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Interaction of root-knot nematode, *Meloidogyne incognita* (race 1), and wilt fungus, *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ciceri*, on chick-pea cultivars

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ABSTRACT

Interaction of *Meloidogyne incognita* (racel) and *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ciceri* was studied on chick-pea cultivars Pusa-212 (resistant to wilt fungus) and Pusa-244 (relatively less susceptible to wilt fungus) under artificial inoculation. Pusa-212 did not exhibited any wilting symptoms even at termination of experiment when inoculated with fungs alone. Synergistic interaction occurred between the pathogens on these cultivars both in concomitant and sequential inoculations. Wilt symptoms appeared and greater wilting occurred in the presence of *M. incognita* (racel). Synergistic interaction in sequential inoculations was greater than concomitant inoculation. Resistance of Pusa-212 recorded with the inoculation of the fungus alone was broken in the presence of the nematode.

Key words: Interaction, *Meloidogyne incognita*, *Fusarium oxysporum* and chick-pea.

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