

# Pathogenicity Evaluation of *Bipolaris oryzae* Isolates on Egyptian Rice Cultivars

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to evaluate the pathogenicity of *Bipolaris oryzae*, the causal agent of brown spot disease on Egyptian rice cultivars. Sample of rice were collected from 10 cultivars namely (Sakha 101, Sakha 104, Sakha 106, Giza 176, Giza 177, Giza 178, Giza 182, Egyptian hybrid and Egyptian Yasmin). Fungal genera were recovered from the rice samples. These fungi were identified as (*Curvularia lunata*, *Asprgillus niger*, *Asprgillus flavus*, *Penicillium sp.*, *Trichoderma*, *Alternaria alternata*, *Bipolaris oryzae*, *Fusarium verticillioides*, *Fusarium chlamyosporum*, *Rhizopus oryzae*, *Curvularia tuberculata*, *Bipolaris hawaiiensis*, *Cephalophora tropica* and *Negrospora sp.*). Out of the fourteen fungi, *B. oryzae* was characterized as one of the highest frequently exists fungus. Ten isolates of *B. oryzae* were investigated in terms of spore dimension, number of septa of conidia, linear growth and culture color. These ten *B. oryzae* isolates were used in the pathogenicity test on five commercial rice cultivars (Sakha 108, Sakha super 300, Giza 177, Giza 182 and Egyptian hybrid. The disease severity was assessed 7days after inoculation, 21-days-old rice plants. The most aggressive *B. oryzae* isolates were B.o10, B.o7, B.o9 and B.o8. On the other hand, the lowest aggressive once were B.o2, and B.o1. Screening of the *B. oryzae* isolates on the commercial rice cultivars in the rice cultivation area in Egypt could help develop prediction plane of brown spot disease, ultimately, facilitate the most proper decision for rice cultivars to be cultivated.

**Key words:** Rice, Pathogenicity , *Bipolaris oryzae*, Egypt

## INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the world's third most widely grown grain after corn and wheat. In the Middle East, Egypt is the major rice producer. In the 7th century, rice cultivation was most likely brought to Egypt. Rice is the second most essential cereal after wheat in terms of nutritional importance (RRTC, 2014). According to the FAO, in Egypt, rice harvest area in 2019 was 799.032 hectares, with a total production of 6.690 million tonnes. Rice grain yield/unit area is decreasing as a result several rice diseases (FAO 2019).

Under the local Egyptian climate, many diseases and disorders affecting rice plants during the growing season, influencing grain yield and quality. Rice grain discoloration is a complex disease caused by fungal plant pathogens infecting the glumes, kernels, or both. *Bipolaris oryzae*, *Alternaria padwickii*, *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Fusarium verticillioides*, *Fusarium graminearum*, *Curvularia spp.*, *Nigrospora oryzae*, and *Epicoccum nigrum* have all been linked to grain discoloration (Ou, 1985, Ahn, *et al.* 2005; Phat *et al.*, 2005).

Brown spot, caused by *Bipolaris oryzae* Shoemaker (*Helminthosporium oryzae* Breda de Hann, teleomorph *Cochliobolus miyabeanus*), is a severe seed-borne and seed transmitted disease of rice that affects rice growers worldwide. In Egypt, the disease comes in the second rank after blast disease (El-Wahsh 1997). The pathogen affects the crop from seedling to milk stage; brown spot symptoms occur in the early stages of development as a small blight on seedlings, and later developed as a large blight. Brown spot signs occur in the early stages of development as the minute blight of seedlings and later coleoptile, leaf blade, leaf sheath, and glume, with leaf blades and glumes being the most common. On leaves, typical spots are brown with a grey or whitish center, cylindrical or oval-shaped, and have a yellow halo, while young spots are small, circular, and can appear as dark brown or purplish brown dots. The leaf dries up until some spots coalescence. The scorched appearance of the affected nursery, caused by the death of seedlings and a drastic reduction in grain weight and yield, may also be recognized from a distance (Agarwal *et al.* 1989). It can reduce yield and affect grain quality and quantity (El-Shafey *et al.*, 2018). Brown spot is one of the most common diseases that cause spots on grains, and it can reduce grain weight by 12–30% and the number of whole grains per panicle by 18–22%, in addition to causing broken grains, reduced viability, and consistency loss, and creating dark plaster-like grains (El-Shenawy *et al.*, 2018). The favorable conditions, it can cause up to 50% of damage and up to 35% of loss of germination of the seeds.

