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Screening of horsegram genotypes for resistance against yellow mosaic disease

ABSTRACT:

Aims: The present study aimed to evaluate the screening of horsegram genotypes for resistance to yellow mosaic disease. The disease causes decrease in number of seeds per pods, number of pods per plant. The disease may occur at any phase of plant development.

Background: Horsegram crop suffers from yellow mosaic, powdery mildew, anthracnose, dry root rot, leaf spot, rust and cottony stem rot.

Place and Duration of Study: Field experiment for screening was conducted at MARS, Dharwad, Karnataka, India, during summer 2023-24.

Methodology: For screening, 148 genotypes were screened under natural epiphytotic conditions. Each genotype was sown in a 2 m row to test the resistance or susceptible reactions against YMD. A susceptible check (BGM-1) was planted after every 10 lines of test genotypes and all along the four sides of the field (infector row technique).

Results: Out of 148 genotypes evaluated, none of them were immune or resistant, 12 were moderately resistant, 47 were moderately susceptible, 46 were susceptible and remaining 43 genotypes showed highly susceptible reaction.

Conclusion: Identified moderately resistant genotypes can be utilized in YMD resistance breeding programme to develop YMD resistant varieties.

Keywords: Coat protein; horsegram; screening; yellow mosaic disease; yellow mosaic virus.

1. INTRODUCTION

Horsegram (*Macrotyloma uniflorum* (Lam.) Verde.) popularly known as poor man's pulse crop, is a hardy legume valued for its quickly digested high-quality protein. It belongs to family *Leguminosae* and sub-family *Papilionaceae*. It is also known as kulthi bean, gahat, hurali, ulavalu, muthira or madras gram which is a legume native to tropical southern Asia. It is an indigenous plant cultivated in India, Africa and other Asian countries.

It is an important crop of south India which is mainly cultivated in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and in foot hills of Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh in India. It is a popular pulse crop of Karnataka, grown in districts like Mysuru, Tumakuru, Ballari, Raichur, Bagalkot, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Vijayapura, Chitradurga, Kolar and Koppal districts. In India, it is cultivated in 0.507 m ha area with total production of 0.262 m t and productivity of 516 kg/ha. Karnataka ranks first in production in India with 0.096 m t and covers an area of 0.147 m ha with the productivity of 655 kg/ha, followed by Tamil Nadu with a production of 0.056 m t and an area of 0.075 m h with the productivity of 745 kg/ha [1].

Horsegram crop suffers from yellow mosaic, powdery mildew, anthracnose, dry root rot, leaf spot, rust and cottony stem rot. Among various diseases, yellow mosaic, a viral disease poses a considerable challenge to its cultivation in peninsular India, with its initial detection occurring in the southern districts of Karnataka [7-10]. YMD transmitted by whitefly species *Bemisia tabaci* (Gennadius), is the most serious disease of horsegram as it unfavourably affects the seed and fodder yield. The first report of the YMD of horsegram was by Williams *et al*. [2].

In horsegram, the symptoms of YMD shows up as yellow colour mosaic patches on leaves which might be incompletely or totally yellow. Infected plants scarcely bear flowers and pods with some immature and deformed seeds. The disease causes decrease in number of seeds per pods, number of pods per plant. The disease may occur at any phase of plant development. If the incidence occurs at initial stage, plant may not blossom and the yield reduction might be as high as 90 per cent. Current study was carried out with an intention to screen horsegram genotypes for identification of sources of resistance to combat YMD which poses constraints in horsegram production.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Screening of horsegram genotypes for resistance against yellow mosaic disease

Screening of 148 horsegram genotypes was conducted to assess the resistance of various horsegram genotypes against YMD under field conditions at MARS, UAS, Dharwad, during the summer 2023-24. Each genotype was sown in rows of 2 meters in length, with a spacing of 45 cm X 10 cm. A susceptible check (BGM-1) was planted after every 10 lines and along all four sides of the field to act as a disease source (Infector row technique). Both per cent disease incidence and per cent disease index was recorded at 15 days interval, starting from 30 DAS up to physiological maturity.

