

# Germination and Seedling Emergence of *Ammannia coccinea* as Influenced by Environmental Factors

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**ABSTRACT** Petri dish and pot experiments were conducted to investigate germination and seedling emergence of *Ammannia coccinea* as influenced by environmental factors. The best germination of *A. coccinea* was obtained at 35/30°C of temperature and 0 bar of osmotic potential, while no germination at temperatures of  $\leq 15^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\geq 40^\circ\text{C}$ , osmotic potentials of  $\leq -2.0$  bar, or dark condition. The best seedling emergence was observed at 35/30°C, at which the first emergence of *A. coccinea* was observed at 7 days after sowing (DAS) with its maximum emergence reached at 10 DAS. No seedling emergence was observed at 15/10°C with significant reduction at 40/35°C. Seedling emergence decreased with increasing soil depth, resulting in no seedling emergence at  $\geq 3$  cm. The Gompertz model well described the cumulative germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* with time. Germination influenced by osmotic potential and seedling emergence influenced by soil burial depth were well described by the logistic model. Overall results indicate that *A. coccinea* is photoblastic and requires temperatures greater than 15°C, osmotic potential greater than -2.0 bar, and soil burial depth shallower than 3 cm for its germination and seedling emergence, which were faster than *M. vaginalis* but slower than *E. crus-galli*.

**Key words:** *Ammannia coccinea*; germination; Gompertz model; osmotic potential; seedling emergence; soil depth, temperature.

## INTRODUCTION

*Ammannia* species belong to Lythreaceae family and include *A. auriculata*, *A. baccifera*, *A. coccinea*, *A. multiflora*, etc. Among *Ammannia* species, *A.*

*multiflora* is one of major problem weeds in paddy field in Southeast Asia, particularly in Japan, Taiwan, and South China. *Ammannia coccinea* Rottb., purple ammania, is similar to *A. multiflora* in its morphology, but it can be easily distinguished

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by leaf shape. *Ammannia coccinea* has linear-lanceolate leaves, while *A. multiflora* has lanceolate ones, which are wider than those of *A. coccinea*. Chromosome number of *A. coccinea* is  $n = 33$ , while that of *A. multiflora* is  $n = 9$  (Graham and Cavalcanti 2001). *Ammannia coccinea* is native to North America, typically found in wet meadows, open fields, river and stream banks, floodplains, ponds, lakes and marshes, and occurs in greatest concentrations primarily in northeastern USA and Canada (Hight and Drea 1991). As an annual invasive broadleaf weed, *A. coccinea* aggressively invades into wetlands, eliminating native plants (Panigrahi 1980). When *A. coccinea* establishes dense stands, it is able to displace native species (Hanna 1989). *Ammannia coccinea* was introduced into Japan and other Asian countries in 1950s, in wetland and paddy rice fields. In paddy rice field, it is regarded as an important weed, particularly in Japan (Shibayama 2001), but its abundance in rice fields appears to be less than that of *A. multiflora*. In Korea, *A. coccinea* was firstly found in Changwon and Yeonggwang in 1981 (NIER 2001; RDA 2005), much later than the first appearance of *A. multiflora* reported in 1966. Recently, *A. coccinea* was also found in a paddy field in Daejeon, Korea in 2002 (Shen *et al.* 2003).

Some efforts have been made to investigate eco-physiological characteristics of *Ammannia* species in its germination and seedling emergence. Nakayama and Takabayashi (1987) reported high germination of air-dried seed of *A. coccinea* by 94.7% and no germination of *A. coccinea* and *A. multiflora* under dark condition, indicating that they are photoblastic. Germination of *A. multiflora* peaked at 32/28°C and required prolonged period for its germination at 21/17°C (day/night). For the first seedling emergence of *A. multiflora*, about 10 and 3 days were required at 21/17 and 32/28°C

(day/night), respectively, under flooded condition (Chiang and Chiang 2004). However, most of studies have focused on *A. multiflora* and not many studies have been done to investigate eco-physiological characteristics of *A. coccinea* as a paddy rice weed. In weed management, it is important to understand early establishment of weeds, which will provide us practical advice for weed control. Little information is available, particularly about germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*.

