

ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY OF SOME PLANT EXTRACTS AGAINST *Botrytis cinerea* Pers. IN THE BLACKCURRANT CROP (*Ribes nigrum* L.)

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Abstract. There were tested and screened, *in vitro* and *in vivo*, for the first time in Romania, nine respectively six plant extracts manufactured by Hofigal S.A. against *Botrytis cinerea* (strain Bc 27) isolated from blackcurrant (*Ribes nigrum* L.). The highest antibotrytis *in vitro* activity (efficiency between 80 and 100%) was obtained using the following extracts: *Hyssopus officinalis* (at 20, 10 and 5%), *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum*, *Tagetes patula* (at 20 and 10%) and *Mentha* (at 20%). A moderate antibotrytis activity (efficiency between 35.7 and 65.7%) has been noticed for *Mentha* (at 10 and 5%), *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum* and *Tagetes patula* (at 5%) extracts. The lowest antibotrytis activity or no efficiency was noticed using extracts obtained from *Achillea millefolium*, *Artemisia dracunculus* 'sativa', *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Valeriana officinalis* even applied at 20%. Based on results obtained in *in vitro* tests, six plant extracts were tested and screened *in vivo*, under field conditions at Hofigal S.A. Bucharest. *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum*, *Hyssopus officinalis*, *Mentha* and *Tagetes patula* extracts have been efficient in limiting gray mold severity in blackcurrant applied at 10% compared to untreated control. No *in vivo* activity was registered for *Valeriana officinalis* extract. Plant extracts with highly efficiency can be recommended as a non-polluting and environmental-friendly alternative (organic horticulture) in the protection of blackcurrant as medicinal crop against grey mould, the most economically important disease in Europe at present.

Key words: blackcurrant, *Botrytis cinerea*, plant extracts, organic horticulture, Romania

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INTRODUCTION

Botrytis cinerea Pers. is a typical high risk necrotrophic parasite, responsible for grey mould, one of the most important plant diseases in Europe. The fungus has a broad host range and can infect over 230 plant species [Elad and Evenses 1995, Şesan 2003, González-Collado et al. 2006, Şesan and Tănase 2007, 2011, Enache 2013]. This pathogen causes major economic damages both in pre- and post-harvest [Coley-Smith et al. 1980, Elad et al. 2004, El Oirdi and Bouarab 2007] sometimes reaching high levels, up to 55% of harvested grapes [Martínez-Romero et al. 2007].

The control of this pathogen remains a challenge and is still based upon multiple applications of fungicides. Chemical control is effective and efficient but, at the same time, can lead to the development of pathogen resistance, chemical residues in fruit, phytotoxicity to other organisms or environmental and public health problems [Beever et al. 1989, Brent and Hollomon 1998, Vali and Moorman 1992, Elad et al. 1992, Hébert et al. 2002, Leroux et al. 2002, Adebayo et al. 2013]. In order to minimize these factors and also to comply with food safety standards, there is an increased interest for bio-ecology studies of this pathogen and a worldwide trend to explore new alternatives to synthetic fungicides.

Among alternative methods of grey mould control, the use of natural compounds as plant extracts is one which can be characterised by lack of toxicity for humans and environment, selectivity, biodegradable activity and a great variety of chemical composition, with a large variety of secondary metabolites, most of them not yet studied in correlation with their fungicidal action.

Many researches focused on *B. cinerea* control: Shimoni et al. 1993, Saks and Barkai-Golan 1995, Arras et al. 1995, Carta et al. 1996, Reddy et al. 1997, Han et al. 2000, Ozcan and Boyraz 2000, Lee et al. 2001, 2005, Park et al. 2002, Sas-Piotrowska and Piotrowski 2002, Chebli et al. 2004, Plotto et al. 2003, Alkhail 2005, Romagnoli et al. 2005, Shen et al. 2005, Soylyu et al. 2005, 2010, Martínez-Romero et al. 2007, Nikos and Economakis 2007, Tzortzakis and Economakis 2007, Coetzee et al. 2008, Mendoza et al. 2008, Patkowska 2008, Ribeira et al. 2008, Camele et al. 2010, Roy and Chatterjee 2010, Tao et al. 2010, Bi YaLing et al. 2011, Wahmare et al. 2011, Shaymaa et al. 2012, Vio-Michaelis et al. 2012, Adebayo et al. 2013, Mogle 2013 and many others.

