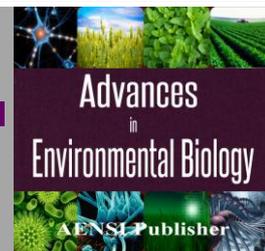




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### Allelopathic Weeds on Characteristics Seed Growth in Sorghum (*Sorghum Bicolor*l.)

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#### ABSTRACT

This experiment was conducted to determine the allelopathic effects of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* extracts on *Sorghum bicolor* grain germination. The experiment was done during 2014, as a completely randomized block design with 3 replications in the laboratory of the agricultural in Shoushtar City. The test treatments included different rates of extract from various plant parts of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* consisting of organ, root, and aerial organ/root combination, as well as variations of density in percentages of 0, 25, 50, 75 and 100. The experimental units were Petri dishes of 3cm depth and 9cm diameter. The germination and rate of *Sorghum bicolor* plant was evaluated according to ISTA (International Seed Testing Association). The results indicated that extracts of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* had significant and various allelopathic effects on *Sorghum bicolor* grain germination. *Sorghum bicolor* plant demonstrated a higher degree of sensitivity to *Lolium rigidum* extract particularly the root extract. The most significant allelopathic effect was related to extract of *Lolium rigidum* root and *Artemisia annua* aerial organs.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rice [7] published a report documenting the history of allelopathy that began in the early 1800s than it has Dkandol (7). It was first discovered in 1832 that some plants secrete substances that have a harmful effect on other plants (6). Almost 50 years later in a report by Estynke the harmful effect on walnut trees from other plants grown in the vicinity was proposed as a contribution to the field of research. Over 45 years later, another report was published on the joint effects of walnut. Later in 1937 a plant physiologist at the University of Vienna named Hans Molysch coined the term allelopathic. He provided the first definition of allelopathy, the term was defined to include all direct and indirect effects resulting from the transfer of chemicals from one plant to another plant. After Rice [7] who first wrote about allelopathy (7), the term was later defined to include both the positive and negative effects of one plant on another. This definition was widely accepted. However, some ecologists agree that only negative effects are allelopathic. Although allelopathy has been known about for many years, it is only in recent years that it has become an accepted field for scientific research and discussion. One of the major problems with this connection is that soil is not necessarily an appropriate method for the isolation of allelochemical compounds but in recent years significant progress has been made in this field [4]. Plants such as weeds have many overlapping effects, and in allelopathy, special attention is paid to the interaction of chemicals in weeds and crops. Crops can also have allelopathic abilities. The main objective of allelopathic research is to manipulate these natural chemicals present in the growth of plants and microorganisms, and introduce them to an ecosystem or crop cultivation pattern. Another goal is the identification of allelochemical plants or allelochemical microorganisms in the environment. The effects of allelochemicals are considerable, but few have been studied [5]. There is much evidence in relation to the allelochemical effect on inhibition of weed growth, for example, it has been noted that there is a deterrent effect of soil contaminated with weeds such as *Agropyron* spp on hay, cotton, barley, oat and wheat. Many weeds have allelopathic effects on crops. It has been proven that velvet leaf affects *Sorghum bicolor* and cotton as a result of the effects of *Cyperus* spp [1]. An allelopathic effect is caused by secretions of two types of substances that change the phenology of *Sorghum*; these changes are based on analysis and identification of new sources and may be

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critical in determining the life cycle of *Sorghum bicolor*, and planning for the timely application of control methods and effective implementation of combined methods of weed control.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Laboratory tests were carried out on weeds in 2014 at the Faculty of Agriculture, Shoushtar. Each experiment was repeated, amounting to 33 test units. The treatments were as follows:

- aqueous extract of *Lolium rigidum* shoots
- aqueous extract of the underground organs of *Lolium rigidum*
- extract of aqueous mixture of *Lolium rigidum* shoot + underground organs
- aqueous extract of aerial debris of *Artemisia annua*
- extract of the water residue of *Artemisia annua* roots
- extract the aqueous mixture of air + limb residue of *Artemisia annua* roots
- aqueous extract of *Artemisia annua* + air mixture residue of *Lolium rigidum* shoot
- extract of the aqueous mixture of *Artemisia annua* root residue + underground organs of *Lolium rigidum*

All treatments were applied at four concentrations of extract, 25 and 50, 75 and 100%. Also treatments had a control (distilled water) with a concentration of zero; there were a total of 22 units in each experiment.