Therefore, this study was conducted to understand eco-physiological characteristics of *A. coccinea* particularly on its germination and seedling emergence as influenced by environmental factors such as temperature, light, water potential and soil burial depth.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Germination tests

#### *Germination of A. coccinea in comparison with other paddy weeds*

Petri dish test was conducted to compare germination of *A. coccinea* with other paddy weeds, *Echinochloa crus-galli* and *Monochloa vaginalis*, in a growth chamber (HB-303D, Hanbaek Co., Korea). Seeds used in this test were collected in October 2005. One hundred seeds of *A. coccinea*, *E. crus-galli* and *M. vaginalis* were placed on water-saturated filter paper in Petri dishes. Petri dishes were placed for 15 days in optimum germination conditions in the growth chamber maintained at 30/25°C (day/night) with 5 replicates. Germinated seeds were recorded and removed every other day until 14 days after sowing (DAS). Seeds were considered germinated when the radicle had extended at least 1 mm.

### *Effects of temperature*

One hundred seeds were placed on water-saturated filter paper in Petri dishes, and the dishes were placed in the growth chambers maintained at constant temperatures of 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40°C and alternating temperatures of 20/15, 25/20, 30/25, 35/30 and 40/35°C (day/night). Each temperature treatment had 6 replicates. Germination was recorded daily.

### *Effects of light*

Fifty seeds of *A. coccinea* were placed on water-saturated filter papers in Petri dishes. Petri dishes were placed in light ( $220 \pm 20 \mu\text{E s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$  PAR) and dark conditions in the growth chamber maintained at 30°C with 4 replicates. Petri dishes in dark were subsequently covered with aluminum foil to prevent from light exposure. Germination was recorded every other day.

### *Effects of osmotic potential*

Aqueous solutions of polyethylene glycol 6000 MW (PEG 6000) and distilled water were used for producing a range of osmotic potentials (0, -0.25, -0.5, -0.75, -1.0, -2.0, -3.0, -4.0 and -5.0 bar). The solutions were originally prepared according to the equation by Michel and Kaufmann (1973) and verified using a micro-voltmeter (HR33-T, Wescor Inc., USA). In each Petri dish, 50 seeds of *A. coccinea*, *E. crus-galli* and *Aneilemma keisak* were placed on water-saturated filter paper in Petri dishes, then sealed with parafilm to avoid moisture loss and placed in the growth chamber at 35/30°C with 5 replicates. Germination was recorded daily.

### **Seedling emergence tests**

#### *Seedling emergence of A. coccinea in comparison with other paddy weeds*

Each one hundred seeds of *A. coccinea*, *M.*

*vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli* were sown in Wagner pots, and covered with sandy loam soil to adjust 0.5 cm soil depth. The pots were placed in the growth chamber at 35/30°C (day/night) in a completely randomized design with 5 replicates. Seedling emergence was recorded daily until 14 DAS.

### *Effects of temperature and soil water potential*

Bulk soil samples to a depth of 5 cm were collected from the paddy field, air-dried, crushed, and passed through a 2 mm sieve. Air-dried soil were placed in Wagner pots and different amount of distilled water was added to obtain -0.03 bar and -0.98 bar of water potentials, which were maintained by continuous sub-irrigation and top irrigation, respectively. One hundred seeds of *A. coccinea* were sown in Wagner pots to a depth of 0.5 cm. The pots were placed in the growth chambers maintained at different temperature ranges : 15/10, 20/15, 25/20, 30/25, 35/30 and 40/35°C (day/night) in a randomized block design with 4 replicates. Seedling emergence was recorded daily until 14 DAS.