Also, researches were done on some natural chemical components with antifungal activity to plant pathogens, these results being synthesized in book chapters or reference books [Cutler et al. 1996, Davidson and Naidu 2000, Toncea and Stoianov 2002, Huang and Chung 2003, Şesan 2003, Copping and Duke 2007, Rai et al. 2011, Dubey 2011], doctoral thesis [Ivănescu 2010] and numerous articles.

Although the volume of publications regarding experimental researches of plants extracts on grey mold is remarkable, few products were launched on the agricultural market to be used in agricultural practice. Among these can be mentioned BM-608 (essential oils from *Melaleuca alternifolia*) [Reuveni et al. 2009] or Gloves Off® from Thymus oils, manufactured by Planet People and Laboratoire M2, INC Sherbrooke, QC, Canada [Adebayo et al. 2013]. This direction for investigations and development is to be used for further research.

The objectives of the present study were: (i) find a non-pollutant alternative solution to synthetic fungicides used to control *B. cinerea* in blackcurrant, as medicinal crop; (ii) testing and selecting some plant extracts manufactured by Hofigal S.A. Bucharest which best fit the control of *B. cinerea* and (iii) extension of medical use of natural plant extracts, manufactured by Hofigal S.A. Bucharest, such as plant protection agents as an alternative to chemical fungicides.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In vitro tests were conducted using one strain of *Botrytis cinerea* (Bc 27) isolated at ICDPP Bucharest from blackcurrant leaves (*Ribes nigrum* L.) from experimental station of Hofigal S.A.

Nine plant hydroalcoholic extracts were used in *in vitro* tests: *Hyssopus officinalis*, *Tagetes patula*, *Rosmarinus officinalis*, *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum*, *Artemisia dracunculus* 'Sativa', *Valeriana officinalis*, *Achillea millefolium* and *Mentha* sp. (tab. 1). These plants were selected based on i) their antimicrobial action (reported in scientific and medical literature); ii) capacity to synthesize fungicide analogues; iii) amount of obtained biomass and iii) reduced economical costs. The extracts were manufactured by Hofigal S.A. from stems, leaves, flowers, sprouts and bulbs, harvested at recommended time. Stock solutions were prepared for each plant extract. Aliquots of stock solutions were incorporated to PDA medium to provide final concentrations of 20, 10 and 5%.

The biological activity of plant extracts was evaluated on mycelial growth of Bc 27 isolate. Mycelial disks of pathogens (8 mm in diameter) removed from the margins of a 7 days old culture were transferred to PDA media containing the plant extracts at tested concentrations. Three replicates were used per treatment. For each plant extract and concentration, inhibition of radial growth compared with the untreated control was calculated after 7 days of incubation at 24°C, in the dark.

Table 1. Plant species as source of extracts

Plant species	Part used	Harvesting	<i>In vitro</i> test	<i>In vivo</i> test
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	flowers	VI–VII	+	
<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	bulbs	X–XI	+	+
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i> 'Sativa' L.	stems, leaves	VI–VIII	+	
<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> L.	stems, leaves	VI–VII	+	+
<i>Mentha</i> sp.	leaves	VI–VIII	+	+
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L.	stems, leaves	V–VI	+	
<i>Satureja hortensis</i> L.	stems, leaves	VII–VIII	+	+
<i>Tagetes patula</i>	flowers	VI–VII	+	+
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L.	stems, leaves	VI–IX	+	+

Results were expressed as efficiency of the plant extract (inhibition rate of mycelial growth compared to untreated control) and as effective concentrations EC50 and EC90 (the concentration which reduced mycelial growth by 50 or 90%) determined by regressing the inhibition of radial growth values (% control) against the values of the fungicide concentrations.

In vivo tests. The efficiency of plant extracts against *B. cinerea* was tested in the production and experimental fields of Hofigal S.A. and S.C.P.P. Baneasa-Bucuresti, during 2013. Extracts of *A. sativum*, *H. officinalis*, *Mentha* sp., *S. hortensis*, *T. patula* and *V. officinalis* were used, selected based on results obtained in *in vitro* tests. Three treatments were applied, at 10%, in correlation with plant phenophase: (i) after flowering, (ii) at fruit setting and (iii) beginning of fruit ripening. The degree of attack on leaves was calculated based on frequency and disease severity, in natural infection conditions. The efficiency of treatments has been calculated using Abbot formula: Efficiency % = 100 – Z; Z = attack degree of variant × 100/ attack degree of control.

