

The biocontrol mechanisms of bioorganic fertilizer to control tobacco bacterial wilt in soil microorganism perspective

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♦ The Background of Tobacco BacterialWilt in China

The most serious soilborne disease of tobacco in China is bacterial wilt which is caused by Ralstonia solanacearum. Monoculture on the same plots often causes the development of R. solanacearum, which can invade the vascular system of tobacco plants and prevent water transportation leading to death. So far, tobacco bacterial wilt has caused severe economic losses in China and no traditional control methods showed positive effects.



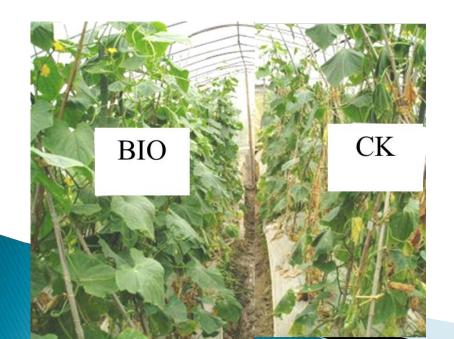


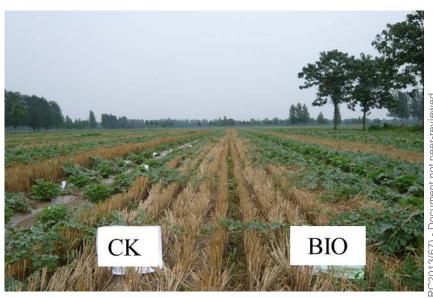
♦ The Achievement of Bioorganic Fertilizer in China

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The fact that there is no effective control method for tobacco bacterial wilt disease so far has stimulated the development of biological control of this soilborne disease. More recently, the use of microbial antagonists has been considered a promising soil disease management strategy.

Different antagonists have been used to ferment organic fertilizers to produce bioorganic fertilizer, and these bioorganic fertilizers are showing a great potential to control different soil-borne diseases, such as banana Fusarium wilt (Zhang et al. 2011b), cucumber Fusarium wilt (Cao et al. 2011; Zhang et al. 2008b), Cucumis melo melon Fusarium wilt (Zhao et al. 2011a, b), watermelon Fusarium wilt (Ling et al. 2010), cotto Verticillium wilt (Lang et al. 2012; Luo et al. 2010), tomato bacterial wilt (Wei et al. 2011), and tobacco black shank (Ren et al. 2012).

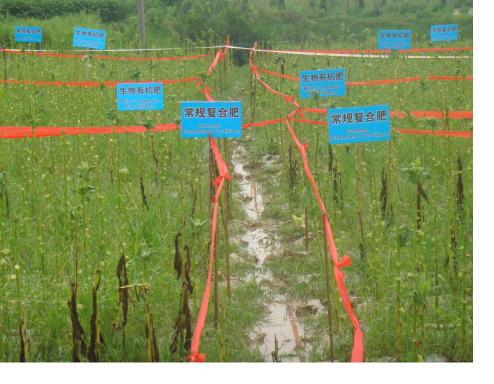








♦ The Efficacy on Biological Control of Tobacco Bacterial Wilt



Field Experiment



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Control Efficacy in Field Experiments

| | | 50 d | | 105 d | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Treatments | Disease Incidence (%) | Disease Index | Control Efficacy (%) | Disease Incidence (%) | Disease Index | Control Efficacy (%) | |
| 1-A _{CK} | 26.1±2.8a | 17.4±0.8a | _ | 60.6±1.2a | 54.9±6.0a | _ | |
| 1-A _{BOF} | 6.9±1.0b | 3.1±0.3b | 82.2 | 26.6±3.1c | 13.6±0.6c | 75.2 | |
| 2-A _{CK} | 23.9±0.6a | 18.2±0.4a | | 52.7±2.0b | 45.5±6.6b | | |
| 2-A _{BOF} | 1.0±0.9c | 0.7±0.6c | 96.2 | 3.1±1.0d | 2.1±1.0d | 95.4 | |

Note: $1-A_{CK}$, control treatment in the first year; $1-A_{BOF}$, BOF applied treatment in the first year; $2-A_{CK}$, control treatment in the second year; $1-A_{BOF}$, BOF applied treatment in the second year





◆ The Possible Mechanisms of Biocontrol Tobacco Bacterial Wilt in Soil Microorganism Perspective