The disease incidence for individual genotype was recorded based on the formula given by Wheeler [3]. Later the genotypes were classified into various categories based on disease incidence using a 0-5 arbitrary scale ranging from immune to highly susceptible, as proposed by Bashir [4].

$$\text{Per cent disease incidence} = \frac{\text{Total number of infected plants}}{\text{Total number of plants observed}} \times 100$$

Table 1. Disease scoring scale for YMD on horsegram

Scale	Description	Category
0	No symptoms on the plants	Immune
1	1-10% plants exhibiting the symptoms	Resistant (R)
2	11-20% plants exhibiting the symptoms	Moderately Resistant (MR)
3	21-30% plants exhibiting the symptoms	Moderately Susceptible (MS)
4	31-50% plants exhibiting the symptoms	Susceptible (S)
5	>50% plants exhibiting the symptoms	Highly Susceptible (HS)

The per cent disease index was calculated by the formula given by Wheeler [10] and modified scale of AICRP on MULLaRP was used for disease rating [5].

$$\text{Per cent disease index (PDI)} = \frac{\text{Sum of all the disease ratings}}{\text{No. of leaves examined} \times \text{Maximum disease rating}} \times 100$$

Table 2. Modified scale of AICRP on MULLaRP used for disease rating (0-9)

Scale	Description
0	No visible symptoms on leaves
1	Very minute yellow specks on leaves
2	Small yellow specks with restricted spread covering 0.1-5% leaf area of plant

3	Yellow mottling of leaves covering 5.1-10% leaf area of plant
4	Yellow mottling of leaves covering 10.1-15% leaf area of plant
5	Yellow mottling and discoloration of 15.1-30% leaf area of plant
6	Yellow discoloration of 30.1-50% leaf area of plant
7	Pronounced yellow mottling and discoloration of leaves and pods, reduction in leaf size and stunting of plants covering 50.1-75% foliage of plant
8	Severe yellow discoloration of leaves covering 75.1-90% of foliage, stunting of plants and reduction in pod size
9	Severe yellow discoloration of leaves covering above 90.1% of foliage of plants, stunting of plants and no pod formation

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Screening of horsegram genotypes for resistance against yellow mosaic disease

The genotypes showed varied disease reaction against YMD. Among 148 genotypes screened, none of them showed immune or resistant reaction. However, majority of entries showed moderately susceptible, susceptible and highly susceptible reaction, few showed moderately resistant reaction (Plate 1, Tables 3 and Table 4).

Twelve genotypes showed moderately resistant reaction namely, 14-61-41, CRHG-9, GPM-15, GPM-17, VLG-8, GPM-36a, PHG-2a, PHG-9, TCR-1517b, TCR-1734b, TRR-1799 and TCR-1816. Forty-seven genotypes namely, 11-SS, AK-42, Bailhongal local, BSP-17-1, BSP-17-3, CRHG-7, CRHG-8, VLG-19, GPM-4, GPM-8, GPM-12b, GPM-18, GPM-22, GPM-24, GPM-26, GPM-28, GPM-30, GPM-32, GPM-32b, GPM-36, GPM-44-2, GPM-50, GPM-52, GPM-57, GPM-66, GPM-73, GPM-93, IC-100938, KBHG-1, 49-08, Lone-1, PHG-2b, PHG-62, SHG-317, TCR-1517a, TCR-1675a, TCR-140, TCR-1423a, TCR-1423b, TCR-1554, TCR-1690a, TCR-1734a, TCR-1771, TRC-1801, TRC-1813, TRC-18025 and TRC-1493 showed moderately susceptible reaction.