RESULTS

Biological activity of plant extracts – *in vitro* assay. The mycelial growth of the *Botrytis cinerea* isolate has been influenced differently by the nine tested plant extracts (tab. 2, fig. 1).

The highest efficiency (100%) against *B. cinerea* was registered for *Hyssopus officinalis* extract, at all tested concentrations, followed by *Satureja officinalis* extract, with the same efficiency but only in higher concentrations (10 and 20%). The extracts of *Mentha* and *Allium sativum* have got maximum efficiency only in very high concentration (starting and above 20%). In all of the cases the mycelial growth of Bc 27 isolate was totally stopped and sporulation was absent. Very close to the maximum value of efficiency (95.7%) was obtained by *Artemisia dracunculus* ‘Sativa’ extract at 10%. High levels of efficiency (from 80 to 88.5%) were recorded when *Tagetes patula* extract was used, at 20 and 10% respectively. In all these cases mycelial growth values ranged from 8 to 14 mm and sporulation was absent.

A moderate efficiency (values from 60.0 to 65.7%) was obtained with *Satureja hortensis* (at 5%), *Mentha* (at 10%) and *Tagetes patula* (at 5%) extracts. A reduced efficiency (values from 35.7 to 42.8%) was registered using *A. sativum* and *Mentha* extracts (at 5%). In these cases the mycelial growth ranged from 40 to 45 mm.

The lowest or even no efficiency to *B. cinerea*, was obtained with *Rosmarinus officinalis*, *Valeriana officinalis*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Artemisia dracunculus* ‘Sativa’ extracts, at all tested concentrations.

The level of sensitivity of *B. cinerea* isolate to tested plant extracts was expressed as EC50 and EC90 concentrations (tab. 2). *Botrytis cinerea* Bc 27 isolate appeared to be the most sensitive, with EC50 values < 5% to *T. patula*, *S. hortensis*, *A. sativum* and *H. officinalis* (< 5) extracts. *Mentha* extract has an inhibitory effect on mycelial growth, with a EC50 value of 7.8. By contrast, the mycelial growth was not inhibited by *A. millefolium*, *A. dracunculus* ‘Sativa’, *R. officinalis* and *V. officinalis* extracts (EC50 and EC90 values > 20).

Table 2. Biological activity of plant extracts on mycelial growth and sporulation of *Botrytis cinerea* isolate

Plant extract	Concentration (%)	Colony diameter (mm)	Efficiency (%)	EC50 values for mycelial growth (%)	
				EC 50	EC90
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	20	70	0		
	10	70	0	> 20	> 20
	5	70	0		
<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	20	0	100		
	10	3	95.7	2.8	14.8
	5	40	42.8		
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i> 'Sativa' L.	20	70*	0		
	10	70*	0	> 20	> 20
	5	70*	0		
<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> L.	20	0	100		
	10	0	100	< 5	< 5
	5	0	100		
<i>Mentha</i> sp.	20	0	100		
	10	26	62.8	7.8	17.3
	5	45	35.7		
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L.	20	70*	0		
	10	70	0	> 20	> 20
	5	70	0		
<i>Satureja hortensis</i> L.	20	0	100		
	10	0	100	2.7	8.5
	5	24	65.5		
<i>Tagetes patula</i>	20	5	92.8		
	10	20	71.4	2.5	12.5
	5	30	51.7		
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L.	20	70	0		
	10	70	0	> 20	> 20
	5	70*	0		
Control (untreated)	–	70	–		

