68.38	65.92	0.542	0.709	0.762	0.671	2.60	2.69	2.92	2.73
H_2	44.44	50.53	51.79	48.92	67.15	71.76	73.43	70.78	0.618	0.809	0.87	0.766	1.83	2.03	2.23	2.03
H_3	45.35	51.56	52.85	49.92	67.28	71.9	73.57	70.92	0.654	0.856	0.92	0.81	1.34	1.51	1.75	1.53
Mean	41.85	47.58	48.77		63.54	67.91	69.48		0.574	0.751	0.807		2.14	2.51	2.69	
	SEm±	**CD (P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD (P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD (P=0.05)**			**SEm±**	**CD (P=0.05)**		
T	0.95	2.76			1.44	4.15			0.014	0.04			0.06	0.18		
H	1.1	3.18			1.66	4.8			0.016	0.046			0.07	0.21		
Tx H	1.91	NS			2.88	NS			0.028	NS			0.13	0.36		



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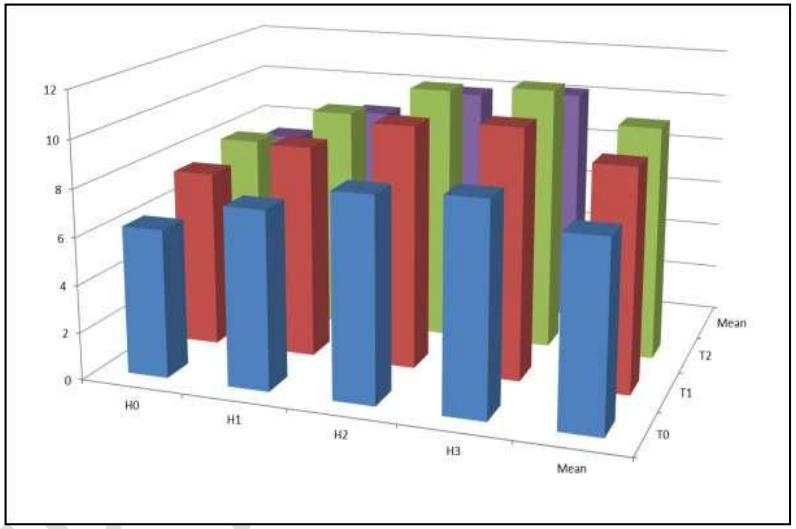

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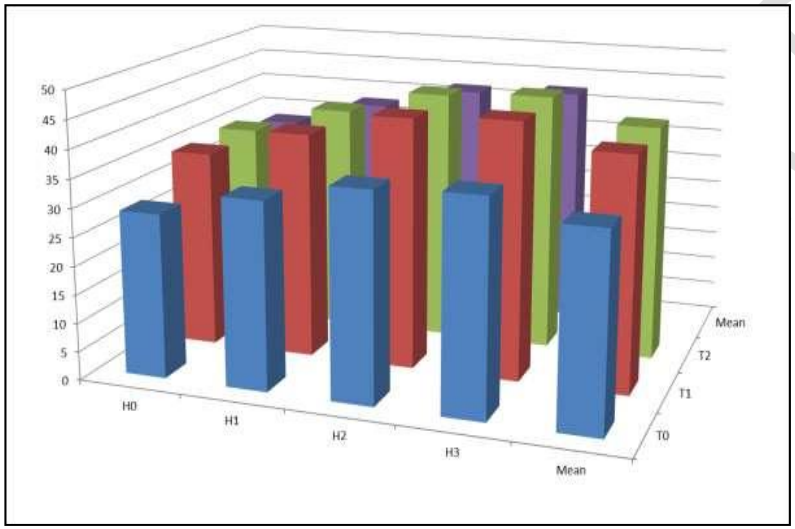