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The objectives of the present investigation were to isolate and identify fungal pathogens from rice grain varieties showing grain discoloration symptoms based on morphological characteristics as well as evaluating the pathogenicity of the selected isolates on Egyptian rice cultivars.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Rice samples:

Rice grain samples were collected from the Research Institute Center, Sakha, Kafr El Sheikh, Field Crops Research Institute (FCRI), Agricultural Research Center (ARC). The seeds collected from ten rice cultivars (Sakha 101, Sakha 104, Sakha 106, Sakha 107, Giza 176, Giza 177, Giza 178, Giza 182, Egyptian hybrid and Egyptian Yasmin).

### Isolation and purification of fungi from rice seeds

Rice seed cultivars were assayed for the presence of fungi by Agar plate Methods following the rules of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA, 2001). Briefly, two hundred rice grains from each cultivar were washed in running tap water, surface sterilized in sodium hypochlorite (1 %) for two minutes, then rinsed in sterile water to test the presence of fungus. The grains were surface sanitized, then dried on sterilize filter paper before plating on potato dextrose agar medium (PDA). The plates were laid out in a completely random pattern with ten replications (10 plates / replication) and incubated at 25°C for 5 days. The developed fungi were sub-cultured, then purified by single spore isolation, the isolated fungi were sub-cultured on PDA slants and kept at 4°C (Ilyas & Navaid, 1995). The different fungal isolates were identified based on the culture morphological characteristics and microscopic examination. Temporary slides were prepared and observed using compound light microscope for proper identification. The fungal isolates were identified to species level, wherever possible, following the appropriate Keys (Barnet, 1962; Booth, 1971; Agarwal, 1989; Mew & Misra, 1994; Mew & Gonzales, 2002; Manamgoda *et al.*, 2011). The data on frequency of isolated fungi from seeds of different rice cultivar were recorded using the following formula:

$$\text{Colonization \%} = \frac{\text{Number of seeds colonized by a fungus}}{\text{Total number of seeds studied}} \times 100$$

### Fungal identification

Morphological characteristics was used for identifying the obtained fungal isolates as described in the following procedures:

### Culture examination and microscopic characteristics:

Fungal isolates were identified as, *Alternaria sp.*, *Aspergillus*, *Bipolaris*, *Curvularia*, *Fusarium*, *Penicillium*, *Rhizopus*, *Negrospora*, *Cephalophora* and *Trichoderma* comprising fourteen species were found to be associated with the seed samples. Pathogenic and saprophytic fungi were counted and identified using different magnifications of a stereomicroscope and were identified by colony growth, color, sporulation type and available literature (Booth, 1971; Sutton, 1980; Mathur & Kongsdal, 2003).

### Morphological characterization of ten isolates of *B. oryzae*:

Based on the microscopic examination ten isolates of *B. oryzae* were selected for colony morphological examination. Morphological characterizations of ten culture isolates *B. oryzae* carried out on PDA by incubation at 28±2°C for 7 days. Colony growth, mycelial color, sporulation, conidium size, shape, color and conidiophore characters were observed. All ten isolates were grown in PDA medium for 5- 7 days. A 9 mm mycelial disc from 7 days old culture was placed at center of sterilized glass slide under aseptic condition on moist sterile Petri-plate and incubated at 25±2°C for 7 days with alternate 12 hrs. light and dark period. After 5 days of incubation, the spore suspension was collected using sterile distilled water and examined using compound microscope (Kumari *et al.*, 2015).

### Pathogenicity test

#### Fungal inoculum preparation

The confirmed *B. oryzae* by microscopic examination and culture characteristic was used for brown spot disease evaluation. Ten isolates of *B. oryzae* were selected and cultured on PDA at 25 °C under 12 h light and 12 h darkness conditions for 14 days, then conidial suspensions were prepared by scraping the surface of culture plates and washing in sterile water containing one drop of Tween 20. Then the *B. oryzae* suspension was filtered through 2 layers of cheese cloth. Concentration of conidia was adjusted to 5 × 10<sup>4</sup> using a haemocytometer and used for rice plants inoculation.

