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Biocontrol of tomato gray mold disease by *Trichoderma harzianum* and *Bacillus subtilis*

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خلاصه مقاله:

This study aimed to evaluate the antagonistic activity of some fungal and bacterial isolates against *Botrytis cinerea*, the causal agent of tomato gray mold disease. For this purpose, out of six fungal isolates obtained from the gray mold symptoms on tomato and melon, isolates B₁ and B₂ were selected based on the pathogenicity test result for the in vitro and in vivo experiments. These isolates were identified as *Botrytis cinerea* based on morphological and molecular information (ITS sequence). In dual culture test of two bacterial and six antagonistic fungal isolates, *Trichoderma harzianum* T₁ and *Bacillus subtilis* B₄₃ with up to 60% and 71.54% of inhibition levels, respectively, were the most efficient treatments to limit fungal growth. In volatile compounds tests, isolates T₁ and B₄₃ inhibited pathogen mycelia growth up to 95.98 and 100%, respectively. The results of the secondary metabolites test showed that *B. subtilis* B₄₃ inhibited pathogen mycelium growth by 98%. In vivo experiments showed that the isolates T₁ and B₄₃ controlled gray mold of tomato effectively, and the average inhibition rates were more than 60%. None of the antagonistic isolates significantly affected the height, fresh and dry weight of whole parts of the plants compared to healthy control.

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