

## Antagonistic Effect of Rhizobium, Bacillus, Pseudomonas, Trichoderma on Fusarium and Rhizoctonia Compared with Moncut *In Vitro*.

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### ABSTRACT

This investigation was carried out in 2018 to study activity *Rhizobium leguminosarum biovarphaseoli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Trichoderma album* and *T. hamatum* against of some soil pathogenic plant fungi; *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* causative agents root rot disease of common bean was evaluated on culture medium. The bio-agent Rhizobium was checked as culture filtrate, different concentrations; 25, 50, 100, 150, 200 and 250%, also by their cells as opposite to test fungi to observe effect on radial growth and inhibition zone percent by dual method compared with control. In addition bio agent effect was compared with effect of Moncut fungicide; different concentrations; 1, 10, 25, 50 and 100 ppm by agar well diffusion method. The obtained results revealed that bio - agents gave significance effect and maximum inhibition growth of *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* compared with control as well as Moncut fungicide. Overall rhizobia nitrogen fixing, growth regulators production, also gave inhibition growth of test fungi reached 89.50, 90.29% and in cultural filtrate conc. 100% manner, but cells treatment were, 59.96% and 38.86% in the previous order.

**Keywords:** Antagonism, Rhizobia, Bacillus, Pseudomonas, Trichoderma on Fusarium, Rhizoctonia, radial growth, inhibition percent, Moncut fungicide.

### INTRODUCTION

Due to great harms caused by chemical pesticides control of some soil pathogenic plant, there is effect on environment and public health. The researches towards to bio-agent control by non-pathogenic and save microorganisms, adapted and alternative of chemical pesticide. Elbatanony *et al.* 2007; Mazen *et al.* 2008, Shanker and Shyam 2014).

A number of fungi and bacteria are known to be very effective to bio-agent against soil-borne plant pathogenic fungi (Shoda 2000). Bacillus-based biological control agents have great potential in integrated disease management (IDM) options, together with cultural control, resistant cultivars, fungicides or others biological control agents (Jacobsen *et al.*, 2004). Genus Bacillus comprises a heterogeneous groups can be survive in many diverse environments, often with extreme variations in temperature, nutrient, and other stresses (Driks, 2004). These properties are associated with the ability to produce peptide antibiotics and contribute to the utilization of Bacillus spp. to manage several root and foliar diseases (Kloepper *et al.*, 1999; Driks, 2004). In addition found that Actinomycetes, Bacillus licheniformis and fungi their effect by antimicrobial production (Abd-Elkhaleik *et al.*, 2018). Enzymes, for example, chitinase that can lyse cell walls plant pathogenic fungi (El-Mehalawy 2004), or plant growth enhancement through IAA production (Deshwal, *et al.*, 2003; Shoukry *et al.*, 2018).

The inhibitory effect of cultural filtrate of some wild rhizobial isolates (M.L., L.C, 4 T.S and *R. leguminosarum* ICARDA 441 strain) against some fungi causing root rot disease of faba bean (*R. solani*, *Fusarium* spp. and *F. solani*) *in vitro* and their antimicrobial synergistic effect when combined with Arbuscular mycorrhiza (AM) fungi, were investigated (El-Batanony *et al.* 2007). The bio-control agents have different mechanisms or combinations of mechanisms which may be involved in the suppression of different plant disease; for example, inhibition of pathogen by antimicrobial substances (antibiosis) (El-Mehalawy 2004); or production of diverse microbial metabolites like siderophore, rhizobitoxin (Deshwal, *et al.* 2003); competition for nutrients supplied by seeds and roots and colonization

sites; induction of plant resistant mechanisms; inactivation of pathogen germination factors present in seed and root exudates and degradation of pathogenicity factors of the pathogen such as toxins; parasitism that may involve production of extracellular cell wall-degrading.

The present study was evaluated the effect of *Rhizobium leguminosarum* *bv. phaseoli*; *Bacillus subtilis*; *Pseudomonas fluorescens*; *T. album*; *T. hamatum* against *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Fusarium oxysporum*. *In vitro* the bioagent was checked as culture filtrate and measure. Agrowth and inhibition percent of *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani*. In addition bio- effect of *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *T. hamatum* and *T. album* on some soil fungi compared with moncut fungicide on medium.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Materials:** Antagonistic bio-agents bacteria *Rhizobium leguminosarum* *bv. phaseoli* (pea group) and *Bacillus subtilis* were taken from former work and reconfirmed to purified and identified characteristics. But *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Trichoderma album* and *T. hamatum* as well as test fungi (*Fusarium oxysporum*, *Rhizoctonia solani*) as causative root rot plant pathogenic; also fungicide monocot as. Each were carried out by plant pathology Institute, Agric. Res. Center. Ministry of Agriculture.