### *Effect of soil burial depth*

One hundred seeds of *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli* were sown and covered with different amounts of soil to adjust the soil depths to be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 cm in Wagner pots. The pots were placed in the glasshouse maintained at  $25 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  in a randomized block design with 5 replicates. Appropriate soil water content (osmotic potential of -0.03 bar) was maintained by regular irrigation. Seedling emergence was recorded daily until 24 DAS.

### **Statistical analysis**

All measurements were initially subjected to ANOVA. Non-linear regression was used to fit the

Gompertz (1825) and logistic models to cumulative germination or seedling emergence with time, seedling emergence with increasing soil burial depth, and seedling emergence with temperature, respectively. To describe cumulative germination or seedling emergence with time after sowing, Gompertz model has widely been used by many weed scientists (e.g. Cussans *et al.* 1996; Kim *et al.* 2006a). So, the following Gompertz model was used in this study to describe germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* with time,

$$y = \frac{C}{e^{e^{-B(T-M)}}} \quad (1)$$

where  $y$  is the cumulative germination or emergence at days ( $T$ ) after sowing,  $C$  is the maximum germination or emergence,  $B$  is the rate of increase of germination or emergence once it is initiated,  $M$  is a time lag to reach 50% of the maximum cumulative germination or emergence.

The logistic model has also widely been used to describe many biological phenomena, such as plant growth and herbicide dose-response (e.g. Streibig 1980; Kim *et al.* 2002; Kim *et al.* 2006b). In this study, the logistic model was used to describe germination influenced by osmotic potential and seedling emergence influenced by soil depth.

$$z = \frac{C}{\left(1 + \left(X/e^M\right)^{-B}\right)} \quad (2)$$

where  $z$  is the percent germination or emergence at different osmotic potentials or soil depths ( $X$ ),  $C$  is the maximum germination or emergence,  $B$  is the rate of increase of germination or emergence,  $M$  is an osmotic potential or soil depth to reach 50% of the maximum germination or emergence.

All statistical analyses were carried out using Genstat 5 (Genstat Committee 1997).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Germination of *A. coccinea*

#### *Germination of A. coccinea in comparison with other paddy weeds*

The first germination of *A. coccinea* at 30/25°C (day/night) was observed at 3 DAS, the same as *E. crus-galli*, while that of *M. vaginalis* was at 7 DAS (Fig. 1). The maximum percent germination of *A. coccinea* was 46.5% achieved at 13 DAS, while those of *E. crus-galli* and *M. vaginalis* were 85.7% and 57% at 8 and 14 DAS, respectively. Non-linear regression conducted by fitting the Gompertz model estimated maximum germination to be 45.8, 58.7 and 86% for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively, indicating that *A. coccinea* has the lowest germination potential. The days required to achieve 50% of the maximum germination were estimated to be 5.6, 9.8 and 4.0 days for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively, indicating that *A. coccinea* can germinate more quickly when compared with *M. vaginalis*.

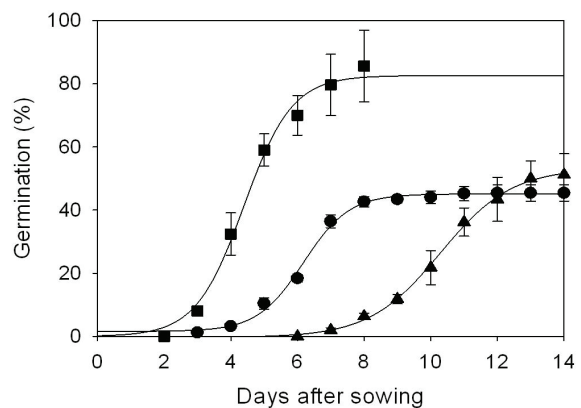
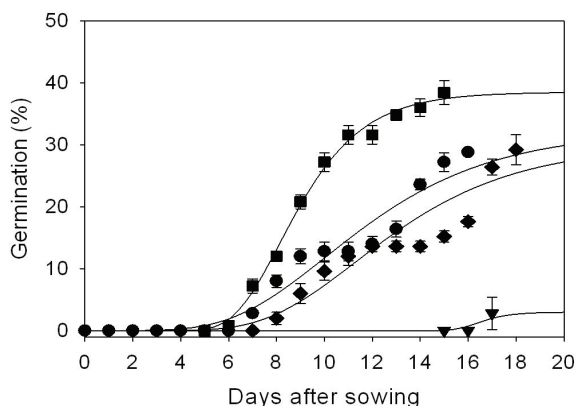