* – good sporulation

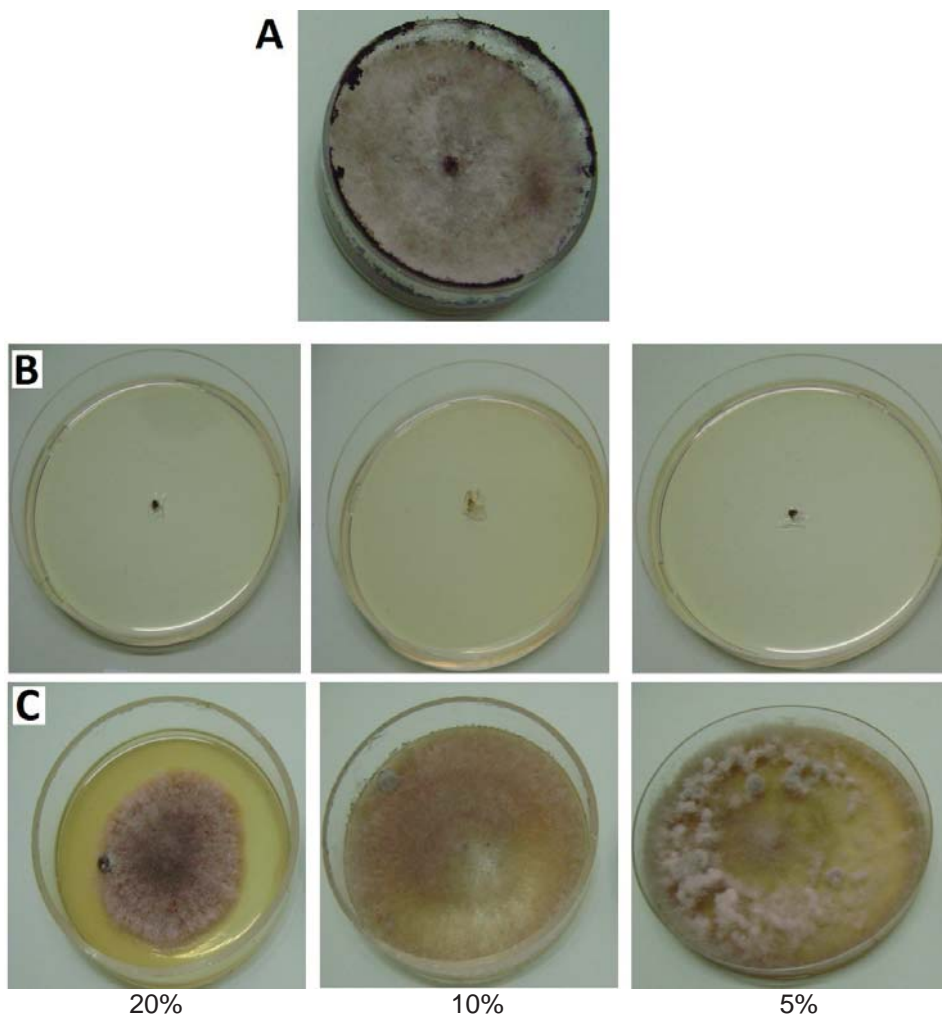


Fig. 1. *In vitro* biological activity of some plant extracts against *Botrytis cinerea* (Bc 27) from blackcurrant. A – control, B – *Hyssopus officinalis* extract; C – *Valeriana officinalis* extract

Biological activity of plant extracts – *in vivo* assay. Typical symptoms of grey mould were observed in the field in the first decade of July, after a period of 3–5 days of rain. Through laboratory examinations, at post-flowering and fruit development, under RH > 90%, the pathogen was detected however macroscopic manifestation. After the beginning of fruit ripening, first symptoms were developed and grey mould was present on berries, as mycelium and spores. The level of attack was variable in treated variants compared to untreated control, depending on the efficiency of plant extract (fig. 2).