**Methods:** Antagonistic action was applied by agar well diffusion method on the solid medium as follow: Preparation of tested fungi causative root rot plant pathogenic fungi; *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* was prepared separately by inoculation on petri dishes of potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium under aseptic condition and incubation at 30°C<sup>0</sup> for 7 days.

**Preparation of antagonistic microorganisms:** The antagonistic bacteria of *Rhizobium leguminosarum* *bv. phaseoli* inoculum produced by growing in (YEM) broth medium containing; Manitol 10g/l, Yeast extract 1g/l, K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 0.5g/l, MgSO<sub>4</sub> 0.2g/l, NaCl 0.1g/l, agar 20g/l, Distilled water 1000ml, Congored 10ml, pH 7.2. After sterilization, medium inoculated and incubated at 30°C<sup>0</sup> for 48h. To *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* inoculum production by growing separately on nutrient broth medium and incubation at 30°C<sup>0</sup> for 48h.

The inoculum of antagonistic fungi; *Trichoderma album* and *T. hamatum* production separately by inoculation on (PDA) petri dishes medium and incubation at 30°C for 7 days.

**Antagonistic application:** All antagonistic tests were done on 9cm petri dishes three replicates to calculate the clear zones have been seen at 7days of incubation compared with control.

Antagonistic action between Rhizobium theirfore bring organism or their culture filtrate with test fungi; *Fusarium oxysporium* and *Rhizoctonia solani* was checked indiviually. Rhizobial cells was streaked on oppsite side equal distance 5cm from test fungi, but rhizobial culture filtrate was experminted by filtration 5ml of broth rhizobial growing medium by using millibor filter syring(045µm) under aseptc condition. The cluture filtrat was injected as 1ml in agar well oppsite 5cm side distance from dsic test fungi. After inocubation resules were observed and recorded of radial growth and inhibition zone compared with control test fungi alone,both experimental and control Petri plates were arranged in a completely randomized design with three replicates per treatment. Petri plates were incubated at 28 ± 2 °C for 7 days. The percentage fungal radial growth inhibition was calculated by following formula:

For antagonistic by *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas flourescence* were examined *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* by growing in nurient broth medium and inocubation at 30°C for 48h. The test organism fungi was inoculated as disc on PDA medium and antagonistic organism was straked on oppsite side of petri dish as three plats replicates of each fungi indiviually treatment. After inocubation period for 4days the radial growth of fungi and inhibition zone percent were observed, measured and recorded compared with pathogenic fungi alone as control.

For antagonistic root rot fungi by *Trichoderma album* and *T.hamatum* as bio-agent was carried by inoculation of test and antagonistic fungi as a disc

separetly each on one plate by use PDA medium. After that incubation at 30 °C for 7 days, then under aseptc condition by cork porer get one disc of each put on one side opsite at equal distance 5cm between two fungi. Inoculated plates were inocubated at 30°C for 4-6 days the results were observed , recorded and culculated compared with control (Titiya *et al.*, 2007).

All bio-agent antagonistic treatment was compared with Moncut fungicide by different concentrations ; 1 ,10 , 25 , 50 and 100 ppm/l. After inoculation pathogenic fungi as disc in PDA medium petri dish , agar well was done by cork porer, one ml of each concentration put in well of each test fungi.

**Data analysis:** The means were compared using the least significant difference test (LSD) between the antagonistic treatments at 0.05 and 0.01 significances (Steel *et al.*, 1997).