Fig. 1. Germination of *A. coccinea* (●), *M. vaginalis* (▲) and *E. crus-galli* (■) at 30/25°C. The continuous lines are fitted germination using the Gompertz model (equation 1) and the parameters estimates;  $C = 45.8, 58.7,$  and  $86.0, B = 0.862, 0.529,$  and  $0.874,$  and  $M = 5.59, 9.80,$  and  $3.97$  for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis*, and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 5 replicates.

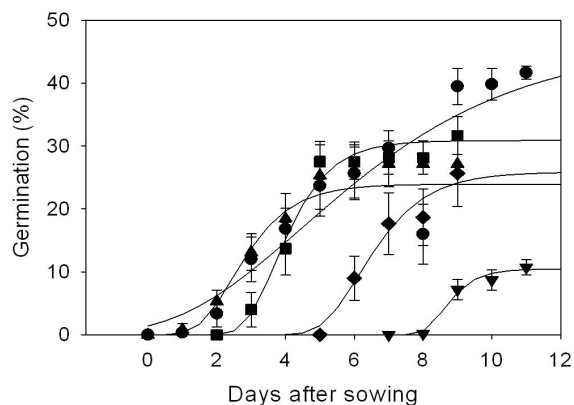
### Effects of temperature on *A. coccinea* germination

At constant temperature conditions, the first germination of *A. coccinea* was observed at 17, 8, 6 and 7 DAS at 20, 25, 30 and 35°C, respectively (Fig. 2). The maximum germination was 2.8, 29.2, 38.4 and 28.8% at 20, 25, 30 and 35°C, achieved at 17, 18, 15, 16 DAS, respectively. However, no germination of *A. coccinea* was observed at 15 and 40°C. Therefore, these findings indicate that the constant temperature of 30°C may be the optimum temperature for the germination of *A. coccinea*, and 15 and 40°C may be the lower and upper limits for the germination of *A. coccinea*. The Gompertz model also estimated the greatest germination of 38.5% at 30°C, followed by 32.3, 30.0 and 3.0% at 35, 25 and 20°C, respectively. The days required for 50% of the maximum germination was shortest at 30°C, 8.25 days, followed by 10.1, 11.3 and 16.3 days at 35, 25 and 20°C, respectively.

At alternating temperature conditions, the first germination of *A. coccinea* was observed at 8, 6, 3,



**Fig. 2.** Germination of *A. coccinea* at various constant temperatures. The continuous lines are fitted germination calculated using the Gompertz model (equation 1) and the parameter estimates;  $C = 32.3, 38.5, 30.0,$  and  $3.01, B = 0.26, 0.52, 0.27,$  and  $1.24, M = 10.05, 8.15, 11.28$  and  $16.27$  at 35°C (●), 30°C (■), 25°C (◆) and 20°C (▼), respectively. No germination was observed at 15 and 40°C. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 6 replicates.



**Fig. 3.** Germination of *A. coccinea* at various alternating temperatures. The continuous lines are fitted germination calculated using the Gompertz model (equation 1) and the parameter estimates;  $C = 10.45, 25.87, 30.89, 46.52,$  and  $23.95, B = 1.89, 0.93, 1.14, 0.28$  and  $1.04, M = 8.57, 6.14, 3.70, 4.51$  and  $2.44$  at 20/15°C (▼), 25/20°C (◆), 30/25°C (■), 35/30°C (●) and 40/35°C (▲), respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 6 replicates.

