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EFFECT OF EXTRACT OF *CHLOROGLOEOPSIS FRITSCHII* ON THE GROWTH OF *HAPALOSIPHON*

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ABSTRACT

Aqueous extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* on exponential growth phase (10 Days) was used to evaluate the effect on the growth of different selected strains of *Hapalosiphon*. On the basis of the results of the present observation it has been concluded that aqueous extract of exponential growth phase of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* shows stimulatory effect on the growth of most of the selected strains of *Hapalosiphon* such as *Hapalosiphon*-53, *Hapalosiphon*-350, *Hapalosiphon*-384 except *Hapalosiphon*-196 which shows inhibitory effect. *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* also shows autoinhibition

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INTRODUCTION

Algal allelopathy is a physiological phenomenon. The chemical produced or secreted by the alga can affect other alga in its vicinity and it also affects its growth and associated microbes. In past few years presence of variety of Cyanobacterial toxin have been reported. Maksimova and Pimenova⁷ found formic, acetic glycolic lactic, pyruvic, and acetoacetic acid in the cultural medium during the growth of various strains of *Chlorella vulgaris* and *C. pyrenoidosa*. Grewick *et al*⁴ reported toxins from marine blue-green alga *Microcystis* and *Oscillatoria*. The chemical nature of various algal toxins has been studied in detailed by Carmichael^{1&2} Carmichael *et al*³ Present study deals with an intention of understanding the effect of the extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* on the growth of selected strains of *Hapalosiphon*. Which is useful for the use of these strains as a biofertilizer in rice cultivation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Exponentially grown axenic cultures of selected strains of *Hapalosiphon* (10 days old) were utilized for inoculation into aqueous extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* (obtained from exponentially grown blue-green algal strains in BG-11 Medium Stainer *et al*⁹ after filtration (by pre sterilized Whatman No.1 filter paper in three replicates) each strain were kept under

standard laboratory conditions (14/10 LD cycle, temp.28±2°C at 4K lux light intensity provided by light florescent tube). The growth of different selected strain of *Hapalosiphon* was measured at 10 day in term of chlorophyll-a (µg/ml) in filtrate of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* was compared with respect to control (Nitrogen deficient medium). For the measurement of growth optical density of algal suspensions grown in different filtrates as well as control were measured at 665nm and 565nm using Systronic UV-VIS Spectrophotometer-104. Chlorophyll content was estimated with the help of methods described by Mackinney⁶

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table Growth of different strains of *Hapalosiphon* in aqueous extract of *Chlorogloeopsis Fritschii*

| Strains | Growth after 10 days | | Growth % | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | In Control (- N medium) | In extract | Increases | Decreases |
| <i>Hapalosiphon</i> -53 | 0.5838 | 0.723 | 23.8 | - |
| <i>Hapalosiphon</i> -196 | 1.1676 | 1.070 | - | 8.4 |
| <i>Hapalosiphon</i> -350 | 1.2093 | 1.807 | 49.5 | - |
| <i>Hapalosiphon</i> -384 | 2.1962 | 4.601 | 109.5 | - |

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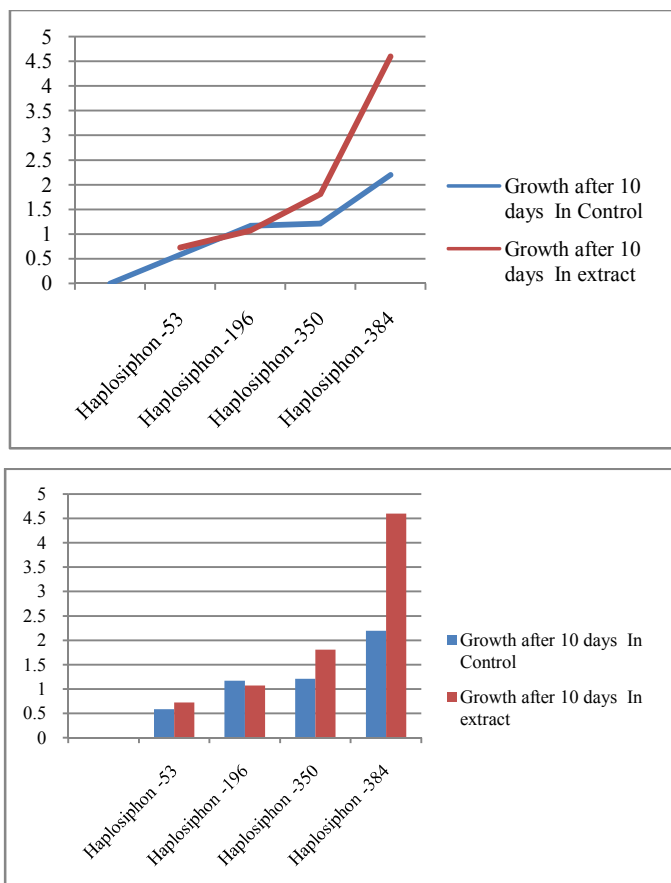


Fig Effect of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* extract on the growth of different strains of *Hapalosiphon* with respect to control

Extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* are beneficial to the growth of most of the selected strains of *Hapalosiphon* such as *Hapalosiphon-53*, *Hapalosiphon-350*, *Hapalosiphon-384* and shows stimulatory affect There are a significant increase of growth as compared to control but *Hapalosiphon-196* shows inhibition and less growth as compared to control in the extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii*. *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* itself also shows autoinhibition. In *Hapalosiphon* strains, the strain of *Hapalosiphon-53*, *Hapalosiphon-350* and *Hapalosiphon-384* shows autoinhibition but *Hapalosiphon-196* shows autostimulation. Earliar Monahan and Trainor⁸ found that filtrate of green alga *Hormmotila blennista* was autostimulatory and Jorgensen⁵ found that *Nitzschi palea* formed as autotoic substance while *Asterionella formosa* formed substances that accelerate its growth. For the present observation it is clear that *Hapalosiphon-196* itself is an autostimulation but in the extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* it shows inhibition while three other strains of *Hapalosiphon*- i.e. *Hapalosiphon-53*, *Hapalosiphon-350* and *Hapalosiphon-384* itself an autoinhibitory but in the extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* it is autostiomulatory

It is clear from the present observation that the extract of *Chlorogloeopsis fritschii* is beneficial to the growth of most of the selected strains of *Hapalosiphon*

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