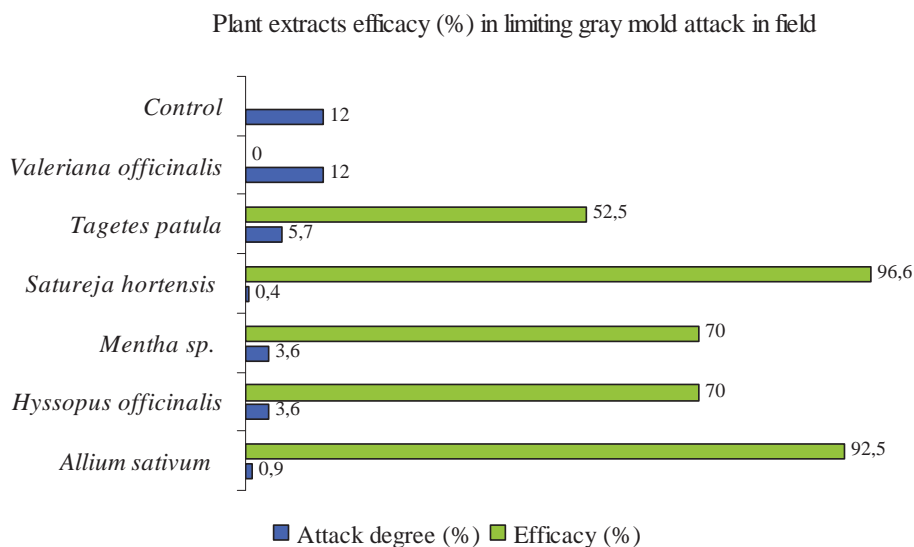


Fig. 2. Plant extracts efficiency in grey mould control, at the beginning of fruit ripening

Table 3. *In vitro* and *in vivo* efficiency (%) of plant extracts on gray mold *Botrytis cinerea* in blackcurrant

	<i>In vitro</i> activity	<i>In vivo</i> activity
Strong activity	<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> L. (100) <i>Satureja hortensis</i> L. (100–65.7) <i>Allium sativum</i> L. (100–42.8)	<i>Satureja hortensis</i> L. (96.6) <i>Allium sativum</i> L. (92.5)
Good activity	<i>Mentha</i> (100–35.7) <i>Tagetes patula</i> (88.5–60)	<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> L. (70) <i>Mentha</i> (70) <i>Tagetes patula</i> (52.5)
No activity	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L. (0)	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L. (0)

So, application of all extracts, except that from *V. officinalis*, highly reduced the level of grey mould attack compared to the untreated control (attack degree 12%). Extracts from *S. hortensis* and *A. sativum* have had almost 100% efficiency at 10% concentration (96.6 and 92.5% respectively). Extracts from *H. officinalis* and *Mentha sp.*, have had a relatively high efficiency (70%). The extract from *Tagetes patula* reached a 52.5% efficiency while the extract from *V. officinalis* had no efficiency against grey mould in blackcurrant.

Comparison of *in vivo* and *in vitro* efficiency of plant extracts confirmed the results obtained in laboratory assays with those obtained in the field. The results from *in vitro*

and *in vivo* tests permitted us to classify the tested plant extracts into three main categories (tab. 3): extracts with strong biological activity at all concentrations (mainly at 20 and 10 but some at 5%) (*S. hortensis*, *A. sativum*, *H. officinalis*); extracts with good biological activity (*H. officinalis*, *Menta sp.*, *T. patula*) and extracts with no biological activity (*V. officinalis*).

DISSCUSION

Allium sativum extract. Our results on the efficiency of *A. sativum* extract in the growth inhibition of *B. cinerea* Bc 27 isolate of blackcurrant confirmed previous results [Şesan 2003, Şesan and Ştefan 2005] with the same pathogen but different isolates (sunflower, grapevine and Geranium). Also, other results are confirmed [Saniewska 1996, Wilson et al. 1997 quoted by Şesan 2003, Alkhail 2005]. Similar results have been obtained against *B. cinerea* of ornamental plants using extracts from other varieties of Allium, such as *A. ursinum* L., *A. fistulosum* L., *A. obliquum* L., *A. senescens* L. ssp. *montanum* (Fries) Holub. [Pârnu et al. 2009, 2010a, b, 2011a, b, Pârnu and Pârnu 2011]. Also, the well known *A. cepa* is mentioned as being effective against *B. cinerea* [Toncea and Stoianov 2002].

Achillea millefolium extract. In our tests this extract has a low inhibitory activity on *B. cinerea* in blackcurrant. A powerful inhibitory *in vitro* effect of this extract was previously reported [Iacomi et al. 2000] for a *B. cinerea* isolate from eggplant. The differences in behaviour of the same extract are possible due to a complex of factors, such as origin, specificity and virulence of the isolate or the extraction methodology. The literature quotes extracts from different varieties of Achillea, which are not present in the flora of Romania, such as *A. gypsicola* Hub-Mor. and *A. biebersteinii* Afan., from Turkey, which are very active against *B. cinerea* [Kordali et al 2009].