1 and 1 DAS at 20/15, 25/20, 30/25, 35/30 and 40/35°C, respectively (Fig. 3). The maximum germination was 10.7, 25.7, 31.7, 41.7 and 27.2% at 20/15, 25/20, 30/25, 35/30 and 40/35°C, achieved at 11, 9, 9, 11 and 7 DAS, respectively. These findings indicate that the alternating temperature of 35/30°C may be the optimum temperature for the germination of *A. coccinea*. The Gompertz model also estimated the greatest germination of 46.5% at 35/30°C, followed by 30.9, 25.9, 24.0 and 10.5% at 30/25, 25/20, 40/35 and 20/15°C, respectively.

The days required for 50% of the maximum germination was 2.4 days at 40/35°C, shortest, followed by 3.7, 4.5, 6.1 and 8.6 days at 30/25, 35/30, 25/20 and 20/15°C, respectively. Comparison of germination at constant and alternating temperature conditions revealed that *A. coccinea* germinated better, particularly in terms of speed, at alternating temperatures than constant temperatures, and optimum, lower limit and upper limit temperatures were

35/30, 15, and 40°C, respectively.

#### Effects of light on *A. coccinea* germination

To investigate the effect of light on the germination of *A. coccinea*, germination test was conducted under light and dark conditions separately. *A. coccinea* began to germinate at 3 DAS under light condition and reached its maximum germination of 48.5% at 9 DAS while no germination of *A. coccinea* was observed throughout the whole test periods under dark condition (Fig. 4). Therefore, this result clearly indicated that *A. coccinea* seed requires light for its germination, so called photoblastic seed.

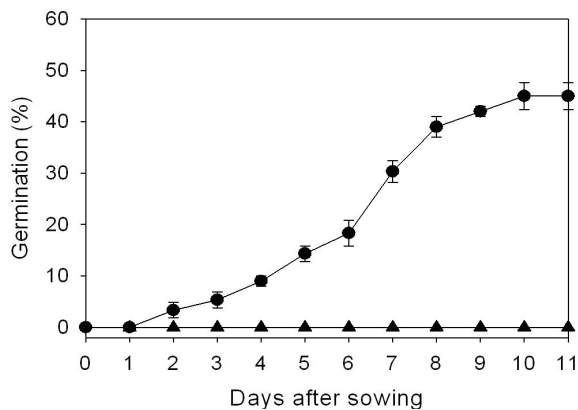


Fig. 4. Germination of *A. coccinea* under light (●) and dark (▲) conditions. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 4 replicates.

#### Effects of osmotic potential on *A. coccinea* germination

The seed germination was decreased with decreasing osmotic potential (Fig. 5). The greatest germination of *A. coccinea* was 32.9% observed at the osmotic potential of 0 bar, while no germination observed at osmotic potentials of  $\leq -2.0$  bar (Fig. 5). Similar tendency to increase germination with increasing osmotic potential was also observed in *A. keisak* and *E. crus-galli* in this experiment. The lowest osmotic potentials allowing germination were -1.0, -1.0 and 3.0 bar for *A. coccinea*, *A. keisak* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. This finding