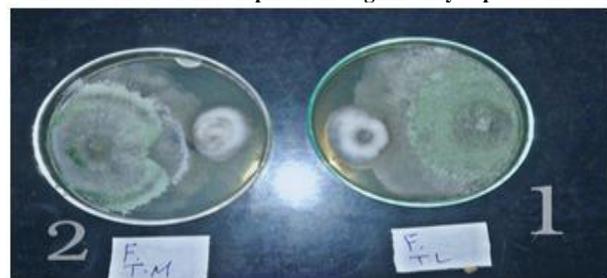
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Antagonistic of bio-agents on *Fusarium oxysporium* :** The results in Table (1) revealed that effect of bio-agents on mycelial expansion( linear growth (cm) , efficacy (%) and inhibition growth (cm) by dual medium method as inoculum or disc opposite disc of test fungi. Antagonistic bacteria of *R. leguminsarum biovar. Phaseoli* was; 3.7cm , 59.96% and 1.86cm . It was pointed out by Chao that the *Rhizobium leguminosarum biovar phaseoli* had an effect on the inhibition of the *Fusarium* and *Rhizoctonia* species.Also *Bacillus subtilis* found to be 4.10cm, 53.01% and 2.00cm.While the effect of *P. flourescence* was; 4.16cm, 53.01.% In addition the effect of *T. album* and *T. hamatum* were; 2.33cm, 2.30cm, 72.97% and 72.93% compared with control respectively.The researches towerds bio-agent control by non-pathogenic and save microorganisms , also adabted and alternative of chemical pesticide.Etheshaul- Haque & Ghaffar 1993; Deshwal *et al.* 2003; Sharif *et al.*2003; Elbatanony *et al.* 2007; Mazen *et al.* 2008 , Shanker and Shyam 2014.

**Table 1. Antagonistic effect of bio-agents on *Fusarium oxysporium*.**

Bio- agents Isolates	Liner growth (cm).				Efficacy %.				Inhibition zone (cm).			
	R1	R2	R3	M.	R1	R2	R3	M.	R1	R2	R3	M.
<i>R.leguminsarum bv.phaseoli</i>	3.50	3.60	4.00	3.7	66.25	59.09	54.55	59.96	1.90	2.00	1.70	1.86
<i>B. subtilis</i>	4.00	4.00	4.30	4.10	54.55	55.05	51.64	53.01	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<i>P. florescence</i>	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.16	54.55	55.05	49.43	53.01	2.40	2.20	2.00	2.20
<i>T. album</i>	2.30	2.20	2.00	2.33	73.86	73.16	71.91	72.97	-	-	-	-
<i>T. hamatum</i>	2.0	2.40	2.50	2.30	73.86	73.03	71.91	72.93	-	-	-	-
Control	8.80	6.80	8.90	8.16	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	-	-	-	-
L.S.D.	0.05		0.94		5.12				0.18			
At	0.01		1.32		7.18				0.26			

\*Values are mean of three replications. Significantly at p 0.05 and 0.01 levels.



**Photo 1. Antagonistic interaction between *F. oxysporium* + 1( *T. album* ) , 2 ( *T. hamatum* ). on dual media.**



**Photo 2. Antagonistic interaction between *F. oxysporium* with (1) *P. flourescence* , (2) *B. subtilis* and (3) *R. leguminsarum*.**

There were significance at 0.05 were; 0.94, 5.12 and 0.18, but at 0.01 were; 1.32, 7.18 and 0.26 of liner growth, efficacy and inhibition zone respectively. The results were agreement with investigators as;

**Antagonistic of bio-agents microbes on *Rhizoctonia solani*:** Data in Table(2) Improved that positive effect of bio-agents microorganisms on the radial growth (cm) and reduction growth percent of *Rhizoctonia solani* by dual medium method.The mean results were; 4.93 and 38.86% against by *R.leguminsarum*biovar.*phaesoli*, 5.53 and29.91% . Moreover, some works explained the antagonistic properties of *Rhizobium leguminosarum* against *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *lentis* due to excretion of antibiotics that have fungicidal action on conidia of *F. oxysporum* Essalmani and Lahlou (2002). *Rhizobium* was reported to produce toxic metabolites which have inhibitory effect against soil borne plant pathogens Estevez *et al.*(2002). Defago *et al.*(1990) have also demonstrated by mutational analysis and complementation that production of HCN by *Pseudomonas fluorescens* strain, CHAO accounted for about 60% of the biocontrol

