



## IDENTIFICATION OF RESISTANT SOURCES AGAINST HORSE GRAM YELLOW MOSAIC DISEASE IN HORSE GRAM

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**ABSTRACT**

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Horse gram Yellow Mosaic Disease (HgYMD) is one of the major limiting factor for Horse gram production in India which may cause complete yield loss. Thirty seven genotypes of Horse gram were screened in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications under natural disease epiphytotic conditions during *rabi*, 2022. A total of eighteen horse gram genotypes exhibited resistant reaction with low Percent Disease Incidence with a maximum of 0.7 %. Among which, AVTH-12 have shown highly resistant reaction. The apparent rate of infection which depicts disease progression was calculated and found gradual increase in disease in all susceptible genotypes *viz.*, HG-17-1, BSP21-7, BSP21-4, BSP21-3, Indira Kulthi-1, BSP21-5, Bilasa, BSP21-11.

**KEYWORDS:** Horse gram Yellow Mosaic Disease, Screening, Genotypes, Management and Horse gram Yellow Mosaic Virus.

### INTRODUCTION

Horse gram [*Macrotyloma uniflorum* (Lam.)] Verde. *Syn. Dolichos biflorus* is a hardy legume popularly known as poor man's pulse crop, for its easily digestible quality protein and commonly known as kulthi, one of the drought tolerant crop grown in peninsular India. It belongs to the family Leguminosae and sub-family Papilionaceae. Horse gram is a perennial climbing plant with rhizome, growing to a height of 60 cm bears pods which are short and hairy. It has more advantages like adaptability to poor soil, adverse climatic conditions and improve the soil fertility by fixing atmospheric nitrogen and increasing the organic matter of soil. It occupies important place among pulses because of its ability to resist severe drought conditions. It is the only choice crop of the farmers for delayed sowing due to late receipt rains. It is widely used as cattle feed for its valuable protein (23-30%) and vitamins and also has medicinal properties and hence used in treatment of kidney and gall bladder stone, bronchitis, cough, cold and urinary diseases (Thakur, 1979; Khedar *et al.*, 2008).

Since it is a hardy drought resistant plant, it has been cultivated as a low input agricultural crop in the marginal lands. It is cultivated in both the seasons (*rabi* and *kharif*) in different parts of the country. It is grown generally as a main crop, mixed crop with ragi and relay crop with maize, jowar and ragi (Barnabas *et al.*, 2009).

The productivity of Horse gram is affected by many fungal and viral diseases. Among viral diseases, Yellow

Mosaic Disease (YMO) is one of the major constraints for its cultivation in peninsular India and was first observed in southern districts of Karnataka.

Yellow mosaic disease (YMD) incidence on pulses lead to substantial yield losses ranging from 50-100% based on the stage of the crop, genotype, vector population, weather factors *etc.* (Fauquet *et al.*, 2003 and Maruthi *et al.*, 2006). YMD is a severe disease in summer and late *rabi* seasons that affect pulse crops caused by whitefly transmitted begomoviruses belonging to the Geminiviridae family. The disease causes yellow discoloration on the leaves that leads to irregular, small, greenish yellow mosaic symptoms. Severe infection leads to stunted growth of the plant and reduction in the leaf size (Muniyappa *et al.*, 1976 and Prema, 2013).

The rapid spread of the YMD due to increase in *Bemisia tabaci* population results in almost complete loss of the crop during summer (Muniyappa *et al.*, 1978).

Although vector management by insecticide sprays is one of the effective management strategies for viral disease management, it is not economical and environmental friendly. The present experiment was conducted for identification of resistant sources and using them in breeding programme for the development of resistant varieties will be effective.

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## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Experimental Design

The genotype screening experiment against YMD was conducted during late *rabi* (February-April), 2022 under natural field conditions at S.V. Agricultural College Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh when the vector population and natural incidence of YMD is naturally high. The field was sown according to RCBD with 3 replications. Each genotype was sown in 3 meter row (each entry 2 lines) with a spacing of 30 × 5 cm (120 plants in each replication). A local variety (CHRG-19) which was observed to be highly susceptible in the previous two seasons among farmer's fields was used as check. Susceptible entry was sown after every four lines and sown around the borders to naturally increase the disease pressure.