### Test plan:

The experiment was conducted as a completely randomized design with four replicates.

### Preparation of the aqueous extracts:

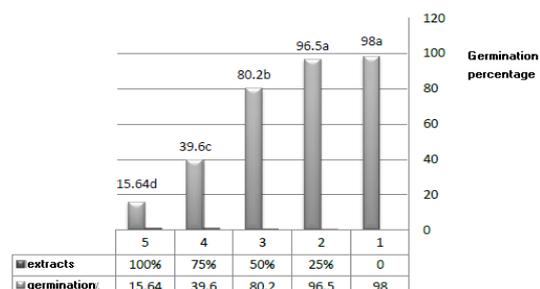
*Lolium rigidum* was collected from the field. The complete sorghum plants were washed in a laboratory with distilled water. The organs were separated and then ground. The extracts were then prepared as follows; passed through a sieve of a millimeter in order to extract the concentrated extract of the first 10% weight by volume (10% extract in 100 ml of distilled water). Before the first extract the juice extract of the sorghum aerial organs, underground shoot, and the mixed extract of shoot and root, tumbleweed debris, mixed debris of *Artemisia annua*, wild shoot sorghum, *Lolium rigidum* and mixed debris mixed with remnants of the underground organs of *Artemisia annua*, *Lolium rigidum* mixture (air and water) were prepared and then added to distilled water to make the extracts that were then placed in the mixer for 24 hours. Then mixture of 4-layer cotton fabric is passed through and 15 minutes (5000 rpm) were centrifuged. Complete solution for the treatment of grade 1 Whatman filter paper was used, this solution was used as the base solution (10% weight by volume) and then from that concentration of 25, 50, 75 and 100% were obtained. Distilled water was used as the control.

Sorghum bicolor grain type, s, c704 was used as the plant indicator in a completely random design with 3 repetitions and 33 treatments. The treatments in the experiment consisted of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* extract (aerial organ, underground organ and mixture of both) and densities 0, 25, 50, 75, 100 percent of their extract. The test units were Petri dishes, diameter 9cm and depth 3cm. For prevention of growth and activity of the various microbes, both seeds and dishes were disinfected, then the 10 grains were placed on 2 layers, and 15 ml extract was added to each one. The Petri dishes were placed in the growth room day and night in complete darkness at the temperature of 25°C. In order to neutralize evaporation and changing to the various extracts, the tops of the Petri dishes were firmly shut. Airing and counting sprouts was accomplished according to ISTA guidelines. Ultimate evaluations of germination rate, length, dry weight of rootlet and stem let of Sorghum bicolor grains, were carried out on the basis of ISTA. So, to obtain dry weight of rootlet and stem let its, first, single samples were dried at temperature 60°C for 4 hours at a time, and then finally weighed. Statical analysis was done using SAS software and Excel. Comparison of averages were done by LSD testing at 5%.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Evaluate the effectiveness of various treatments of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* root extracts on the germination of *Sorghum bicolor*:

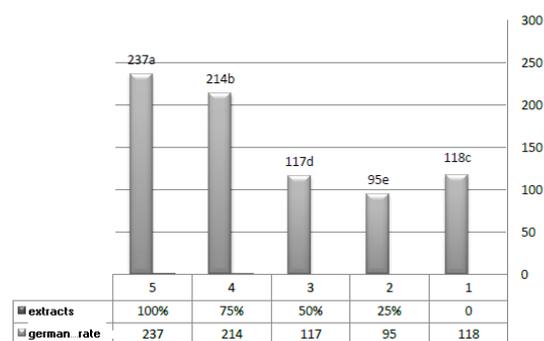
Based on analysis of variance with SPSS software these treatment levels were compared with Duncan's test and there was no significant difference between the treatment concentration of 25% and the control. Because the 25% level had a smaller amount of extract this was not enough to facilitate germination but at other levels, and with increased extract allelopathic comparisons with the controls showed significant difference. And the uniformity of the curve with 25% of control levels, the decline curve is balanced and damaging effects to the treatment extract treated sorghum shoots and wild *Artemisia annua* is less. Most of the increase in speed of germination and germination rate (less over time) is, and what is certain the presence of 3 or 4 live plants of two weeds sorghum and *Artemisia annua* or sorghum plant residue root and two *Artemisia annua* plants caused severe damage and had a tangible effect on *Sorghum bicolor* germination percentage and speed (3).



**Chart 1:** Evaluate the effectiveness of various treatments of *Lolium rigidum* and *Artemisia annua* root extracts on the germination of *Sorghum bicolor*.

*Evaluation of different treatments of Artemisia annua and Lolium rigidum root extracts on the germination rate of Sorghum bicolor:*

In the treatments and controls at all levels there were significant differences in the levels of curve that increased with higher levels. But the upward turn as an indicator of damage; was greater and longer according to the time taken for germination. The germination percentage was low; less speed (direct connection) was greater than the waiting time for germination. And this result is consistent with studies by Fereshteh Rezaei in 2006. And it is understandable from the physiological changes in seed composition and reception; that value and time of feeding had a significant relationship and that extracts from 50 percent to 25 percent of the amount of damage to its surface, unlike allelochemical showed.



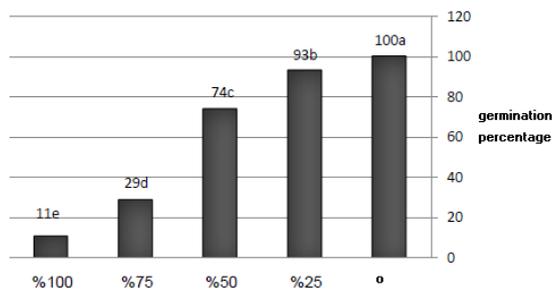
**Chart 2:** Evaluation of different treatments of *Artemisia annua* and *Lolium rigidum* root extracts on the germination rate of *Sorghum bicolor*.

*Evaluate the effectiveness of various treatments of Artemisia annua root extract on the percentage and germination rate of Sorghum bicolor:*

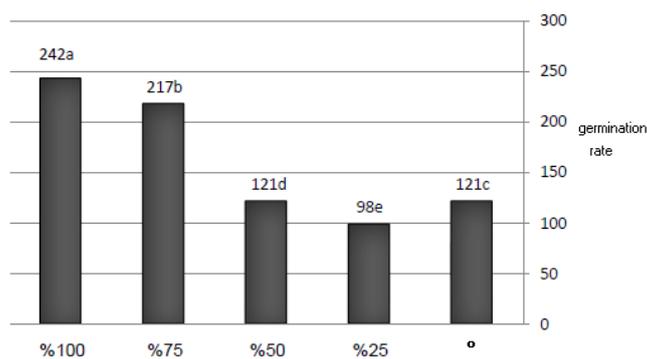
The significant difference between treatments with respect to time and at all levels is to control the level of damage was 100%, 242 hours, indicates a very low germination rate and speed of germination. Better germination rate at 25% of the control. Good physical condition is due to the soil. A total of Allelopathic levels to wild-treated roots *Sorghum*. But in less than 100 percent and 100 percent of the treated Allelopathic treated *Lolium rigidum* roots that it has changed the speed ratio.