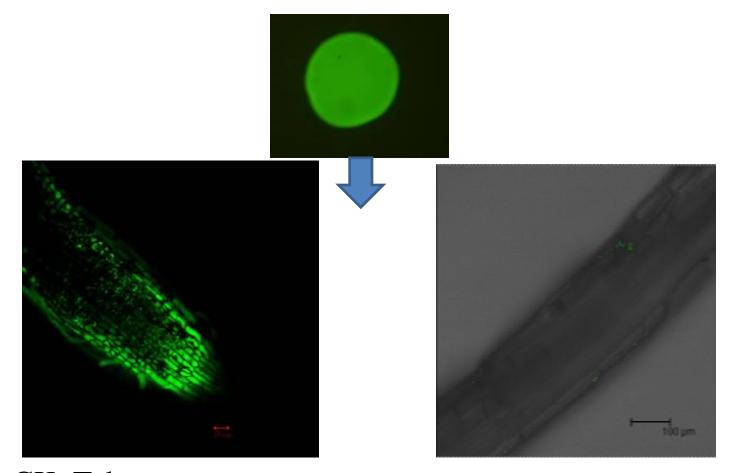
a. Microbial counts of rhizosphere soil in field experiment (cfu/g soil)



| | Microbial counts of rhizosphere soil | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Treatm | 50 d after transplanting | | | | 105 d after transplating | | | | | |
| ents | Bac (×10 ⁷) | Act (×10 ⁵) | Fun (×10 ⁴) | Rs (×10 ⁶) | Ant $(\times 10^3)$ | Bac (×10 ⁷) | Act (×10 ⁵) | Fun (×10 ⁴) | Rs (×10 ⁶) | Ant $(\times 10^3)$ |
| 1-A _{CK} | 1.4b | 1.8b | 67.4a | 12.7a | 4.7b | 5.1b | 1.7a | 32.1a | 7.6a | 3.5b |
| 1-A _{BOF} | 33.1a | 10.4a | 8.4b | 2.5b | 1136.6a | 14.3a | 3.3a | 2.8b | 4.3a | 46.9a |
| 2-A _{CK} | 2.0b | 2.8b | 23.3a | 11.0a | 9.5b | 7.6b | 1. 8a | 31.5a | 3.5a | 2.5b |
| 2-A _{BOF} | 15.9a | 20.9a | 9.6b | 1.0b | 1054.9a | 14.8a | 5.0a | 6.6b | 1.1a | 66.7a |

Note: Bac, Bacteria; Act, Actinomycetes; Fun, Fungi; Rs, R. solanacearum; Ant: Antagonists

b. green fluorescent protein (gfp)-labeled R. solanacearum



CK: Tobacco roots was inoculated with *gfp*-Rs

Treated with Antagonists before inoculated with *gfp*-Rs

The colonization of gfp-Rs on root surface after 4 d inoculation

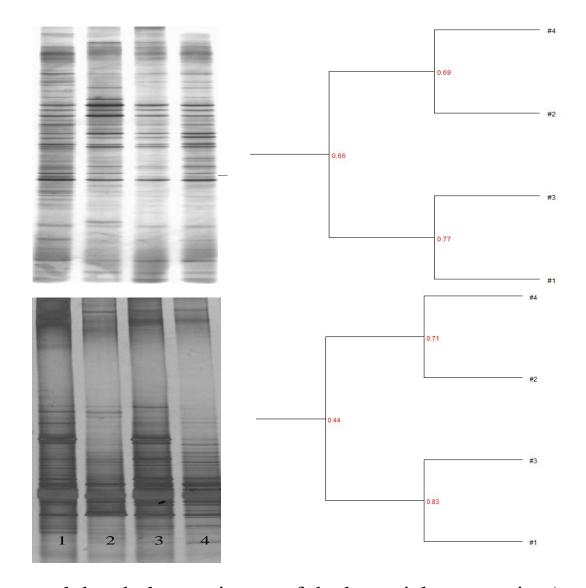
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c. The diversity indics for rhizosphere microbial communities in field experiments

| Treatments | | 50 d | | 105 d | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| | Shannon Index | Simpson Index | McIntosh Index | Shannon Index | Simpson Index | McIntosh Index | |
| 1-A _{CK} | 1.83c | 27.7b | 11.3c | 1.79c | 27.3c | 11.0c | |
| 1-A _{BOF} | 2.35b | 48.5a | 12.5b | 2.30b | 46.8b | 12.3b | |
| 2-A _{CK} | 1.77d | 26.2c | 11.0c | 1.69d | 25.2d | 10.6d | |
| 2-A _{BOF} | 2.41a | 48.8a | 13.1a | 2.36a | 48.1a | 12.9a | |

Note: $1-A_{CK}$, control treatment in the first year; $1-A_{BOF}$, BOF applied treatment in the first year; $2-A_{CK}$, control treatment in the second year; $1-A_{BOF}$, BOF applied treatment in the second year

3. DGGE



Note: DGGE pattern and the phylogenetic tree of the bacterial community (upper) and fugal community (lower) of rhizosphere soil in different treatments in pot experiment #1, control treatment in the first year; #2, BOF applied treatment in the first year; #3, control treatment in the second year; #4, BOF applied treatment in the second year

Conclusion

This tobacco-specific BOF application can effectively improve the micro-ecology in the rhizosphere, and is thus a potentially promising treatment for the control of tobacco bacterial wilt disease.



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