#### Rice cultivars

Thirty days old rice plants were used as host plants. The tested five cultivars were Sakha 108, Sakha super 300, Giza 177, Giza 182, and Egyptian hybrid. The rice plants were sprayed with conidial suspension of selected isolates. Control rice plants were sprayed with distilled water containing a drop of Tween 20.

#### Rice inoculation and disease assessment

The plants were covered with transparent plastic sheets to provide adequate humidity and kept at room

**Table 1. Scale for foliar disease assessment (IRRI, 2002)**

Disease rating	Disease severity	Host response
Disease intensity % = 0	Spots are not present.	Highly resistant (HR)
1	Small brown specks of pin point size on lower leaves.	Resistant (R)
2	Small roundish necrotic brown spots, about 1-2 mm in diameter, with a distinct brown margin. Spots are mostly focused on lower leaves.	Moderately resistant (MR)
3	Spot type same as in 2, but significant number of spots on the upper leaves.	Moderately susceptible (MS)
4	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting less than 4% of the leaf area.	Moderately susceptible (MS)
5	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting 4-10 % of the leaf area.	Moderately susceptible (MS)
6	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting 11-25 % of the leaf area.	Susceptible (S)
7	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting 26-50% of the leaf area.	Susceptible (S)
8	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting 51-75% of the leaf area.	Highly susceptible (HS)
9	Typical susceptible brown spot, 3 mm or larger infecting more than 75% of the leaf area.	Highly susceptible (HS)

temperature. The inoculated plants were observed seven days after inoculation. Disease scoring was done using standard disease rating scale of IRRI (2002) as follow (Table 1).

Koch's Postulates were completed by re-isolating the pathogen from the inoculated plants to prove the pathogenicity of 10 isolates of *B. oryzae* under greenhouse conditions.

Pathogenicity of *B. oryzae* isolates were evaluated and compared based on the Disease Index formula (Gao *et al.*, 2011).

$$\text{Disease Index (\%)} = [\sum (r \times nr) / (9 \times Nr)] \times 100$$

where r = rating value, nr = number of infected leaves with a rating of r and

Nr = total number of leaves tested.

### Statistical analysis

The pathogenicity test was conducted in a completely randomized design where fungal isolates and pots were considered as treatments and replicates, respectively. Four pots were used for each isolate, and each pot contained twenty-five plants. Data analysis was done using (SAS 1997) software version 6.12.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Fungal isolates recovered from rice samples

Fourteen fungal isolates were recovered for the rice samples, (Table 2) these fungal isolates are:

*Curvularia lunata*, *Asprgillus niger*, *A.flavus*, *Penicillium sp.*, *Trichoderma sp.*, *Alternaria alternata*, *Bipolaris oryzae*, *Fusarium verticillioides* *Fusarium chlamydosporum*, *Rhizopus oryzae*, *Curvularia tuberculata*, *B. hawaiiensis*, *Cephalophora tropica* and *Negrospora sp.* were isolated and identified from seeds of ten rice varieties (Sakha 101, Sakha 104, Sakha 106, Sakha 107, Giza 176, Giza 177, Giza 178, Giza 182, Egyptian hybrid and Egyptian Yasmin). The different fungal species were associated with grain discoloration symptoms. Based on their morphological characteristics, colony morphology, conidial, conidiophores and growth pattern (Figure 1).

The frequencies of the isolated fungi were *Asprgillus niger* (2-10.5%), *A. flavus* (1-9.5%), *Penicillium sp.* (0.5-2.5%), *Trichoderma* (0.5-5.5 %) *Alternaria alternata* (3.5-4.5%), *B. oryzae* (3.5-9%), *B. hawaiiensis* (5.5%) *Curvularia lunata* (6%), *Fusarium verticillioides* (3-7%) and *Rhizopus oryzae* (1-9.5%). The other species; *Fusarium verticillioides*, *Curvularia lunata*, *Negrospora sp.*, and *Cephalophora tropica* were found in low frequency.