Forty-six genotypes namely, AC-18-11, AK-12-7, ATPHG-11, BHG-13-11, BSP-17-2, CRHG-5, CRHG-17, CRHG-19, CRHG-22, GPM-5, GPM-11, GPM-19, GPM-23, GPM-45, GPM-48, GPM-58, GPM-59, GPM-61, GPM-64, HL-1, Indira Kulthi-1, KGP-14-9, Lone-2, TCR-1488, TCR-1690a, TCR-1700, TCR-1743, TCR-1801, TRC-1503, TCR-1593, TCR-1598, TCR-1675b, TCR-1762, TCR-1734, GPM-49, CRIDA-1-18R, AK-53, TCR-1740, VLG-15, PHG-02, GPM-33, TCR-1418, AK-22, VHG-935, VHG-15 and BSP-15-1 showed susceptible reaction. The remaining forty-three genotypes namely, CG-Kulthi-2, CG-Kulthi-3, DHG-4, GPM-62, TCR-1635, TRC-1488, TCR-1520, TCR-1493, TCR-1758, IK-1,

Bilas Kulthi, AK-21, GDH-1, CRHG-4, TCR-1489, TCR-1552, TCR-1590, TCR-1675, TCR-1746, TCR-1755, GPM-6, VLG-10, BGM-1, TCR-1799, TCR-1805, TCR-1813, TCR-1825, TCR-1816, TCR-1829, GPM-44-12, GPM-44-22, GPM-17-1, GPM-18B, GPM-18B-1, GPM-03, GPM-02, GPM-65, GPM-118, GPM-422, CRHG-02, CRHG-26, VLG-44, VLG-45 showed highly susceptible reaction against YMD.

Among the screened lines, the highest per cent disease incidence was observed in DHG-4, TCR-1520, TCR-1489, TCR-1493, TCR-1746, TCR-1755, GPM-6, VLG-10, TCR-1799, TCR-1805, TCR-1816, GPM-44-12, GPM-44-22, VLG-45, BGM-1 (100 %) and the lowest per cent disease incidence was observed in CRHG-9 (12.50 %). The highest per cent disease index was observed in DHG-4, TCR-1520, CG-Kulthi-2, CG-Kulthi-3, GPM-5, TRC-1801 (100 %) and the lowest per cent disease index was observed in TRR-1799 (16.05 %). Among 148 genotypes screened against YMD of horsegram, 8.11 per cent of genotypes showed moderately resistant reaction, 31.76 per cent of genotypes showed moderately susceptible reaction, 31.08 per cent of genotypes showed susceptible reaction and 29.05 per cent of genotypes showed highly susceptible reaction.

Similar results obtained by Sushma *et al*. [6] who screened thirty-seven genotypes of horsegram in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications under natural disease epiphytotic conditions at S.V. Agricultural College, ANGRAU, Tirupati, during *Rabi*, 2022. A total of eighteen horsegram genotypes exhibited resistant reaction with low per cent disease incidence. Among them, AVTH-12 had shown highly resistant reaction and susceptible reaction was observed in HG-17-1, BSP21-7, BSP21-4, BSP21-3, Indira Kulthi-1, BSP21-5, Bilasa and BSP21-11.

4. CONCLUSION

Among 148 genotypes screened, twelve lines exhibited a moderately resistant reaction (14-61-41, CRHG-9, GPM-15, GPM-17, VLG-8, GPM-36a, PHG-2a, PHG-9, TCR-1517b, TCR-1734b, TRR-1799 and TCR-1816), forty-seven lines were moderately susceptible, forty-six lines were susceptible and forty-three lines showed highly susceptible reaction. Identified moderately resistant genotypes can be utilized in YMD resistance breeding programme to develop YMD resistant varieties.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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Table 3: Per cent disease severity and per cent disease incidence of different germplasm lines of horsegram against YMD at different days after sowing

