Selection of Medicinal Plants to Suppress Occurrence of Meloidogyne hapla in Codonopsis lanceolata

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Medicinal plants of 90 species were surveyed to see if they have any suppressive effects on the density of root-knot nematodes at the exhibition field in the Chinan medicinal herbs experiment station. In 70 species including Achyranthes japonica, root-knot and/or egg sac of root-knot nematode was not found and these plants were planted in C. lanceolata field to check the degree of root-knot nematode infection. In 26 species including A. japonica, root-knot nematode infection was not observed. Simultaneously, 30 species were planted in pots to find out degree of infection by M. hapla. Lithospermum erythrorhizon, Dianthus chinensis, Rudbeckia bicolor, Sedum kantschaticum, Ricinus communis, Anemarrhena asphodeloides, Malva verticillata, Chelidonium majus, Sesamum indicum, Agrimonia pilosa, Geum aleppicum, Sanguisorba officinalis and Scrophularia buergeriana were free from infection.

Possible nematicidal effects of plant extracts of 25 species uninfected by M. hapla were observed at the 5× dilutions in all treatments and at the 10× dilutions in A. asphodeloides, A. calamus, A. japonica, A. pilosa, D. chinensis, G. aleppicum, H. cordata, R. bicolor, R. communis, S. buergeriana, S. indicum, S. kamtschaticum, and S. officinalis.

The 13 species plant extracts of $5\times$ dilutions were evaluated for the suppression effects on reducing densities of M. hapla by treating to C. lanceolata sown and transplanted later in pots. All the plant extracts showed suppressive effects on M. hapla except for A. pilosa.

In a plot test, all 12 plant species showed over 80% suppressive effects on M. hapla except for A. pilosa.

When the selected plants had been incorporated into the soil before *C. lanceolata* was sown, the numbers of root galls, egg sacs and J₂ appeared lower in the treatment of 12 plant species than in control except for *S. indicum*. But the suppressive effects were lower than the effects of selected plants being cultivated simultaneously in the field. *A. calamus* and *A. japonica* exhibited over 70% suppressive effects, among the tested plants.