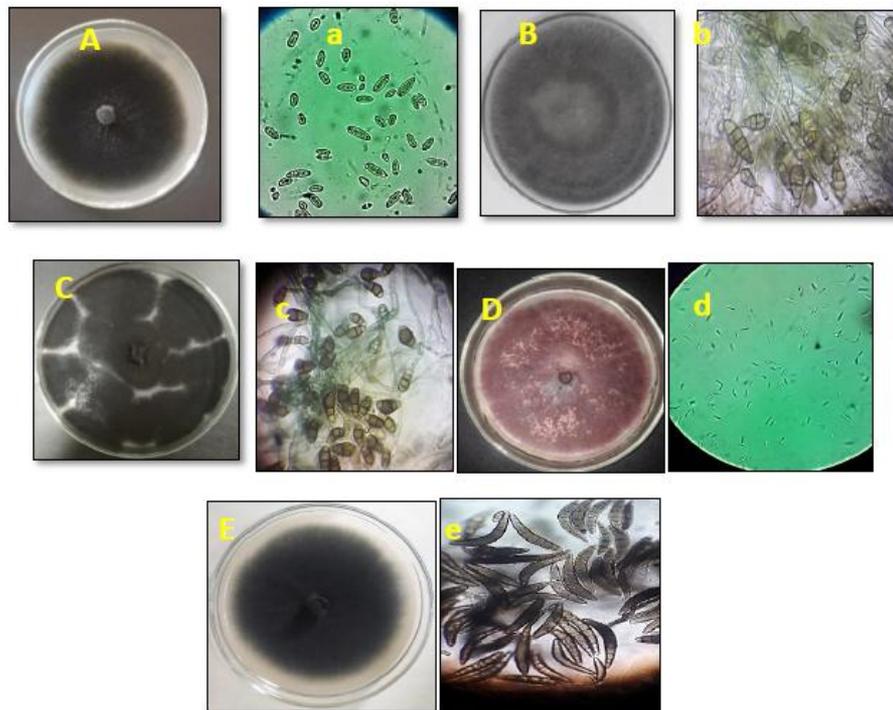


Figure 1. Morphological characteristics of rice seed borne pathogens and its conidiospores (with small letter) from rice grains (A,a) *Bipolaris hawaiiensis*, (B,b) *Alternaria alternata*, (C,c) *Curvularia lunata*, (D,d) *Fusarium verticillioides* and (E,e) *Bipolaris oryzae*.

Table 2.(%) Frequency of isolated fungi from seeds of different rice varieties

Rice cultivar	Sakha 101	Sakha 104	Sakha 106	Sakha 107	Giza 176	Giza 177	Giza 178	Giza 182	Egyptian hybrid	Egyptian Yasmine
<b>Fungal isolate</b>										
<i>Asprgillus niger</i>	6	7	3	7.5	4.5	10.5	5	3.5	2.5	2
<i>Asprgillus flavus</i>	0	1.5	1	9.5	2.5	2	2	2	0	1.5
<i>penicillium sp</i>	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	2	0	1	0.5	0	0
<i>Trichoderma sp</i>	0	0.5	0	5.5	1.5	0	0	1	1	2.5
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.5	0	0
<i>Bipolaris oryzae</i>	3.5	7	3.5	9	8	6.5	0	3.5	0	0
<i>Curvularia lunata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.5	0	0
<i>Fusarium chlamyosporum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<i>Fusarium verticillioides</i>	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rhizopus oryzae</i>	3.5	2	9.5	1.5	2.5	3	6.5	1	3	0
<i>Curvularia tuberculata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
<i>Bipolaris hawaiiensis</i>	0	0	0	5.5	0	0	5.5	0	0	0
<i>Negrospora oryzae</i>	0	0	0	1.5	0	1.5	0	0	0	2.5
<i>Cephalophora tropica</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0

The present study was focused on the survey of seed-borne fungi associated with some Egyptian rice cultivars. These results were in coherence with those of many research groups around the world (Imolehin, 1987; Kim and Lee, 1989; Odebunmi, 1989; Wahid et al., 1993; Khan et al., 2000; Javid et al., 2002, Ibiem et al., 2006; Mohamed & Gomaa 2019). Many of the isolated fungi have been reported to be associated with seeds of other crops (Tsopmbeng & Fomengia, 2015). Some of them are also known to cause seed rot, decrease seed germination and cause pre-and post-damping off and seedling death (Al-kassam & Monawar, 2000) In this study, *Pyricularia oryzae*, known for a long time as rice seed-borne fungus (Manandadhar *et al.*, 1998) was not isolated from any of the rice cultivars, confirming the statement by (Signaboubo, S., *et al.*, 2016) who found that this fungus was less common on rice seeds.