activity.*B. subtilis* were;5.80 and 27.79%, while *P. florescence* were 3.10 and 64.76%Kishore *et al.*(2005) demonstrated that *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which produced protease had significant inhibition (> 32%) against *Sclerotium rolfsii*. This is an indication that the enzyme protease has responsible effect on the phytophathogens. The *T. album* were , 3.43 and 61.12% in the other hand *T. hamatum* effect on the radial growth (cm) and reduction growth % compared with control respectively.Shoda, 2000 noteced that a number of fungi and bacteria are known to be very effective bio-agent against soil-borne plant pathogenic fungi.Jacobsen *et al.*, 2004 showed that Bacillus-based biological control agents have great potential in integrated disease management (IDM) options,Together with cultural control, resistant cultivars, fungicides or others biological control agents.Driks, 2004 and Ahmed (2017) They found that Genus Bacillus comprises a heterogeneous groups can be survive in many diverse environments, often with extreme variations in temperature, nutrient, and other stresses.

**Table 2. Antagonistic effect of bio-agents isolates on *Rhizoctonia solani*.**

Bio-agents Isolates	Liner growth (cm)				Reduction of radial growth %			
	R1	R2	R3	M.	R1	R2	R3	M.
<i>R.leuminsarum</i> bv. <i>phaesoli</i>	5.50	5.30	4.00	4.93	37.50	39.77	39.32	38.86
<i>B. subtilis</i>	6.00	6.30	4.30	5.53	31.81	28.40	29.54	29.91
<i>P. florescence</i>	6.50	6.40	4.50	5.80	26.13	27.72	29.54	27.79
<i>T. album</i>	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.10	65.90	64.77	63.63	64.76
<i>T. hamatum</i>	3.50	3.50	3.30	3.43	60.22	60.22	62.92	61.12
Control	8.80	8.80	8.90	8.83	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
L.S.D.	0.05		2.55		2.42			
At	0.01		3.57		3.39			

\*Values are mean of three replications. Significantly at p 0.05 and 0.01 levels.



**Photo 3. antagonistic interaction between *R. solani* + (1) *P. fluorescens*, (2) *B. subtilis* and (3) *R. leguminosarum*.**

**Effect of Moncut fungicide on *Fusarium* and *Rhizoctonia* growth on medium:** The results in Table (3) showed that effect of moncut fungicide different concentrations on growth of *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* on medium. The concentrations 1,10,25,50 and 100ppm from fungicide were checked on the inhibition growth % of tested

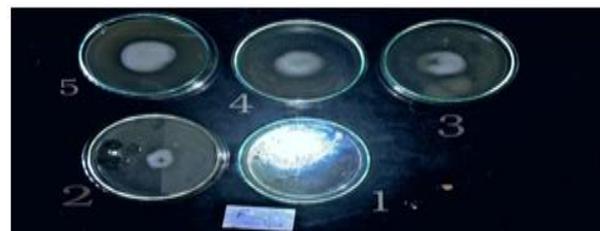
Fungi. The heist mean percent effect on *R. solani* was found that at 50ppm ; 86.06% , also p. at 0.05 found 10.20 and 14.51 at 0.01.

On the other hand effect on *F. oxysporum* was86.03% at 50 ppm and P at 0.05 was 6.64 and 9.45 at P 0.01 these results were the same trend by Ghada *et al*; (2013), Amany *et al*; (2016) Ibrahim *et al* (2016) and Karima *et al*, (2012).

**Table 3. Effect of Moncut fungicide different concentrations on *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* growth.**

Test organism Replicates	Moncut concentrations (ppm)					
	1	10	25	50	100	
	Inhibition (%)					
<i>R. solani</i>	R1	88.78	70.77	78.77	84.26	100
	R2	88.88	80.88	82.02	88.39	100
	R3	70.88	82.82	82.02	85.56	100
	Mean	82.84	78.15	80.93	86.07	100
LSD	0.05.		10.20			
At	0.01		14.51			
<i>F. oxysporum</i>	R1	60.22	79.58	77.27	78.40	100
	R2	61.36	70.78	76.40	89.88	100
	R3	62.80	73.03	77.52	89.83	100
	Mean	61.46	74.46	77.06	86.03	100
LSD	0.05		6.64			
At	0.01		9.45			

\*Values are mean of three replications. Significantly at P 0.05 and 0.01 levels.