Mentha spp. extract. The moderate activity of *Mentha* extract observed in our study (variety not mentioned by producer, Hofigal S.A.) has been reported by other authors. It was reported that this extract had a good activity on *B. cinerea* in harvested plums [Aminifard and Mohammadi 2013]. Extracts from *M. piperita* L. and *M. pulegium* L. have had a good efficiency against *B. cinerea* also [Cutler et al. 1996, Antonov et al. 1997, Daferera et al. 2003].

Hyssopus officinalis extract. Our study reports a powerful inhibitory activity of this extract on mycelial growth of *B. cinerea* isolate, in all tested concentrations (20, 10 and 5%). Our results highlight, for the first time in Romania, the biological activity of *H. officinalis*. This new observation confirms previous results [Cutler et al. 1996, Antonov et al. 1997].

Tagetes patula extract had a good efficiency (88.5 and 80%) at 20%, respectively 10% concentration and a moderate one (60%) at 5%, which is a confirmation of previous results [Antonov et al. 1997]. In India, recent results [Wahmare et al. 2011] confirmed a strong inhibitory activity of *Tagetes erecta* L. extracts on *B. cinerea* of rose. Also, other extracts from various plants, which we have not worked with, such as *Melia azedarach* L., *Clerodendrum inerme* L., *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit., *Swietenia macrophylla* King, *Melia azedarach* L., *Clerodendrum inerme* L., *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.)

Poit., *Swietenia macrophylla* King are reported to have inhibitory effect against *B. cinerea*. Some essential oils from *Tagetes patula* L., are efficient against *B. cinerea* [Romagnoli et al. 2005]. Recently, in Romania, Teodorescu et al. [2008] have tested an extract from *T. patula* and a mixture of extracts of *T. patula* and *Cynara scolymus* L., to protect apples in greenhouses, with positive results only for the mixture.

***Valeriana officinalis* extract.** We did not find any data in literature to compare our results regarding the effect of this extract against *B. cinerea*. Our results showed no activity against *B. cinerea* in blackcurrant.

***Satureja hortensis* extract.** In our study this extract was very active (100%) against *B. cinerea* in high concentrations (20 and 10%) and had a moderate efficiency (65.7%) at 5%. This new set of data confirms previous results [Shimoni et al. 1993, quoted by Şesan 2003], which reported the inhibition of grey mould on some ornamental plants using essential oils from *S. thymbra* L. variety, which is different from *S. hortensis* L.

***Rosmarinus officinalis* extract.** The lowest efficiency against *B. cinerea* was obtained using *R. officinalis* extract, at all tested concentrations, which confirms previous results [Daferera et al. 2003].

***Artemisia dracunculus* ‘Sativa’ extract.** In Romania, recent studies on extracts from spontaneous Artemisia species (*A. absinthium*, *A. annua*, *A. vulgaris*) underlined their antimicrobial activity [Ivănescu 2010]. No studies on *A. dracunculus* ‘Sativa’ (french tarragon) and its antimicrobial activity were found, which once again demonstrates the novelty of our research. The antifungal activity of *A. annua* against *B. cinerea* has been reported [Soylu et al. 2005, 2010].

Positive results in the inhibition of *B. cinerea* from different crops but not from blackcurrant are known and also some other plant extracts which we were not working with, yet are reported. We can mention, selectively: *Thymus* spp., *Thymus vulgaris* L. [Reddy et al. 1997, Daferera et al. 2003, Plotto et al. 2003, Martínez-Romero et al. 2007, Kumar et al. 2008, Camele et al. 2010, Adebayo et al. 2013] and *Thymus capitatus* L. [Arras et al. 1995, Shaymaa et al. 2012]; *Salvia officinalis* L. [Carta et al. 1996, Daferera et al. 2003]; *Lavandula angustifolia* L., syn. *L. officinalis* Chaix ex Vill. [Daferera et al. 2003]; *Carum carvi* L. [Alkhail 2005], *Verbena officinalis* L. [Camele et al. 2010], *Polygonum* spp. [Sas-Piotrowska and Piotrowski 2002]; *Origanum vulgare* L. [Daferera et al. 2003, Plotto et al. 2003, Martínez-Romero et al. 2007, Camele et al. 2010, Adebayo et al. 2013], *Coriandrum sativum* L. [Plotto et al. 2003]; *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) G. Don. [Roy and Chatterjee 2010, Mogle 2013], *Chelidonium majus* L. [Pârvu and Şesan 1997, Pârvu et al. 2008], *Berberis vulgaris* L. [Pârvu and Şesan 1997, Pârvu et al. 2010c].