### Morphological variability of *B. oryzae* isolates

All the isolates studied showed significant differences in growth and colony characters. The variation in morphological characters of different isolates indicated that *B. oryzae* isolate Bo1, Bo2, Bo9 and Bo10 showed dark greyish colony, light greyish colour colony (Bo3 and Bo5), olive colony (Bo4, Bo6, Bo7 and Bo8).

In agreement with Meghana and Hiremath (2019), excellent sporulation was exhibited by isolates Bo1, Bo7, Bo9, and Bo10, however good sporulation was observed in Bo4, Bo5, Bo6 and Bo8 whereas, poor sporulation was noticed in Bo2 and Bo3. Maximum size of conidia was observed in Bo10 (length-117µm and width-10 µm) followed by Bo8 (114.25 × 6.75µm), Bo9 (113×10.75 µm) and Bo7 (110×8.5 µm). Minimum size of conidia was found in Bo1 (64 ×12.5 µm). Isolate Bo9 showed maximum number of septa with 11 septa followed by Bo10 with 10 septa, Bo7 with 9 septa and minimum number of septa (5-7) were recorded in Bo1, Bo2, Bo3, Bo4, Bo5, Bo6 and Bo8.

Meghana & Hiremath (2019) reported that mycelium was fluffy, cottony, grey olivaceous with brownish tinge and conidia were curved, fucoid or obclavate, cylindrical, pale to mid golden brown with 6-12 septations. Results are also in agreement with (Arshad *et al.*, 2013) who reported that, mycelium appeared to be grey to dark greenish grey and conidia were dark brown to olivaceous brown, straight or curved with 6-14 septations. Kumari *et al.*, (2015) reported that cultural characters (blackish, grey, white color mycelium with fluffy or cottony growth), spore dimension with length 5.34 to 7.48 µm and width with 4.10 to 5.51 µm and sporulation.

**Table 3. Cultural characteristics of the ten seven days old isolates of *Bipolaris oryzae***

Isolate code	cultivar	conidia dimension(µm)**		Number of septa in conidia	Linear growth(cm)	Sporulation*	Culture color
		Length	Width				
B.o 1	S 106	64 i	12.5 bc	7 d	7.73 d	+++	Dark Gray
B.o 2	G182	83.75 e	13.5 b	6 e	7.0 f	+	Dark Gray
B.o 3	S106	72 g	12.25 c	7 d	7.95 c	+	Light Gray
B.o 4	G176	68 h	16.25a	5 f	8.98 a	++	Olive
B.o 5	S101	75.75 f	12.5 bc	5 d	8.15 b	++	Light Gray
B.o 6	S107	95.75 d	7 f	7 d	9.0 a	++	Olive
B.o 7	S101	110 c	8.5 e	9 c	7.22 e	+++	Olive
B.o 8	G177	114.25 ab	6.75 f	7 d	8.96 a	++	Olive
B.o 9	G182	113 bc	10.75 d	11 a	4.95 h	+++	Dark gray
B.o 10	G177	117 a	9.75 d	10 b	6.55 g	+++	Dark Gray

\*+++ , >25 conidia per microscopic field at 400X, ++, 15-25 conidia per microscopic field at 400X, + < 15 conidia per microscopic field at 400X

\*\*Spore dimension (µm) in 400X

Means within the column followed by the same lowercase letter are not significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ).

### Pathogenicity of *B. oryzae* isolates on ten rice cultivars:

The results of severity index of *B. oryzae* isolates recorded in (Tables 4 and 5) show that the aggressiveness of the isolates varies according to rice cultivar. However, some isolates were aggressive to almost all the tested rice cultivars. Others were more or less aggressive, depending on the varieties. Data showed that the Egyptian rice cultivar Sakha 108 was the most resistant cultivar to brown spot caused by *B.oryzae* . On the other hand the cultivar Giza 177 was the most susceptible cultivar for infection with *B.*

*oryzae* isolates. These results are in agreement with Hammoud *et al.*, (2020).