**Photo 4. effect of moncut fungicide different concentration on *F. oxysporum* on the medium.**

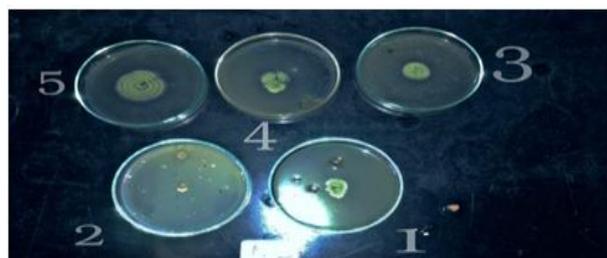


Photo 5. effect of moncut fungicide difrent concentration on *R. solani* on the medium.

**Effect of Rhizobium culture filtrate on growth *Rhizoctonia solani*:** Therresults in Table(4) showed that different concentration of rhizobium culturefiltrate effect on linear growth test fungi. Mean linear growth by (cm) was 3.23, 1.60 and0.86 (cm) at 25, 50 up to 100%

concentration, from results obviously decreasing in expanded of *Rhizoctonia solani* mycelium. The results were confirmed that by increasing in efficacy percent which were; 67.92,81.78 and90.29 at 25, 50 up to 100% concentration. Also P at 0.05 was 0.43and3.47, but P at 0.01 was 0.60and4.82 of linear growth (cm) and efficacy % respectively. These results confirmed by *Mazen et al*, 2008 and *El-Batanony et al.* 2007 studied that the inhibitory effect of cultural filtrate of some wild rhizobial isolates against some fungi causing root rot disease of faba (*R. solani*, *Fusarium* spp. and *F. solani*) in vitro and their antimicrobial synergetic effect when combined with Arbuscular mycorrhiza (AM) fungi, also evaluate the bioactivity of *Rhizobium* spp.isolates and strain to determine the probable mechanisms of the bio-protection.

Table 4. Effect of *Rhizobium leguminsarum* bv. *Phaesoli* culture filtrate concentrations on the growth of *Rhizoctonia solani*.

Rhizobium culture filtrate conc. (%)	liner growth (cm)			Mean	Efficacy (%)			Mean
	R1	R2	R3		R1	R2	R3	
25%	2.50	3.70	3.50	3.23	70.78	62.22	70.78	67.92
50%	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.60	83.14	82.22	80.00	81.78
100%	0.90	0.80	0.90	0.86	89.88	91.11	89.88	90.29
150%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100	100	100
200%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100	100	100
250%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100	100	100
Control	8.90	9.00	8.90	8.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
L.S.D	0.05		0.43				3.47	
At	0.01		0.60				4.82	

\*Values are mean of three replications. Significantly at P 0.05 and 0.01

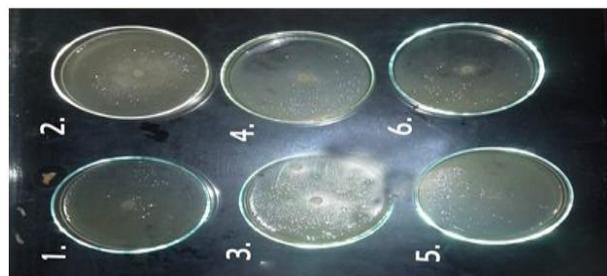


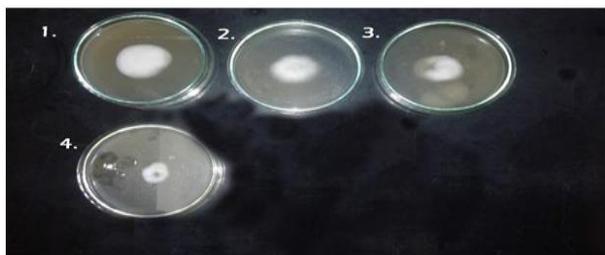
Photo 6. Effect of rhizobium culture filtrate difrent concentration on the growth of *R. solani* on the medium.

**Effect of Rhizobium culture filtrate on growth *Fusarium oxysporum*:** Data in Table(5) reviled that effect of culture filtrate of growth *Rhizobium liguminsarum* bv. *Phaseioli* cells on the linear growth of test fungi of *Fusarium oxysporium* . The mean results of different concentrations ; 25, 50 and 100% was;1.46, 1.00 and 0.93. Also results was confirmed with efficacy percent which was;87.70,88.71 up to reached91.04 of concentrations 25, 50 up to 250% respectively. The results were confirmed by calculate P at 0.05 was; 0.27 and1.19, but P at 0.01 was;0.38 and 1.65 of linear growth and efficacy percent respectively. These results was agreement by *Mazen et al*, 2008 and *El-Batanony et al.* 2007 .