Sl. No.	Genotypes	At physiological maturity		Disease scale (0-5)	Reaction
		DS (%)	DI (%)		
1	11-SS	25.92	25.00	3	MS
2	14-61-41	23.45	16.66	2	MR
3	AC-18-11	20.21	37.50	4	S
4	AK-12-7	24.07	33.33	4	S
5	AK-42	30.45	25.00	3	MS
6	ATPHG-11	26.98	40.00	4	S
7	Bailhongal local	25.46	23.52	3	MS
8	BHG-13-11	25.92	42.85	4	S
9	BSP-17-1	16.66	25.00	3	MS
10	BSP-17-2	24.46	33.33	4	S
11	BSP-17-3	26.50	28.57	3	MS
12	CG-Kulthi-2	100.00	75.00	5	HS
13	CG-Kulthi-3	100.00	60.00	5	HS
14	CRHG-5	58.35	50.00	4	S
15	CRHG-7	25.92	25.00	3	MS
16	CRHG-8	23.45	22.22	3	MS
17	CRHG-9	20.21	14.50	2	MR
18	CRHG-17	35.80	33.33	4	S
19	CRHG-19	28.57	50.00	4	S
20	CRHG-22	23.45	50.00	4	S
21	DHG-4	100.00	100.00	5	HS
22	VLG-19	25.92	28.57	3	MS
23	GPM-4	16.66	25.00	3	MS
24	GPM-5	100.00	38.48	4	S
25	GPM-8	35.80	25.00	3	MS
26	GPM-11	32.56	37.50	3	S
27	GPM-12b	28.57	23.52	3	MS
28	GPM-15	17.94	18.75	2	MR
29	GPM-17	17.94	20.00	2	MR
30	GPM-18	20.28	21.42	3	MS
31	GPM-19	17.94	33.33	4	S
32	GPM-22	17.94	22.22	3	MS
33	GPM-23	22.34	33.33	4	S
34	GPM-24	32.56	28.57	3	MS
35	GPM-26	22.46	22.22	3	MS
36	GPM-28	17.94	22.22	3	MS
37	VLG-8	26.55	15.38	2	MR
38	GPM-30	27.77	25.00	3	MS
39	GPM-32	22.78	25.00	3	MS
40	GPM-32b	27.77	22.22	3	MS
41	GPM-36a	17.94	14.28	2	MR
42	GPM-36	31.48	23.07	3	MS
43	GPM-44-2	24.36	23.07	3	MS
44	GPM-45	32.56	37.50	4	S
45	GPM-48	68.78	38.95	4	S
46	GPM-52	16.78	21.42	3	MS
47	GPM-50	25.92	27.27	3	MS
48	GPM-57	26.66	28.56	3	MS
49	GPM-58	22.22	40.00	4	S
50	GPM-59	41.97	40.00	4	S
51	GPM-61	74.65	50.00	4	S
52	GPM-62	32.78	62.50	5	HS
53	GPM-64	27.77	38.46	4	S
54	GPM-66	29.78	22.22	3	MS
55	GPM-73	56.78	30.76	4	S