The results showed that *B. oryzae* isolate Bo10 was more pathogenic followed by isolates Bo7 and then Bo9 on the other side. *B. oryzae* isolate Bo2 was unable to cause infection, while *B. oryzae* isolates B.o1, Bo3, Bo4, Bo6 and Bo8 were moderately pathogenic to rice cultivars.

Infected rice leaves were recognized with the appearance of lesions that are initially dark brown to purple-brown, light brown to gray center and reddish-brown margin on the leaves (Figure 2).

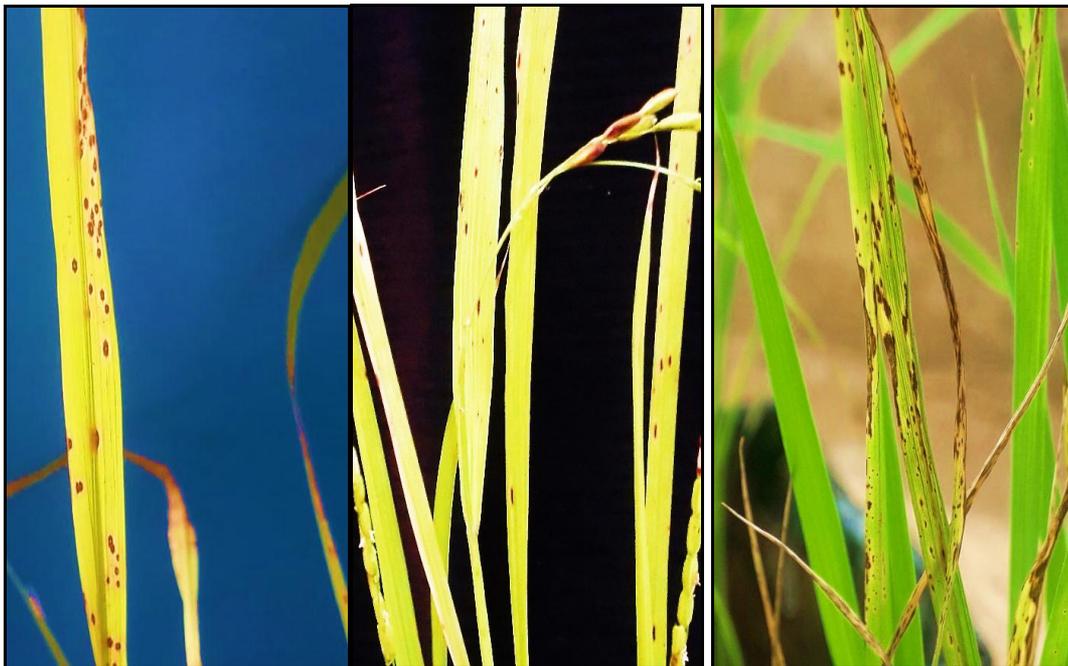


Figure 2. Brown spot symptoms in the artificially inoculated leaves

Table 4 .Reaction of the five tested rice cultivars seven days after inoculation with *B. oryzae* isolates

Cultivar \ Isolate code	Sakha 108	Sakha super 300	Giza 177	Giza 182	Egyptian hypride
B.o 1	HR	R	R	R	R*
B.o 2	HR	HR	0	HR	HR
B.o 3	HR	HR	R	HR	R
B.o 4	HR	R	R	R	HR
B.o 5	HR	HR	R	HR	R
B.o 6	R	R	S	R	R
B.o 7	MR	MS	S	MS	MR
B.o 8	R	R	MS	MR	R
B.o 9	MR	MR	S	MR	MR
B.o 10	MR	S	S	S	MR

\* HR = (Highly Resistant) R = (Resistant) MR = (Moderately Resistant) S = (Susceptible)

HS = (Highly Susceptible)

The assessment was done according to the IRRI, 2002 scale.