*Assessment of various treatments of Lolium rigidum root extracts on germination rate and percentage of Sorghum bicolor:*

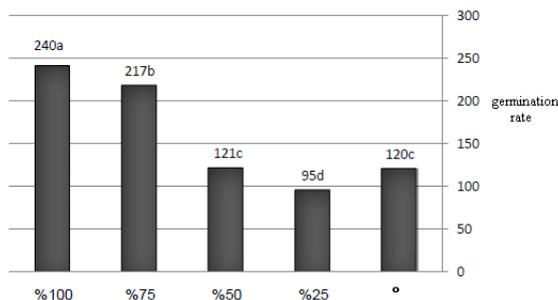
All levels of the treatment and control were significant. The direct dependence of the germination treatment values. It is marked with a specified amount. That it fits well with all levels of significant difference in germination rate and germination rate at 25 percent, but the damage is even more evidence that it dates back to the seeds of destruction, forced to sleep seed, and seed damage and physical injury. In addition to the treatment extract root *Artemisia annua* had less damaging and a more positive effect on germination rate (2).



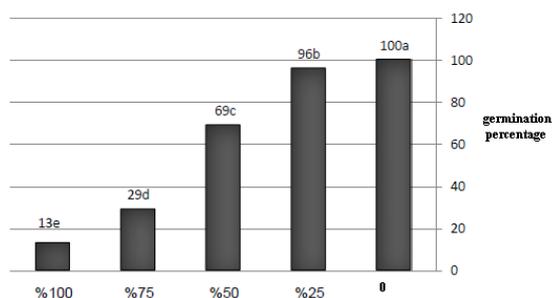
**Chart 3:** Evaluate the effectiveness of various treatments of *Artemisia annua* root extract on the percentage of *Sorghum bicolor*.



**Chart 4:** Evaluate the effectiveness of various treatments of *Artemisia annua* root extract on germination rate of *Sorghum bicolor*.



**Chart 5:** Assessment of various treatments of *Lolium rigidum* root extracts on germination rate of *Sorghum bicolor*.



**Chart 6:** Assessment of various treatments of *Lolium rigidum* root extracts on germination percentage of *Sorghum bicolor*.

Weed competition, will narrow niche ecological crops and the poorer. Production and cause damage in different stages of plant growth substances Allelopathic and are the product yield. Use of allelopathic methods of weed control instead of chemical pesticides can reduce environmental pollution and this is the most important reasons for conducting research such as this. To investigate the effects of a loss as Allelopathic that Barry is one

sided. Understanding of nature and ecology of weeds in the cycle and the relationship with biotype biochemical is required. The results showed that the concentration of the extract, and duration of the treatment residual weed Allelopathic their roots both in the direct loss of more than all the attributes of length, surface, weight, and crop yield. In all treatments the most damage resulted from a concentration of 100% plant extract and the lowest level of damage was from the concentration of 25% compared to the controls. In addition, some 25% higher level of damage was not alone, but due to the physical conditions that were good for *Sorghum bicolor* root growth than the conditions of the control. Comparison of the effects of treatments, and red root *Artemisia annua* plant was demonstrated both on *Lolium rigidum* had also caused damage. This result highlights the worth of this experiment for the identification of natural herbicides for weed control and therefore warrants further research. Most of allelopathic effect was incurred at her stage of germination, seedling establishment and *Sorghum bicolor* (the crisis) in addition to competition for water and food during this time, however the best time for weed control is before planting the *Sorghum bicolor* or during the critical first trimester of the growth stage. With a concentration of extract at 50%, significant damage to the various organs and other harmful effects can be controlled. An amount of 75 to 100 percent juice Or 4 to 5 living plants per square meter of living than the weeds in a *Sorghum bicolor* field is recommended *Sorghum bicolor*. Finally, the expense and lack of economic justification to show that this field of *Sorghum bicolor* to be placed under the care and economic losses seeking to prevent the outcome. It is recommended that the plant extract be plowed on to a *Sorghum bicolor* field as a form of green manure.

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