This literature data can be very useful for further research, some varieties being reported in Romanian flora. Many of these plants used to obtain extracts came from Mediterranean area, an area which we must focus on because of climate change and modifications of the biodiversity [Shimoni et al. 1993, Sivropoulou et al. 1996, Mrabet et al. 1999, Bouchra et al. 2003, Daferera et al. 2003, Soyly et al. 2005, 2010, Kordali et al. 2009, Camele et al. 2010].

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, our results represent new contributions on the antifungal effect of plant extracts in Romania, completing those which have *B. cinerea* as target pathogen [Iacomi et al. 2000, Toncea and Stoianov 2002, Şesan 2003, Şesan and Ştefan 2005, Roşca-Casian et al. 2007, Pârnu and Şesan 1997, Pârnu et al 2008, 2009, 2010a, b, c, 2011a, b], and with other extracts [Pârnu and Şesan 1997, Roşca-Casian et al 2007, Pârnu and Pârnu 2011].

Field results, from Hofigal Company and SCDA Baneasa, have demonstrated a powerful drop of grey mould severity in blackcurrant crops compared to control when using extracts at 10%. Comparing the efficiency of tested plant extracts both *in vivo* and *in vitro*, our results showed a confirmation of *in vitro* tests with those obtained in field, permitting us to divide the extracts into three main categories, based on their biological activity: extracts with strong biological activity (*S. hortensis*, *A. sativum*, *H. officinalis*); extracts with good biological activity (*H. officinalis*, *Menta sp.*, *Tagetes sp.*) and extracts with no biological activity (*V. officinalis*).

These data are very useful for plant protection practice, particularly for medicinal plants, as blackcurrant, which demands for non-pollutant and environmental friendly alternative methods to fungicides.

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GRZYBOBÓJCZE DZIAŁANIE NIEKTÓRYCH WYCIĄGÓW ROŚLINNYCH PRZECIW *Botrytis cinerea* Pers. W PŁONIE CZARNEJ PORZECZKI (*Ribes nigrum* L.)

Streszczenie. Po raz pierwszy w Rumunii przetestowano i dokonano przesiewu *in vitro* oraz *in vivo* dziewięciu wyciągów roślinnych produkowanych przez Hofigal S.A. przeciwko *Botrytis cinerea* (szczep Bc 27) wyizolowanego z czarnej porzeczki (*Ribes nigrum* L.). Najlepszy efekt przeciw *Botrytis in vitro* (wydajność między 80 a 100%) uzyskano przy użyciu następujących wyciągów: *Hyssopus officinalis* (przy 20, 10 i 5%), *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum*, *Tagetes patula* (przy 20 i 10%) oraz *Mentha* sp. (przy 20%). Umiarkowany efekt przeciw *Botrytis* (wydajność między 35,7 a 65,7%) zaobserwowano dla wyciągów *Mentha* sp. (przy 10 i 5%), *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum* and *Tagetes patula* (przy 5%). Najślabszy efekt przeciw *Botrytis* lub zero efektu stwierdzono przy użyciu wyciągów otrzymanych z *Achillea millefolium*, *Artemisia dracuncululus* 'Sativa', *Rosmarinus officinalis* i *Valeriana officinalis*, zastosowanych nawet w 20%. Na podstawie wyników otrzymanych *in vitro* przetestowano i dokonano przesiewu *in vivo* sześciu wyciągów roślinnych w warunkach polowych w Hofigal S.A. Bucharest. Wyciągi *Satureja hortensis*, *Allium sativum*, *Hyssopus officinalis*, *Mentha* sp. i *Tagetes patula* były skuteczne przy 10% w ograniczaniu nasilenia szarej pleśni w porzeczce w porównaniu z kontrolą. Nie zarejestrowano żadnego działania *in vivo* dla wyciągu *Valeriana officinalis*. Wyciągi roślinne o dużej skuteczności mogą być rekomendowane jako alternatywne środki przyjazne dla środowiska, niepowodująca zanieczyszczenia (ogrodnictwo organiczne) w ochronie czarnej porzeczki jako rośliny leczniczej przeciwko szarej pleśni, która jest obecnie gospodarczo najważniejszą chorobą w Europie.

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