### Sources of Genotypes

A total of 37 genotypes consisting of germplasm, advanced breeding lines and cultivars obtained from (IGKV, TCB college of Agriculture and Research station, Chhattisgarh (Eighteen) RARS (ANGRAU), Tirupati (Six) and ARS (ANGRAU), Rekulakunta (Thirteen) were evaluated to identify resistant sources for YMD.

### Natural screening

The crop was raised according to standard cultivation practices. No chemicals have been used to allow disease development to its full potential. After 45 DAS three

readings were recorded for every 15 days interval, from each genotype 5 plants were taken randomly and disease incidence was scored based on 1-9 arbitrary scale (Table. 1). The per cent disease index was calculated by using the formula.

Per cent Disease Index =

$$\frac{\text{Sum of Numerical Value} \times 100}{\text{Number of plants Graded} \times \text{Maximum rating}}$$

The genotypes were categorized into highly resistant, Resistant, Intermediate resistant, and susceptible based on gradings (Table 2).

### Apparent rate of infection (r)

Speed, at which an epidemic develops, is called the apparent rate of infection (r). The disease index data was recorded at 15 interval (45, 60 and 75) to calculate the apparent rate of disease development using the formula suggested by Vander Plank (1968), where r is the apparent rate of infection in non-logarithmic phase,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  symbolizes the percent disease index at time  $t_1$  and subsequent fifteen days time  $t_2$ . (Table 5)

$$r = \frac{2.3}{t_2 - t_1} \left[ \log \left\{ X_2 \times \frac{(1 - X_1)}{X_1} \times (1 - X_2) \right\} \right]$$

**Table 1. The rating scale for scoring horse gram yellow mosaic disease (Alice and Nadarajan, 2007)**

Scale	Reaction
1	No symptoms or very minute yellow specks
2	Small yellow specks with 0.1 to 5 % leaf area
3	Yellow mottling of leaves with 5.1 to 10 % leaf area
4	Yellow mottling of leaves with 10.1 to 15 % leaf area
5	Yellow mottling of leaves with 15.1 to 30 % leaf area
6	Yellow mottling of leaves with 30.1 to 50 % leaf area
7	Pronounced mottling of leaves with 50.1 to 75 % leaf area and discoloration of leaves and pods reduction in leaf size and stunting of plants
8	Severe yellow discoloration of leaves with 75.1 to 90 % leaf area stunting of plants and reduction in pod size
9	Severe yellow discoloration of entire leaves covering about 90.1 % of foliage, stunting of plants and no pod formation

**Table 2. Disease reaction scoring scale for Horse gram yellow mosaic virus in horse gram.**

Reaction	Grade (PDI)
Highly Resistant	1 - 2 %
Resistant	2.1 - 4 %
Intermediate Resistant	4.1 - 5 %
Susceptible	5.1 - 9 %

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Screening under natural disease epiphytotic condition

From the field evaluation of 37 genotypes the PDI values are ranged upto 97.20 (Table 3). A total of eighteen genotypes (BSP21-9, BSP21-8, C.G Kulthi-3, Acc. No: 68599, BSP21-1, BSP21-2, AVTH-4, AVTH-5, AVTH-6, AVTH-11, BSP-17-1, AVTH-12, AVTH-8, Acc. No: 71764, Acc. No: 139544, Acc. No: 120785, Acc. No: 71808, Acc. No: 139541) have shown resistant reaction to YMD (Fig. 1). The PDI observed among resistant ranged between 0- 0.7%. Only five genotypes exhibited to be moderately resistant (Acc. No: 277570, HG-11-1, Acc. No: 71768, C.G Kulthi -2, Acc. No: 139538) for which, 1.83-5.20% of PDI was observed. Whereas six genotypes (BSP19-2, Acc. No: 139498, HG-25-1, BSP21-7, BSP19-3, BSP-17-3) falls under intermediate resistance. The rest eight genotypes showed varied susceptible reaction such as HG-17-1, BSP21-7, BSP21-4, BSP21-3, Indira Kulthi-1, BSP21-5, Bilasa and BSP21-11. (Table 3 and 4). The CRHG-19 showed 100% infection.

An increase in the infection rate of HgYMD growth was observed in all susceptible genotypes, so that the chances of epidemics is more in almost all the susceptible genotypes of Horse gram.