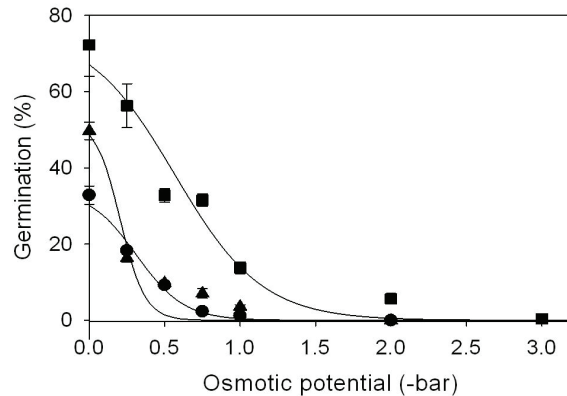


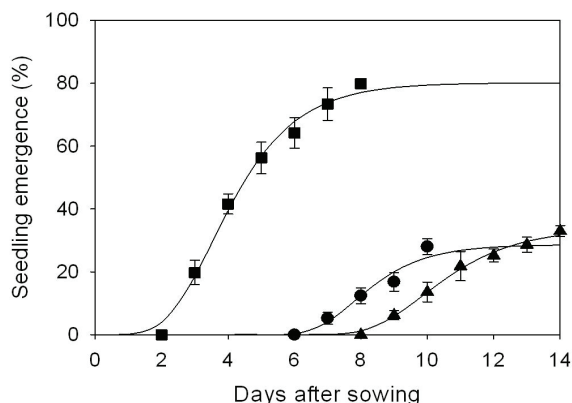
Fig. 5. Germination of *A. coccinea* (●), *A. keisak* (▲) and *E. crus-galli* (■) as affected by osmotic potential. The continuous lines are fitted germination calculated using the logistic model (equation 2) and the parameter estimates;  $C = 34.39, 52.72, \text{ and } 76.46$ ,  $B = -6.32, 12.20, \text{ and } 3.47$ ,  $M = -0.32, -0.21, \text{ and } -0.57$  for *A. coccinea*, *A. keisak* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 5 replicates.

thus indicates that *A. coccinea* and *A. keisak* have similar water requirement for their germination and less tolerant to water stress than *E. crus-galli*. The logistic model fitted to observed data by non-linear regression estimated water potential required to inhibit germination by 50% of the maximum germinations of *A. coccinea*, *A. keisak* and *E. crus-galli* were -0.3, -0.2 and -0.6 bar, respectively, indicating that the germination of *A. coccinea* is slightly less affected by osmotic potential than *A. keisak* but more than *E. crus-galli*.

#### Seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*

##### Seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* in comparison with other paddy weeds

To evaluate the seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* in comparison with *E. crus-galli* and *M. vaginalis*, seedling emergence test was conducted at 0.5 cm of soil depth and at 35/30°C of temperature in the growth chamber. The first seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* was observed at 7 DAS and reached its maximum seedling emergence of 27.9% at 10 DAS

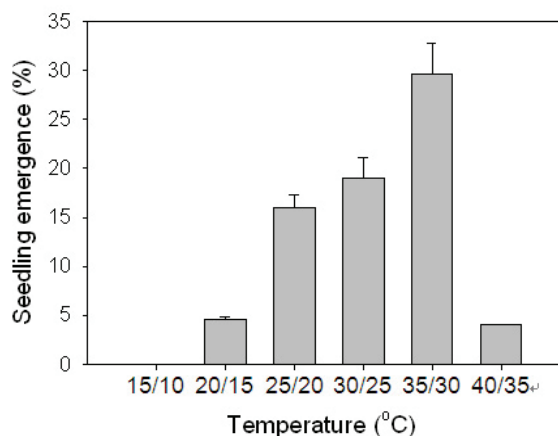


**Fig. 6.** Seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* (●), *M. vaginalis* (▲) and *E. crus-galli* (■) at 35/30°C. The continuous lines are fitted germination calculated using the Gompertz model (equation 1) and the parameter estimates;  $C = 28.67, 33.96, \text{ and } 80.14$ ,  $B = 0.84, 0.64, \text{ and } 0.73$ ,  $M = 7.79, 9.87, \text{ and } 3.52$  for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis*, and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 5 replicates.

(Fig. 6). By comparison, the first emergences of *E. crus-galli* and *M. vaginalis* were observed at 3 and 9 DAS and their maximum seedling emergences were 79.8% and 33% at 9 and 14 DAS, respectively. The Gompertz model fitted to observed seedling emergence by non-linear regression. The model estimated the maximum emergence of 28.7, 34.0 and 80.1% for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. Estimated days required for 50% of the maximum seedling emergence were 7.9, 9.9 and 3.5 DAS for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively, showing similar trend to their germination (Fig. 1), indicating that *A. coccinea* can emerge more quickly than *M. vaginalis* but slowly than *E. crus-galli*.