56	GPM-93	25.92	28.57	3	MS

57	HL-1	26.66	37.50	4	S
58	IC-100938	25.92	25.00	3	MS
59	Indira Kulthi-1	29.62	37.50	4	S
60	KBHG-1	22.45	27.27	3	MS
61	KGP-14-9	31.48	37.50	4	S
62	49-08	24.57	23.07	3	MS
63	Lone-1	25.92	28.57	3	MS
64	Lone-2	26.66	33.33	4	S
65	PHG-2a	24.56	14.28	2	MR
66	PHG-2b	29.78	22.22	3	MS
67	PHG-9	26.66	18.25	2	MR
68	PHG-62	25.92	22.22	3	MS
69	SHG-317	25.92	23.07	3	MS
70	TCR-1488	25.62	37.50	4	S
71	TCR-1517a	25.92	23.07	3	MS
72	TCR-1635	23.56	66.66	5	HS
73	TCR-1675a	23.56	22.22	3	MS
74	TCR-1690a	26.75	33.33	4	S
75	TCR-1700	67.68	37.50	4	S
76	TCR-1743	24.57	37.50	4	S
77	TCR-140	25.55	25.00	3	MS
78	TCR-1801	100.00	50.00	4	S
79	TRC-1488	29.87	66.66	5	HS
80	TRC-1503	37.03	42.85	4	S
81	TCR-1520	100.00	100.00	5	HS
82	TCR-1423a	32.45	25.00	3	MS
83	TCR-1593	67.68	45.45	4	S
84	TCR-1493	72.54	100.00	4	HS
85	TCR-1423b	30.04	22.22	3	MS
86	TCR-1517b	25.92	20.00	2	MR
87	TCR-1598	24.22	33.33	4	S
88	TCR-1554	24.44	25.00	3	MS
89	TCR-1675b	26.66	37.50	4	S
90	TCR-1690a	25.55	22.22	3	MS
91	TCR-1734a	24.57	25.00	3	MS
92	TCR-1734b	25.92	14.28	2	MR
93	TCR-1758	78.65	58.33	5	HS
94	TCR-1762	25.92	33.33	4	S
95	TCR-1771	22.45	26.66	3	MS
96	TRR-1799	16.05	15.38	2	MR
97	TRC-1801	22.45	25.00	3	MS
98	TRC-1813	28.88	25.00	3	MS
99	TRC-1816	20.67	14.28	2	MR
100	TRC-18025	30.04	25.00	3	MS
101	TRC-1493	25.96	25.00	3	MS
102	TCR-1734	23.56	37.50	4	S
103	GPM-49	24.65	38.46	4	S
104	IK-1	78.45	74.35	5	HS
105	Bilas Kulthi	85.43	68.97	5	HS
106	AK-53	70.83	46.67	4	S
107	AK-21	72.54	73.33	5	HS
108	GDH-1	78.45	69.23	5	HS
109	CRHG-4	74.65	82.45	5	HS
110	CRIDA-1-18R	23.54	38.46	4	S
111	TCR-1489	23.56	100.00	5	HS
112	TCR-1552	85.43	69.23	5	HS
113	TCR-1590	72.34	73.33	5	HS
114	TCR-1675	78.65	55.56	5	HS
115	TCR-1740	22.45	50.78	4	S
116	TCR-1746	80.32	100.00	5	HS

117	TCR-1755	74.65	100.00	5	HS
118	GPM-6	72.34	100.00	5	HS
119	VLG-10	72.54	100.00	5	HS
120	VLG-15	42.33	50.00	4	S
121	PHG-02	24.56	38.46	4	S
122	TCR-1799	80.32	100.00	5	HS
123	TCR-1805	74.35	100.00	5	HS
124	TCR-1813	27.56	53.85	5	HS
125	TCR-1825	38.56	57.89	5	HS
126	TCR-1816	71.23	100.00	5	HS
127	TCR-1829	74.35	75.00	5	HS
128	GPM-44-12	22.56	100.00	5	HS
129	GPM-44-22	27.56	100.00	5	HS
130	GPM-33	20.21	40.00	4	S
131	GPM-17-1	22.34	80.95	5	HS
132	GPM-18B-1	20.21	72.73	5	HS
133	GPM-18B	20.21	85.00	5	HS
134	GPM-03	26.55	74.82	5	HS
135	GPM-02	23.45	65.00	5	HS
136	GPM-65	20.21	75.00	5	HS
137	GPM-118	22.56	77.78	5	HS
138	GPM-422	20.87	54.55	5	HS
139	TCR-1418	21.34	50.00	4	S
140	CRHG-02	65.67	85.71	5	HS
141	CRHG-26	71.23	86.36	5	HS
142	VLG-44	21.56	77.27	5	HS
143	VLG-45	20.21	100.00	5	HS
144	AK-22	28.67	32.00	4	S
145	VHG-935	20.28	36.36	4	S
146	VHG-15	40.46	34.78	4	S
147	BSP-15-1	68.90	47.37	4	S
Susceptible check					
148	BGM-1	78.45	100.00	5	HS