Table 5. Effect of *Rhizobium leguminsarum* bv. *Phaesoli* culture filtrate on growth of *Fusarium oxysporium* on medium.

Rhizobium-filtrate conc. (%)	liner growth (cm)			Mean	Efficacy (%)			Mean
	R1	R2	R3		R1	R2	R3	
25%	1.90	1.30	1.20	1.46	88.22	88.39	86.51	87.70
50%	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	88.63	88.76	88.76	88.71
100%	1.00	0.90	0.90	0.93	88.76	89.88	89.88	89.50
150%	0.90	1.00	0.90	0.93	89.77	88.76	91.01	89.84
200%	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.83	88.76	89.88	89.88	89.50
250%	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	90.90	91.12	91.12	91.04
Control	8.70	8.90	8.90	8.83	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
L.S.D	0.05		0.27				1.19	
At	0.01		0.38				1.65	

\*Values are mean of three replications. Significantly at p 0.05 and 0.01 levels.



**Photo 6. Effect of rhizobium culture filtrate different concentration on the growth of *F. oxysporum* on the medium.**

### CONCLUSION

This research was conducted to investigate the effect of antagonistic some microorganisms are; *Rhizobium leguminosarum biov. Phaseoli* as organism opposite organism or culture filtrate different concentrations, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas fluorescense*, *Trichoderma album* and *T. hamatum*. On the test organism *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizoctonia solani* on the medium all antagonistic organisms gave decreasing in growth linear and inhibition percent by different degrees. But striking *Rhizobium* therefore bring organism or culture filtrate treatment which gave efficacy percent reached to 91.04% on *Fusarium* at 250% in the effect up to 90.29 with *Rhizoctonia solani* at 100% filtrate concentration compared with control and monocult fungicide. These results support application bioagents as biocontrol to environmental integrity, public health and save food production.

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## التأثير التصادى للريزوبيوم والباسيلس والسيدومونس والتريكوديرما على الفيوزاريوم والريزوكتونيا بالمقارنة بالمبيد الفطري مونكت معملياً

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اجريت اختبارات هذا البحث فى عام 2018م لدراسة التأثير التصادى بكتيريا ريزوبيوم فاصولاى وباسيلس ستيلس وسيدومونس فلوريسنس وفطر تريكوديرما ألبم و تريكوديرما هماتم على فطرى فيوزاريوم أوكسيسبوريوم وريزوكتونيا سولانى بالمقارنة بالمعاملة بالمبيد الفطرى مونكت تركيزات 10;25;50;100ppm على البيئة فى اطباق بترى كان متوسط التثبيط لفطر ريزوكتونيا سولانى 100 و86.07 و80.93 و78.15 و82.84% على التوالى. فى حين كانت النتائج مع فطر الفيوزاريوم أوكسيسبوريوم كالتالى: 100 و86.03 و77.06 و74.46 و61.46% على التوالى. - أظهرت عزلات ميكروبات التضاد درجات مختلفة من التضاد مع الفطريات المختبرة . - كان أعلى متوسط درجات تضاد بين فطر ريزوكتونيا سولانى و *P. fluresense* 5.80cm تلاها *B. subtilis* 5.53cm ثم 4.93cm لبكتيريا الريزوبيوم 3.43cm, 3.11cm لفطري تريكوديرما هماتم وألبم على التوالى. - اعطى راشح مزرعة بكتيريا الريزوبيوم متوسط نسبة كفاءة مع فطر الريزوكتونيا كالتالى: 67.92%, 81.78%, 90.29% بتركيزات 25, 50, 100% على التوالى. - فى حين كان متوسط نسبة الكفاءة مع فطر الفيوزاريوم، 87.70، 89.8488.71، 89.50، 91.04% لتركيزات 25, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250% على التوالى مقارنة بالكنترول والمعاملة بالمبيد الفطرى مونكت بتركيزات مختلفة، اضاقة لتثبيت نتروجين الهواء الجوى ونتاج منظمات نمو النبات وزيادة خصوبة التربة.