#### Effects of temperature and soil water potential on *A. coccinea* seedling emergence

As the germination of *A. coccinea* was significantly affected by both osmotic potential and temperature (Fig. 5), emergence test was conducted under two

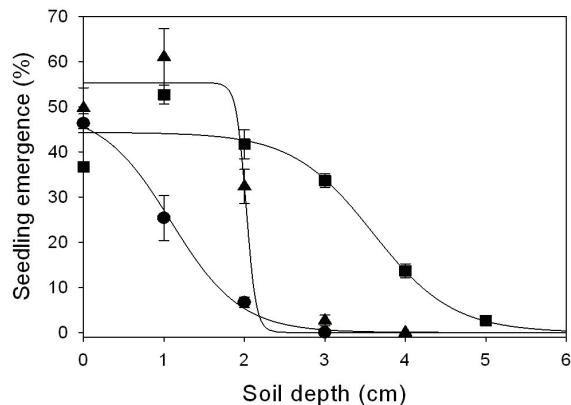


**Fig. 7.** Seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* as influenced by air temperatures at soil water potentials of  $-0.03$  and  $-0.97$  bar. The continuous lines are fitted seedling emergence calculated using the inverse quadratic model (equation 2) and the parameter estimates;  $a = -4.04$  and  $-2.64$ ,  $b = 3.564$  and  $1.425$ ,  $c = -0.084$  and  $-0.0336$ ,  $d = -0.06023$  and  $-0.06109$ ,  $e = 0.0009307$  and  $0.0009597$  for  $-0.03$  and  $-0.97$  bar, respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 4 replicates.

contrasting soil water condition with varying temperatures. The seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* was also significantly affected by water potential and temperature with significantly greater emergence at  $-0.03$  bar than  $-0.98$  bar, and the best seedling emergence of 34%, no emergence, and significantly reduced emergence at 35/30, 15/10, and 40/35°C, respectively (Fig. 7).

#### Effect of soil burial depth on *A. coccinea* seedling emergence

To evaluate the effects of soil burial depth on the seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*, the seeds of *A. coccinea* were sown at various soil burial depths. Seedling emergences of all the tested species significantly decreased with increasing soil burial depth although seedling emergences of *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli* at 0 cm soil depth were slightly lower than those at 1 cm soil depth (Fig. 8). The



**Fig. 8.** Seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* (●), *M. vaginalis* (▲) and *E. crus-galli* (■) at various soil burial depths. The continuous lines are fitted emergence calculated using the logistic model (equation 2) and the parameter estimate;  $C = 49.13, 55.33, \text{ and } 44.30$ ,  $B = -2.32, -16.23, \text{ and } -2.00$ ,  $M = 1.09, 2.02, \text{ and } 3.59$  for *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. The vertical bar indicates standard deviation of 5 replicates.

greatest seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*, 46.4%, was recorded at 0 cm soil depth, which was significantly greater than those at other depths. The maximum soil depth allowing seedling emergence was 2 cm for *A. coccinea*, while those for *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli* were 3 cm and 5 cm, respectively. Plotting the observed seedling emergence data against soil depth suggested that seedling emergences with increasing soil depth decrease logistically. The logistic model fitted to the observed emergence data estimated 49.1%, 55.3% and 44.3% of *A. coccinea*, *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. The soil depth required to inhibit 50% of the maximum seedling emergence was smallest for *A. coccinea*, 1.1 cm, followed by 2.0 and 3.6 cm of *M. vaginalis* and *E. crus-galli*, respectively. This finding thus demonstrates that seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* is most significantly affected by soil depth, while *E. crus-galli* is least affected.