Note: DAS: Days after sowing, DS: Disease severity (%), DI: Disease incidence (%), MR: Moderately resistant, MS: Moderately susceptible,
S: Susceptible and HS: Highly susceptible

Table 4: Grouping of horsegram germplasm lines based on their reaction against YMD

Reaction	Scale	Description (% of plants exhibiting the disease symptoms)	No. of genotypes (% share of genotypes)	Genotypes
Immune	0	0	0	Nil
Resistant	1	1-10	0	Nil
Moderately Resistant	2	11-20	12 (8.11 %)	14-61-41, CRHG-9, GPM-15, GPM-17, VLG-8, GPM-36a, PHG-2a, PHG-9, TCR-1517b, TCR-1734b, TRR-1799, TCR-1816.
Moderately Susceptible	3	21-30	47 (31.76 %)	11-SS, AK-42, Bailhongal local, BSP-17-1, BSP-17-3, CRHG-7, CRHG-8, VLG-19, GPM-4, GPM-8, GPM-12b, GPM-18, GPM-22, GPM-24, GPM-26, GPM-28, GPM-30, GPM-32, GPM-32b, GPM-36, GPM-44-2, GPM-50, GPM-52, GPM-57, GPM-66, GPM-73, GPM-93, IC-100938, KBHG-1, 49-08, Lone-1, PHG-2b, PHG-62, SHG-317, TCR-1517a, TCR-1675a, TCR-140, TCR-1423a, TCR-1423b, TCR-1554, TCR-1690a, TCR-1734a, TCR-1771, TRC-1801, TRC-1813, TRC-18025, TRC-1493.
Susceptible	4	30-50	46 (31.08 %)	AC-18-11, AK-12-7, ATPHG-11, BHG-13-11, BSP-17-2, CRHG-5, CRHG-17, CRHG-19, CRHG-22, GPM-5, GPM-11, GPM-19, GPM-23, GPM-45, GPM-48, GPM-58, GPM-59, GPM-61, GPM-64, HL-1, Indira Kulthi-1, KGP-14-9, Lone-2, TCR-1488, TCR-1690a, TCR-1700, TCR-1743, TCR-1801, TRC-1503, TCR-1593, TCR-1598, TCR-1675b, TCR-1762, TCR-1734, GPM-49, CRIDA-1-18R, AK-53, TCR-1740, VLG-15, PHG-02, GPM-33, TCR-1418, AK-22, VHG-935, VHG-15, BSP-15-1.
Highly Susceptible	5	>50	43 (29.05 %)	CG-Kulthi-2, CG-Kulthi-3, DHG-4, GPM-62, TCR-1635, TRC-1488, TCR-1520, TCR-1493, TCR-1758, IK-1, Bilas Kulthi, AK-21, GDH-1, CRHG-4, TCR-1489, TCR-1552, TCR-1590, TCR-1675, TCR-1746,

				TCR-1755, GPM-6, VLG-10, BGM-1, TCR-1799, TCR-1805, TCR-1813, TCR-1825, TCR-1816, TCR-1829, GPM-44-12, GPM-44-22, GPM-17-1, GPM-18B, GPM-18B-1, GPM-03, GPM-02, GPM-65, GPM-118, GPM-422, CRHG-02, CRHG-26, VLG-44, VLG-45.