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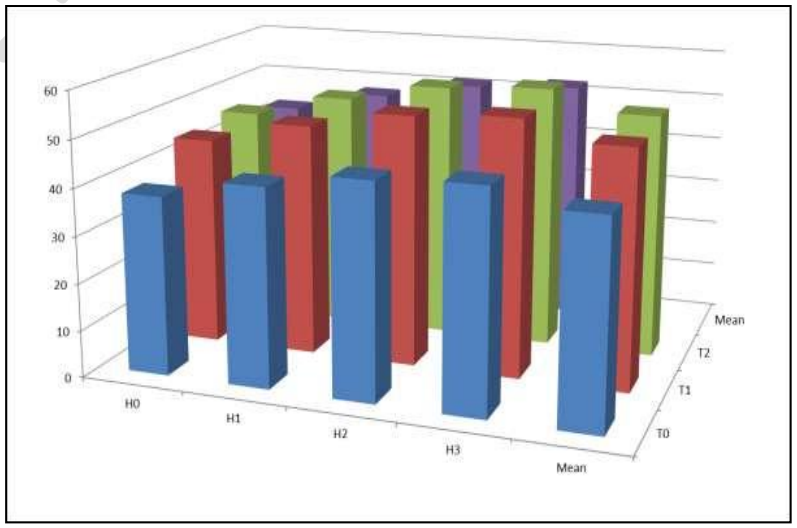

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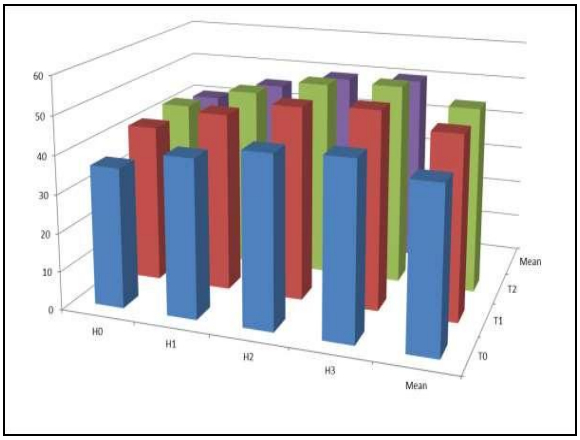

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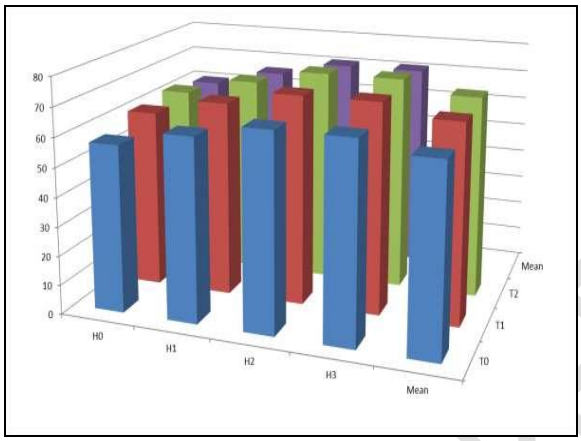

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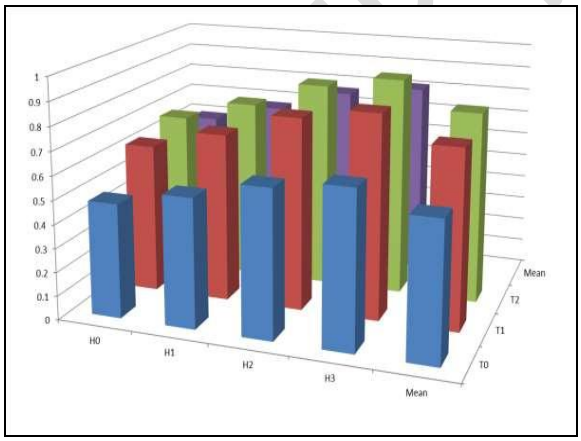

Chlorophyll Content

Fig 1. Effect of different treatment in term of Length of leaves, Plant height and Chlorophyll Content

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