**Table 5. Disease severity index (SI) of *Bipolaris oryzae* isolates on the five rice varieties**

Cultivar	Sakha 108	Sakha super 300	Giza 177	Giza 182	Egyptian hypride	Isolates mean*
<b>Isolate code</b>						
B.o 1	0	0.89	2.22	0.22	0.33*	0.732±0.89
B.o 2	0	0	0	0	0	0±0
B.o 3	0	0	2.88	0.44	1.33	0.93±1.22
B.o 4	0	0.67	2.67	1.56	0	0.98±1.14
B.o 5	0	0	2.33	0	2	0.866±1.19
B.o 6	2.88	3.33	4.33	4.33	3.33	3.64±0.66
B.o 7	12.44	20	41.33	20	13.33	21.42±11.69
B.o 8	2.88	4.33	10	6.66	3.33	5.44±2.94
B.o 9	6.66	15.33	30.33	15.33	14.88	16.51±8.57
B.o 10	9.33	31.33	39.33	35.33	15.33	26.13±13.08
Cultivars mean	3.42±4.54	7.59±10.92	13.54±16.62	8.39±11.76	5.39±6.24	

Means of 100 leaves.

\*SI was calculated according to (Gao *et al.*, 2011)

In general, the new rice cultivar Sakha108 exhibited significant advantages over the widespread cultivars. The new rice cultivar has higher yield potential compared with Giza 177 with excellent grain quality, yet with shorter growth duration. Furthermore, the new cultivar is blast resistant and hence, it could be ideal candidate to replace Sakha101 and Giza 177 gradually. This will significantly help to improve /maintain varietal policy with new high yielding and biotic stress resistant rice cultivars to replace old/susceptible rice cultivar. In Egypt Sakha 108 is a model of continuous flow of new rice varieties to cope with highly variable biotic stress agent such as blast fungus. The results of the new cultivar demonstrate the power of backcross breeding in developing blast resistant rice genotypes using susceptible parent and suitable blast resistance donor. This will indeed enhance productivity per unit area and minimize the negative impact of blast disease and brown spot caused by *B.oryzae* on national rice production. However, the tolerance of these rice cultivars to abiotic stress such as salinity should be considered. Attaining such policy could greatly help in achieving food security of such strategic crop.

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## الملخص العربي

### تقييم القدرة المرضية لعزلات من الفطر *Bipolaris oryzae* علي بعض أصناف الأرز المصرية

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ولون المزرعة. تم استخدام عزلات *B. oryzae* العشر في اختبار القدرة المرضية لخمسة أصناف من الأرز المصرى وهى (سحا ١٠٨ او سحا سوبر ٣٠٠ وجيزة ١٧٧ وجيزة ١٨٢ وهجين مصري) حيث تم تقييم شدة المرض بعد ٧ أيام من تلقيح نباتات الأرز التي يبلغ عمرها ٢١ يومًا. و كانت العزلات B.o10 و B.o7 و B.o9 و B.o8 هي الأكثر قدرة إمراضية على التوالي. فى حين كانت العزلات B.o2 و B.o1 هي الأقل فى حدوث العدوى وعليه يمكن أن يساعد فحص عزلات *B. oryzae* على أصناف الأرز التجارية في مناطق زراعة الأرز في مصر في تطوير مستوى التنبؤ بمرض التبقع البنى ، ويساعد ذلك على اتخاذ القرار الأنسب لزراعة أصناف الأرز.

الكلمات المفتاحية: الأرز- مصر- التبقع البنى-

بايبولارس اوريزي.

تهدف هذ الدراسة إلى تقييم القدرة الإمراضية للفطر *Bipolaris oryzae* ، المسبب الرئيسى لمرض التبقع البنى على نبات الارز حيث جمعت عينات من ١٠ أصناف هي (سحا ١٠١ ، سحا ١٠٤ ، سحا ١٠٦ ، سحا ١٠٧ ، جيزة ١٨٢ ، جيزة ١٧٦ ، ، جيزة ١٧٧ ، جيزة ١٧٨ ، هجين مصري و ياسمين مصري). حيث تم عزل ١٤ جنس من الفطريات وهى (*Curvularia lunata, Asprgillus niger, Asprgillus flavus, Penicillium sp., Trichoderma sp., Alternaria alternata, Bipolaris oryzae, Fusarium verticillioides, Fusarium chlamyosporum, Rhizopus oryzae, Curvularia tuberculata, Cephalophora tropica, Negrospora oryzae and Bipolaris hawiophora*).

من بين الفطريات الأربعة عشر ، تم تصنيف (*B. oryzae*) كواحد من أعلى الفطريات الموجودة بشكل كبير حيث تم فحص عشر عزلات من فطر *B. oryzae* من حيث أبعاد الجراثيم الكونيدية وعدد حواجز الكونيديا ومعدل نمو