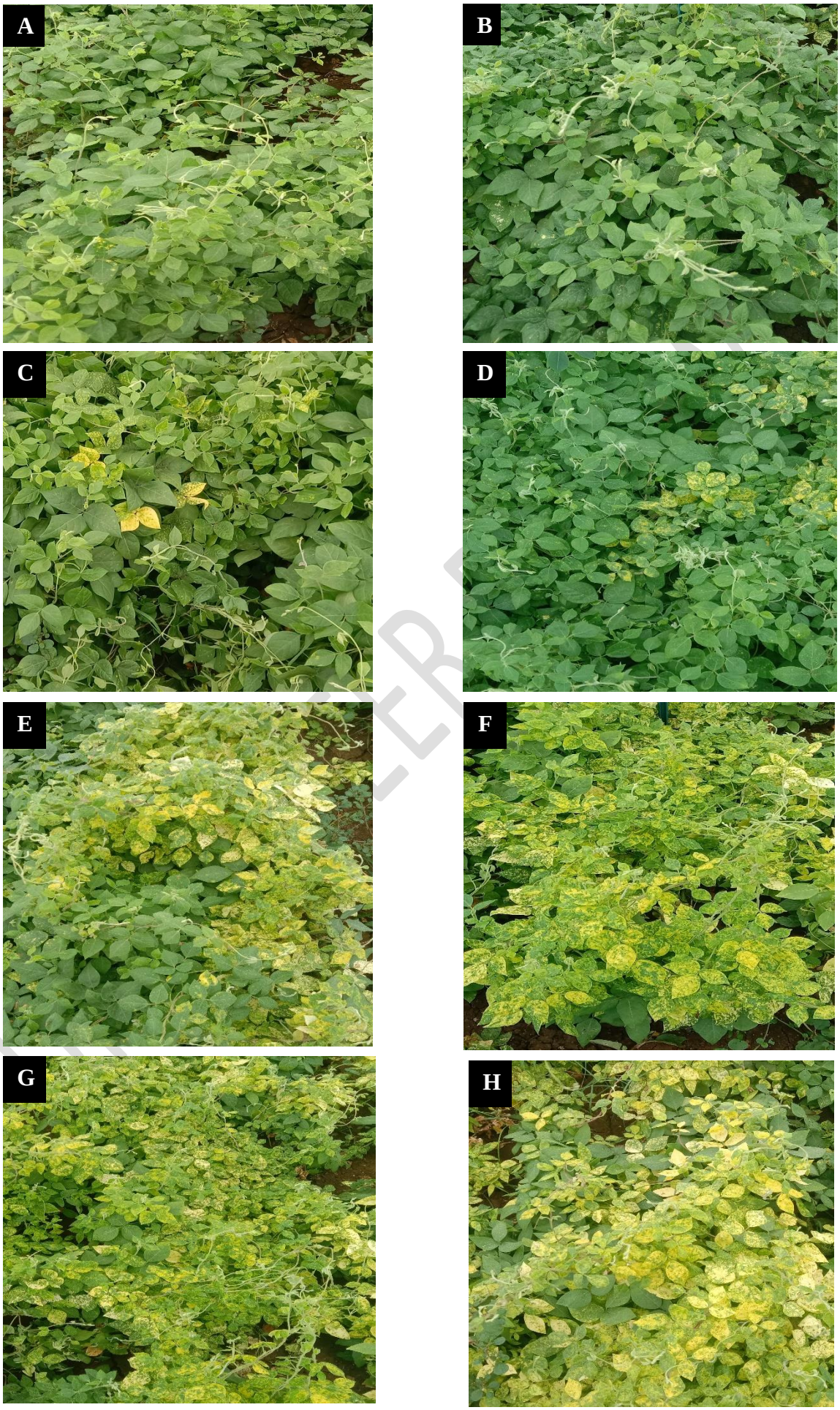

Plate 1: Reaction of different horsegram genotypes against YMD. A) PHG-9; B) CRHG-9 (MR); C) Bailhongal local (MS); D) AK-42 (MS) E) Indira Kulthi-1 (S); F) GPM-11 (S); G) BGM-1 (HS); H) CG-Kulthi-2 (HS)