### Implication of characteristics of *A. coccinea* germination and seedling emergence

*Ammannia coccinea* germinated and emerged faster than *M. vaginalis* but slower than *E. crus-galli*. Its germination and seedling emergence were best at 35/30°C, while no germination and seedling emergence at both  $\leq 15^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\geq 40^\circ\text{C}$  and 15/10°C, respectively. The optimum temperature of 35/30°C for *A. coccinea* germination is similar to that of *A. multiflora*, whose germination was peaked at 32/28°C (Chiang and Chiang 2004). The best germination observed at 0 bar of osmotic potential with significant decrease in its germination with decreasing osmotic potential and greater seedling emergence at -0.03 bar than -0.98 bar indicate that germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* require sufficient amount of water. Light and soil burial depth also significantly affected its germination and seedling emergence. No germination observed under dark condition and no seedling emergence at > 3 cm of soil depth indicate that *A. coccinea* is photoblastic (Nakayama and Takabayashi 1987) and the significant effect of soil burial depth is related to light penetration into soil. Much lower germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* in this study, always less than 50%, than 94.7% from the study of Nakayama and Takabayashi (1987) suggests that ungerminated seeds in this study may be dormant or immature.

No germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* at 15°C and 15/10°C, respectively, implies that 15°C is a kind of lowest temperature threshold which does not allow *A. coccinea* to germinate or emerge, so that it can be regarded as a base temperature to calculate soil degree days. Soil degree days, or heat accumulation units, are used to measure or predict the effect of temperature on biological processes or events (Baskerville and Emin 1969). In particular, soil degree days are now commonly used to predict seedling emergence of



crop and weed in field condition (e.g. Ekeleme *et al.* 2004). Therefore, for temperatures greater than 15°C can be accumulated and used to predict seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* in field condition.

Empirical models such as Gompertz, logistic, and inverse quadratic models well described the seedling emergence expressed as the time course of cumulative germination or seedling emergence, the effects of osmotic potential and soil burial depth, and seedling emergence influenced by temperature, respectively. Prostko *et al.* (1997) and Kim *et al.* (2006a) also used the logistic model to describe the relationship between seedling emergence and soil burial depth. Kim *et al.* (2006a) incorporated such relationship modeled with the logistic model into the Gompertz model. Therefore, it may also be possible to incorporate the modeled effects of osmotic potential, temperature and soil burial depth in our study into the Gompertz model. Although the Gompertz model was used to describe seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*, it can be used to predict seedling emergence of *A. coccinea* in a practical field condition by employing the concept of soil degree days. Prediction of seedling emergence based on data generated from paddy fields is more practically helpful for decision-making of weed management. As this study was conducted in controlled environments to investigate the effects of various environmental conditions on germination and seedling emergence of *A. coccinea*, further work is required in a practical paddy field condition. Field study may provide us with practical information on seedling emergence and early establishment of *A. coccinea* in a situation where rice grows.

## 요 약

다양한 환경조건에서 미국좁부처꽃의 발아 및 출

아 특성을 평가하기 위하여 식물생장상에서 페트리 디쉬와 포트 실험을 수행하였다. 미국좁부처꽃은 35/30°C와 0 bar의 삼투포텐셜 조건에서 발아가 가장 잘되었으나 온도가 15°C 이하나 40°C 이상, 삼투포텐셜이 -2.0 bar 이하와 암조건에서 발아되지 않았다. 출아의 최적온도는 35/30°C로 판단되며 이 조건에서 파종 후 7일차에 출아가 개시되어 10일차에 최대 출아율에 도달하였으며, 온도가 15/10°C 이하나 40/35°C 이상 조건에서는 출아가 안 되거나 현저히 감소하였다. 파종심도의 증가에 따라 출아율은 현저히 감소하여 3 cm 이상의 파종심도에서는 출아하지 않았다. 비선형회귀분석을 한 결과 파종 후 시간의 경과에 따른 미국좁부처꽃의 누적 발아 및 출아는 Gompertz 모델로 잘 설명되었으며 삼투포텐셜에 따른 발아와 파종심도에 따른 출아는 logistic 모델로 잘 설명되었다. 결론적으로 미국좁부처꽃은 광발아성으로 발아 및 출아 가능 온도는 15°C 이상, 삼투포텐셜은 -2.0 bar 이상, 토양심도는 3 cm 이하임을 본 연구를 통하여 확인하였다.

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