The apparent rate of infection in susceptible genotypes was observed in Bilasa (0.453), Indira Kulthi (0.45), BSP21-3 (0.20) and BSP21-5 (0.454) indicates the disease has epidemic rate of infection.

Rajkumar *et al.* (2009) screened five hundred horse gram genotypes against Horse gram Yellow Mosaic Virus under field conditions. Out of five hundred genotypes only seven genotypes *viz.*, AK-21, AK-34, AK-38, AK-26, DPI-2278, Ter-512 and AK-36 showed resistant reaction to HgYMD. Similarly Parimala *et al.* (2011) evaluated 23 genotypes for YMV, the genotypes HG-75, HG-63, HG-52, HG-59, HG-14, and AK-38, were free from infection. Seventeen genotypes exhibited moderately resistant reaction to YMV.

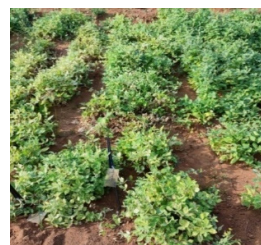
Durga *et al.* (2014) screened 23 horse gram accessions against YMV and wilt during *rabi*, 2010-2011. The straw coloured accessions were highly resistant (0.55 %) than light straw coloured (1.19 %) and black coloured (2.52 %) accessions. Only one genotype HG 35 was susceptible to YMV remaining all shows resistant. Likewise Prema *et al.* (2017) also screened one hundred and ten germplasm lines against HgYMD during 2012. The disease incidence was ranged from 4.34-94.73 percent. Out of these five genotypes shows highly resistant reaction, three genotypes shows resistant reaction, two genotypes shows moderately resistant, ten genotypes shows susceptible reaction remaining eighty eight genotypes showed highly susceptible reaction.



AVTH-5



AVTH-12



BSP21-5



Indira Kulti-1

**Fig. 1. Resistant horse gram genotypes at 60 DAS under screening experiment**

**Fig. 2. Susceptible horse gram genotypes at 60 DAS under screening experiment Apparent rate of infection (r)**

**Table 3. Screening of horse gram genotypes against HgYMD resistance**

S. No.	Genotypes	Percent Disease Index			Category
		45 DAS	60 DAS	75 DAS	
1	Acc. No: 139541	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
2	Acc. No: 139538	0.00	1.96	4.84 (12.71)	R
3	Indira Kulthi -1	15.40	28.70	95.39 (78.18)	S
4	Acc. No: 71768	0.00	3.60	5.20 (13.18)	R
5	HG-17-1	12.30	21.40	64.20 (53.25)	S
6	Acc. No: 139544	0.00	0.00	0.20 (1.48)	HR
7	C.G. Kulthi -3	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
8	BSP19-2	1.10	4.30	7.90 (16.28)	IR
9	Acc. No: 71808	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
10	Bilasa	13.80	38.60	96.80 (80.22)	S
11	BSP17 -3	1.20	6.40	22.50 (28.32)	IR
12	HG-25-1	0.00	2.10	17.19 (24.49)	IR
13	Acc. No: 120785	0.00	0.00	0.02 (0.58)	HR
14	AVTH-12	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
15	BSP21-3	0.00	3.20	28.30 (32.14)	S
16	Acc. No: 71764	0.00	0.00	0.03 (0.58)	HR
17	AVTH-8	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
18	BSP21-7	0.00	18.80	32.40 (34.69)	S
19	BSP21-1	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
20	Acc. No: 277570	2.30	4.20	2.61 (8.94)	R
21	AVTH-11	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
22	Acc. No: 68599	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
23	BSP21-11	10.20	26.10	94.00 (76.00)	S
24	BSP17-1	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
25	BSP19-3	4.30	9.20	11.23 (19.49)	IR
26	BSP21-5	11.70	35.40	97.20 (81.03)	S
27	BSP21-2	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
28	BSP21-7	1.10	2.30	8.60 (17.05)	IR
29	Acc. No: 139498	0.00	1.50	7.80 (16.22)	IR
30	BSP21-8	0.00	0.00	0.78 (4.54)	HR
31	AVTH-5	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
32	BSP21-4	0.00	4.90	26.30 (30.85)	S
33	AVTH-6	0.00	0.00	0.05 (0.71)	HR
34	HG-11-1	1.90	2.20	2.41 (8.47)	R
35	BSP21-9	0.00	0.00	0.54 (4.18)	HR
36	AVTH-4	0.00	0.00	0.00 (0.00)	HR
37	C.G. Kulthi -2	0.00	0.00	1.83 (8.91)	R
				SEm ( $\pm$ )	17.73
				CV (%)	30.09

HR : Highly Resistant (0- 0.7%), R : Resistant (1.83-5.20%), IR : Intermediate Resistant (7.80-26.30%),  
S : Susceptible (30.85-97.2%). \*Data in parenthesis = Angular Transformed values.

**Table 4. Grouping of horse gram genotypes based on degree of resistance against Horse gram Yellow Mosaic Disease (HgYMD)**

Disease Reaction	Scale	Genotypes
Highly resistant	1.0 - 2.0	BSP21-9, BSP21-8, C.G Kulthi-3, Acc. No: 68599, BSP21-1, BSP21-2, AVTH-4, AVTH-5, AVTH-6, AVTH-11, BSP-17-1, AVTH-12, AVTH-8, Acc. No: 71764, Acc. No: 139544, Acc. No: 120785, Acc. No: 71808, Acc. No: 139541
Resistant	2.1 - 4.0	Acc. No: 277570, HG-11-1, Acc. No: 71768, C.G Kulthi -2, Acc. No: 139538
Intermediate resistant	4.1 - 5.0	BSP19-2, Acc. No: 139498, HG-25-1, BSP21-7, BSP19-3, BSP-17-3
Susceptible	5.1 -9.0	HG-17-1, BSP21-7, BSP21-4, BSP21-3, Indira Kulthi-1, BSP21-5, Bilasa, BSP21-11

**Table 5. Apparent rate of infection (r) of Horse gram genotypes for HgYMD**

S. No.	Genotypes	Average “r”	S. No.	Genotypes	Average “r”
1	Acc. No: 139541	0.00	21	AVTH-11	0.00
2	Acc. No: 139538	0.07	22	Acc. No: 68599	0.00
3	Indira Kulthi -1	0.45	23	BSP21-11	0.45
4	Acc. No: 71768	0.09	24	BSP17-1	0.00
5	HG-17-1	0.41	25	BSP19-3	0.23
6	Acc. No: 139544	0.00	26	BSP21-5	0.45
7	C.G. Kulthi -3	0.00	27	BSP21-2	0.00
8	BSP19-2	0.15	28	BSP21-7	0.14
9	Acc. No: 71808	0.00	29	Acc. No: 139498	0.09
10	Bilasa	0.45	30	BSP21-8	0.00
11	BSP 17 -3	0.27	31	AVTH-5	0.00
12	HG-25-1	0.16	32	BSP21-4	0.20
13	Acc. No: 120785	0.00	33	AVTH-6	0.00
14	AVT H-12	0.00	34	HG-11-1	0.02
15	BSP21-3	0.20	35	BSP21-9	0.00
16	Acc. No: 71764	0.00	36	AVTH-4	0.00
17	AVT H-8	0.00	37	C.G Kulthi -2	0.00
18	BSP21-7	0.22		<b>SE + or -m</b>	0.11
19	BSP21-1	0.00		<b>CV(%)</b>	0.18
20	Acc. No: 277570	0.04			



Disease resistance evaluation for genotypes is a crucial step in controlling of plant diseases. Resistant genes can be identified through routine screening procedures such as evaluation of genotypes to a certain extent. Identification of resistant lines is essential in the field of integrated disease management which is an important concept in the agriculture. Earlier studies indicated that identification of resistant sources to YMD is a reliable option for controlling YMD. However, critical investigations are necessary to establish the resistance level, in the genotypes and to further confirm them to finally include in breeding programmes.

A total of eighteen Horse gram genotypes exhibited resistant with low PDI in which they can be useful for developing resistant varieties in breeding programmes. The apparent rate of infection which depicts disease progression was calculated and found gradual increase in disease in all susceptible genotypes *viz.*, Bilasa (0.453), Indira Kulthi (0.45), BSP21-3 (0.20) and BSP21-5 (0.454) was observed.

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